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Dear Sir,

**RE: COASTWATCH – NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

I have been commissioned on behalf of Aimbridge Pty Ltd and the Krongold Group of Companies to lodge a short submission on Coastwatch. My qualifications and background are set out in the enclosed CV.

Aimbridge Pty Ltd of 9/161 Collins Street, Melbourne, is associated with the Liberman Family of Melbourne.

The Krongold Group of Companies of 33 – 41 Agnes Street, Jolimont Street, Victoria, is headed by Lionel Krongold.

Both of the above groups are very substantial. Moreover, they both have extensive connections in Israel and have had ongoing discussions with me regarding the possibility of privatising a number of the services of Coastwatch. Lionel Krongold has recently returned from Israel after holding discussions with Elta Electronics Industries Ltd (“Elta”), a subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industry Ltd, and as a consequence of such discussions has secured the rights to use Elta’s products and systems in giving effect to the abovementioned proposal. Elta’s credentials are set out in the enclosed two-page brochure.

An example of the type of product which could be made available as a result of the abovementioned association is the EL/M 2226 advanced coastal surveillance radar (ACSR), the details of which are set out in the enclosed specifications. Its capabilities would make a very valuable contribution to tracking suspected illegal entrant vehicles. Moreover, Elta has offered to design systems and propose methodologies to enhance the services of Coastwatch, with particular regard to local conditions.

If the above proposal is of interest to the Joint Committee the above parties would be more than willing to make further and more comprehensive submissions either orally or in writing. Alternatively, they are quite happy to deal directly with Coastwatch outside the forum and parameters of your Committee, if you feel that this is the more appropriate manner in which to deal with the above proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Director