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Dr Kathleen Dermody  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
PO Box 6100, Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody,

I am replying to your letter of 25 June 2013 inviting the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group (AAMIG) to make a submission on the proposal that Australia should seek membership of the African Development Bank Group (ADB).

AAMIG believes that Australia should seek membership of the ABD and that the evidence suggests that the Bank stands up well to international comparisons of its effectiveness and efficiency.

While we have not commented on the financial and human resource implications of Bank membership, we believe that the Australian federal bureaucracy needs to be adequately resourced to carry out its required functions including active engagement with those regional and global institutions making policy in areas where Australian interests are at stake.

Africa's rapidly increasing economic importance in global terms and the growth in Australian commercial interests in Africa requires a concomitant engagement by government.

Yours sincerely

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