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HITACHI CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY CO., LTD'S TAKEOVER BID FOR BRADKEN - US ANTI-TRUST PROCESS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Bradken Limited (ASX:BKN) today advises that the Federal Trade Commission of the United States of America has granted an early termination of the waiting period with respect to the proposed acquisition by Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd (HCM) of shares in Bradken. This successfully completes the anti-trust regulatory review of the takeover transaction in the United States.

The process to satisfy the other regulatory approval conditions continues.

For more information on the takeover offer by HCM please the see the Bidder's Statement and Target's Statements available on Bradken's website at www.bradken.com.

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About Bradken

Bradken is a leading supplier of differentiated consumable and capital products to the global resources, energy, and freight rail industries. The Company employs approximately 3,100 people in 20 manufacturing facilities and more than 41 sales and service centres across Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Africa, South America and China. The Company which became a publicly listed company in August 2004 has been in business for over 90 years and operates three market-focused divisions, supported by two global support functions.

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