FORM C: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
RATING UPGRADE SUBMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT: *** FORM C is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking an upgrade in rating of an academic journal which is currently included and rated in the ABDC 2010 list e.g. seeking to raise a rating from a “B” to an “A” journal. Please complete a separate form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

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QC1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):
- 0806 Information Systems
- 1401-1499 Economics
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- 1503 Management
- 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

QC2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?
- ☐ A*
- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

QC3. WHAT ABDC 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- ☐ A*
- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

QC4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- ☐ A*
- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C
- ☐ not applicable

QC5. NOMINATE “THE BEST” COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality):
- Supply Chain Management: An International Journal

QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION

Editor’s Name: Alexander E Ellinger, R Glenn Riche
Institution: The University of Alabama
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NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QC7. Primary submitter type (tick one box only)
- ☐ Higher Education Institutional Submission (e.g. formal submission from Business Faculty/School)
- ☐ Peak Body Submission (e.g. AFAANZ, ANZAM)
- ☒ Individual Submission

QC8. Primary submitter:
- Dr Jyotirmoyee Bhattachariya
Institutional Affiliation: The University of Sydney Business School

QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)? 6
International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management is a high quality journal in the field of logistics and supply chain management (See App. C3 and C4)

Like many L&SCM journals, at the time of the last ABDC/ERA round of journal evaluations, IJPDLM did not have a calculated impact factor. It’s current impact factor is 1.038.

The journal is in its 33rd year of publication. It has a very high quality editorial board which includes top international scholars in supply chain management. It has a low acceptance rate of about 10%. (See App. C1 and C3)
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices.

QC11. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission?

The following documents are attached in support of this application (please tick boxes as relevant):

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Appendix C2 Description and Scope of Journal

Unique attributes

The *International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management*:

- Provides business practitioners, consultants and academics with leading edge information and discussions of current developments in the field
- Facilitates the interchange of information among business planners and researchers on a worldwide basis
- Provides a platform for new thinking on problems and techniques in physical distribution and logistics management

Topicality

The *International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management* aims to be the principal home the world comes to for leading edge research bridging strategic areas of business-to-business management, physical distribution, business logistics, marketing channels, and supply chain management. We strive to achieve this by providing authors with “best in class” service through timeliness and fairness in the review process, inclusiveness, receptivity to different perspectives, and ultimately impact.

Key benefits

- IJPDL is now in its fifth decade of publishing excellent research in the logistics field
- IJPDL received 317,040 full text, customer downloads in 2010. That's an average of more than 850 article downloads every day!
- IJPDL has been ranked second for research 'usefulness' in a study of supply chain periodicals (Menachof et al, 2009).

Key journal audiences

- Academics teaching and researching in the field
- Libraries supplying academics, researchers and practitioners
- Logistics specialists
- Materials and works managers
- Senior distribution personnel

Coverage

- Customer service policy
- Distribution costing
- Distribution planning
- Information technology
- Materials and purchasing management
- Order processing systems
- Transport and inventory management
Appendix C3 Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field

Recommendations from the following are included here:

(i) Prof Alexander E. Ellinger, Department of Management and Marketing, The University of Alabama
(ii) Dr Janet Godsell, Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield University
(iii) Prof David Grant, Hull University Business School
(iv) Prof Alan McKinnon, Kühne Logistics University, GmbH
(v) Prof Shong-lee Ivan Su, School of Business, Soochow University
Dear Dr. Bhattacharjya:

I am writing this letter in support of upgrading *International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management* (IJPDLM) from a C to an A journal on the Australian Research Council rankings. As co-editor of IJPDLM for the past three years, I feel qualified to comment on why such an elevation in status is merited. IJPDLM (currently in its 43rd year of publication) is the most-established Logistics and Supply Chain Management journal and is consistently ranked in the top 3 journals in the field by academic studies that assess the quality and impact of Logistics and Supply Chain Management journals. IJPDLM received its first impact factor of 2.617 in 2011. Since attaining Web of Science status, IJPDLM has experienced a notable increase in submissions: in excess of 360 papers in 2012 and 155 so far in 2013. Since the journal traditionally publishes 40 manuscripts per year, acceptance rates are now approximately 10% of articles submitted. In 2012, IJPDLM became a charter member of Ethical Practices of Journal Editors (EJPE): Voluntary Code of Conduct.

Another important reason for elevating the status of IJPDLM is that the journal is frequently recognized by researchers for having the top global reach of the Logistics and SCM journals. More than 75% of IJPDLM’s submissions and published articles come from outside North America, and approximately two-thirds of the truly global Editorial Board are from leading academic institutions from outside North America. The journal’s mission is to be the “principal home the world comes to for leading edge research bridging strategic areas of business-to-business management, physical distribution, business logistics, marketing channels, and supply chain management.” The journal’s editorial philosophy is to be “best in class” through “fairness, inclusiveness, innovativeness, timeliness, and ultimately impact”.

