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## **Statement in support of an application for revocation of Anti-Dumping Measures applying to PVC Suspension resin exported from South Korea.**

Polymer Direct Pty Ltd is an importer of plastic raw materials including PVC suspension resin, with our offices at 126 Bertie Street, Port Melbourne.

We support the application for revoking the anti dumping measures currently in place for PVC suspension resin exported from Japan, South Korea and USA to Australia.

The measures were instituted to protect the sole local manufacturer of PVC suspension resin in Australia, Australian Vinyls (AV).

AV announced in mid September they would cease all local manufacture of PVC suspension resin by the end of 2015. This advice was posted on the AV website, and confirmed in letters to customers within September 2015.

This announcement constitutes a complete cessation of Australian manufacture of PVC suspension resin, and therefore effectively renders any and all anti dumping duties redundant.

Manufacturers of PVC products in Australia will now require 100% of their raw material sourcing to be from off shore producers. There is no substitutable material for PVC suspension resin.

Producers of PVC products must establish viable supply of PVC in the very short term, and anti dumping duties clearly limit the industry's ability to develop such supply.

As such, we request an expeditious review of the measures, allowing the manufacturing sector to remain viable and competitive.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anthony Hurley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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