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Ms Susan Hill
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By email: [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Hill,

Re: Notice of Acceptance of eligibility to register network exemption – The Trustee for RAM Australia Retail Property No1 Trust – Ballina Central Shopping Centre

I refer to the application of The Trustee for RAM Australia Retail Property No1 Trust (**RAM Group**) for eligibility to register network exemptions under the requirements of clause 4.9 of the *Network Service Provider Registration Exemption Guideline* (**Network Exemptions Guideline**) to create an embedded network at Ballina Central Shopping Centre, 44 Bangalow Road, Ballina NSW 2478.

I am writing to inform you that RAM Group's application satisfactorily addresses the requirements of clause 4.9. We therefore issue this Notice of Acceptance effective from 19 December 2024 and confirm that RAM Group is now eligible to register the relevant network exemptions for publication on the AER's public register of exemptions.

Eligibility for exemption in relation to conversions of existing networks

In accordance with Condition 4.1.12.1 of the Network Exemption Guideline, an embedded/private network must not be created without the express written consent of existing energy consumers who will be included within the proposed network (affected energy consumers).¹ Parties intending to create such a network without the written consent of all affected energy consumers must meet the requirements stipulated in clause 4.9 to be eligible for network exemption.

In addition, clause 4.9.7 stipulates that a network must not be converted until the effective date specified in this notice.

Parties who are issued with a Notice of Acceptance are eligible to register and hold network exemptions for the network at that particular site according to the appropriate activity class.

¹ This condition applies wherever an exempt customer is eligible under State or Territory legislation to purchase energy from a retailer of their choice.

Activity classes are detailed under Section 3 of the Network Exemption Guideline and are subject to the further conditions detailed in Section 4.

Failure to observe the conditions of exemption may render an exemption invalid. Owning, controlling or operating a network without registration with the Australian Energy Market Operator or holding a valid exemption from the AER constitutes a breach of section 11(2) of the National Electricity Law.

Additional conditions applicable to the network exemption class(es) registered

In addition to the conditions usually applicable to the network exemption class(es) held in relation to the embedded network at this site, RAM Group must also comply with the conditions of clause 4.9. These conditions concern:

- retaining consent records for a period of at least 2 years;
- facilitating the continuation of a customer's energy contract with their current retailer;
- maintaining a customer's direct connection to the registered distributor;
- offer matching;
- avoidance of duplicated network charges;
- liability of the costs of metering/network changes; and
- the ability of metering arrangements to allow for access to retail competition.

For the full list of conditions refer to the [Network Exemption Guideline](#).

If you have any further queries, or would like to discuss this further, please contact Donna Bennetts on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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Sent by email on: 19.12.2024