INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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

PLACE:

KELLYVILLE RIDGE

NAME:

Christopher Andrew BERGERSEN

ADDRESS:

Known to ICAC

OCCUPATION:

Truck & Dog Driver

TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC

DATE:

7 August 2013

States: -

- I. 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 knew to be false or do not believe to be true.
- 2. I am 36 years of age.
- 3. I am the current employed as a Truck & Dog Driver for a company owned and operated by my father and mother which trades as Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd. The primary place of business for the company is operated from my father's address at Cheltenham. I have been working for Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd for approximately three (3) years. Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd specialises in contracting to demolition and excavation

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companies including haulage of coal, road base, sand and soil for companies and government agencies such as State Rail.

- 4. I am the current holder of a class Multi-Combination ("MC") driver's licence with the New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services ("RMS"), formerly known as the Roads and Traffic Authority ("RTA"). I have held this class of licence for approximately two (2) years.
- 5. The Multi-Combination licence is a National Heavy Vehicle driver's licence which allows me to drive any B-Double or Road Train, and includes vehicle in Heavy Combination class of licence.
- 6. I am able to state that Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd were the registered owner of a 2004 Kenworth T404 Tipper truck, white and blue in colour, which displayed New South Wales registration plate details AB99GT. The Gross Vehicle Mass ("GVM") for this truck was 26,500 kilogram.
- 7. Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd had owned this truck for approximately two years before we advertised and finally sold and received payment for the truck on the 14 November 2012.
- I am able to state that Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd sold and transferred the registration details for truck number AB99GT (NSW) to the current owners,

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- 9. My father, quested and authorised me to commence advertising truck number AB99GT (NSW) approximately three (3) months prior to us finally selling the truck. I took a number of photographs of the truck and posted an advertisement through the online truck sales website, www.trucksales.com.au.
- 10. It is my recollection that some of the photographs posted with the online advertisement would have included images of the external appearance of the truck including registration plate details for the truck. The advertisement would have also included information of the adometer reading for the truck at the time the advertisement was posted.
- II. I am unable to locate a copy of the advertisement and/or photographs that I posted on the online truck sales website, www.trucksales.com.an, for truck number AB99GT (NSW) but a copy of the advertisement may be with our accountant.
- 12. I have never removed registration plate number AB99GT (NSW) from the truck whilst registered to Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd. Nor have I or any person associated with Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd ever allowed any other person to use registration plate number AB99GT (NSW) on their vehicle.
- 13. 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.

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- 14. I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.
- 15. I nor any person associated with Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd have never rented,
 loaned or leased AB99GT (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.
- 16. I have checked my diaries and/or other work related documentation held by myself and Bergersen Transport Pty Ltd in the normal course of business, which I believe are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I can state the following:-
- 17. That on 18 October 2012 and 19 October 2012 truck number AB99GT (NSW) was parked and stored at Kings Truck Parking at Deans Park as at the time we were in the middle of selling the truck.
- 18. On Tuesday 6 August 2013, Senior Investigator Michael Kane from the Independent Commission Against Corruption ("ICAC") asked me about my knowledge of a number of persons who had been recorded as using my vehicle, registration number AB99GT (NSW), on various dates between 18 October 2012 to 19 October 2012 for medium and/or heavy truck licence assessments. I am able to state the following:-

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19. I do not know the following persons:-



- 20. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to my truck, number

 AB99GT (NSW) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments.
- 21. I would never allow any person not associated with my family or the business or without the appropriate class of licence to drive my vehicles.

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