INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Nickel - File No. E12/1944

PLACE:

MURWILLUMBAH

NAME:

Michael JEFFRIES

ADDRESS:

Known to ICAC

OCCUPATION:

Truck Driver

TELEPHONE NO:

Known to ICAC

DATE:

2 July 2013

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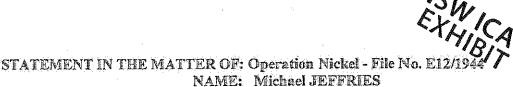
- 1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 44 years of age.
- 3. I am currently employed as a Truck Driver with a business trading as Southport Timbers, which is part of the Williams group of companies. I have been employed by Southport Timbers since 16 March 1989. Southport Timbers transferred to the Williams Group Australia in July 2012 to February 2013 when it transferred back to Southport Timbers part of the Williams group of companies. Southport Timbers is currently operating from

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- 4. I was initially employed by Southport Timbers as a general yard person before being successful in becoming a maintenance person for the Window Division at both the Southport and Murwillumbah business addresses. I am currently employed as a Truck Driver for Southport Timbers.
- 5. I am able to state that during my employment with Southport Timbers and/or the Williams group of companies that I was allocated a 2001 Ford Falcon AU2 XL utility bearing New South Wales registration plate details AV30QD to use for travelling between my home address and my work address on daily basis. I would have had custody and control over motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) between approximately July 2012 till February 2013.
- 6. Whilst I was allocated motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW), I am able to state that I have never travelled the Sydney metropolitan area nor was I ever authorised or requested to travel to the Sydney metropolitan area as part of my official business with Southport Timbers or any other companies associated with the Williams group of companies,
- 7. I am not aware of any occasions when the registration plate number AV30QD (NSW) would have been removed from this vehicle. Nor have I eyer allowed any other person to use registration plate number AV30QD (NSW) on any other vehicles.

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- 8. I do not know a person by the name of Christopher Binos or any other persons employed or contracted to the Roads and Maritime Services as a Heavy Vehicle Competency Based assessor or instructor.
- I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.
- 10. I have never loaned, rented or leased motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) to Christopher Binos, Ace Truck Training Group, Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd, or any other person or company to be used for any heavy vehicle assessment training.
- 11. I was not required to keep any log books or diaries whilst I had custody and control over motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) but I am able to state that I only used this vehicle to travel from his home address at to work at Muwillumbah and return.
- 12. I can state that between October 2012 to December 2012 inclusive that I had custody and control over motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) and that it was only used by me to travel from my home address to work and return. The vehicle was parked in or near my work address during business hours and parked on or near my home address after hours.

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- 13. I am able to state that whilst I had custody and control over vehicle AV30QD (NSW) I had no knowledge nor do I believe it was used to undertake any driving assessment training between October 2012 to December 2012 inclusive.
- 14. It would have been highly unlikely that the vehicle could have been used for any type of driving assessments between these dates as it would have either been parked at my work address or at my home address.
- 15. I always have the keys to the vehicle with me at all times. The only other person who may have had keys to the vehicle would have been my employer but I believe that they would have told me if they needed to use the vehicle.
- 16. I am able to state that I do not know the following persons:-

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- 17. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to motor vehicle, AV30OD (NSW) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments whilst I had custody and control over the vehicle.
- 18. As previously stated in this statement, the vehicle was used on a daily basis by me to travel between my home and work or for official business purposes.
- 19. I would never allow any person not associated with the company to drive this vehicle as I was responsible for care, custody and control over the vehicle.

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