Based on these characteristics and on the global impact that IJPDLM is striving for by appointing leading scholars in the field as Regional Ambassadors to promote the journal and encourage quality research submissions in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, Asia, Latin America and Africa, we expect the journal’s growth to continue. Upgrading its status in the rankings to a more realistic A rating can only serve to expedite IJPDLM’s continued growth and impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Review of Journal List

I believe that you are currently undertaking a review of the ABDC journal list. I am writing in support of increasing the current classification of the International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management (IJPDM).

My career has equally spanned industry and academia with a focus on logistics and supply chain management. For the last 12 years I have worked for one of the leading centres of excellence in logistics and supply chain management (L&SCM) research in Europe, Cranfield Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management (CLSCM). Cranfield works hard to maintain its premier positioning, part of which is publication in high quality journals. As part of its ongoing pursuit to maintain standards the school's journal list is regularly reviewed. This is not only in light of the Association of Business School (ABS) rankings but also relevance to practice and contribution to the field. As part of this process IJPDLM has been ranked as a 3* journal for the duration of the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) and the current Research Excellence Framework (REF). This is a position reserved for a handful of journals as shown by the full listing of Canfields ranking of L&SCM in appendix A.

This rating reflects the important contribution that IJPDLM makes to both the theory and practice of L&SCM. I believe that this is a fair reflection of the quality of the journal. Given the pending closure of the current REF period the ABS have frozen the re-classification of journals. I am confident however that ABS will recognise IJPDLM as a high quality 3* journal at their next classification. I hope that the ABDC do so too.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Janet Godsell
Senior Lecturer
## LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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Dear Jyotirmoyee,
As an editorial board member for the International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management I am writing to indicate my support for your efforts in having the journal re-graded from a C to an A journal in the Australian ERA ranking system. The journal’s proud and long history, together with the usual statistical results regarding impact factor, citations and so on, make it imperative that the journal be ranked according to its stature and quality.

Best regards,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I understand that the Australian Business Deans Council is currently reviewing its Journal Review list. As someone who has spent over thirty years helping to develop logistics as an academic discipline, I would strongly encourage the Council to consider awarding higher ratings to several of the major logistics journals. Logistics is now recognised in business and government circles as being fundamental to economic development and social welfare. Logistics courses attract large numbers of students at both bachelors and masters levels, responding to the growing demand for logistics specialists around the world. Logistics has also been a very fertile area of academic research over the past thirty years, giving the subject strong theoretical foundations and a large body of empirical evidence, much of which now informs business practice. Despite all of this, the core logistics journals have second tier ratings in most of the main journal ranking schemes, including that of ABDC. This is an anomaly that urgently needs to be corrected. It not only under-estimates the quality and impact of the papers these journals publish; it is also having detrimental effects on the development of logistics as a field of research. I discuss these adverse effects in a paper that I published in the International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management (IJPDLM) earlier this year and which I am attaching to this email. The paper also tries to explain why logistics journals have not so far secured higher ratings.

Clearly not all logistics journals merit elevation to the upper echelons of the rankings, but some do and, in my opinion, IJPDLM is at the front of the queue. It is the longest established logistics journal, now in its 43rd year. Over the years it has published many of the seminal papers that have shaped the development of the discipline, many of them written by the top specialists in the field. The journal is rigorously refereed, has a relatively high rejection rate and, above all, is highly regarded by logistics researchers around the world. Like other logistics journals it suffered from having to wait many years to get a Thomson Reuter’s ISI score (28 years in the case of IJPDLM). Now that it has an official impact factor its status in the main journal rankings is likely to improve. As I point out in my paper, however, a ‘good paper is a good paper regardless of the journal in which it is published’. The only way to get a true sense of the quality of a journal is to read many of the papers that it publishes. Being a regular reader of IJPDLM I can confirm that the papers it publishes are generally
of a very high standard and as good as many of the papers that I read in journals with A and A+ ratings.

I strongly believe therefore that the ABDC should raise its grading of IJPDLM in recognition both of its inherent quality and the key contribution that it makes to the development of logistics research.

Yours sincerely,

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With its more than 4 decades’ presence in the academic and industry knowledge Base, the International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management (IJPDLM) is highly regarded in the supply chain and logistics research discipline which is somewhat neglected in the past and now is getting more important due to the recognition of its strategic role in many corporations, economies and research institutions.

Among the international journals publishing supply chain and logistics researches, IJPDL stands out as one with balanced article subjects on both academic and industry, and quantitative and qualitative research approaches. Many of its articles have been cited by leading researchers in the world for its contributions in advancing the field knowledge and also its academic rigor. It testifies the journal’s value to the supply chain/logistics research community with focus on both theory and practice.

As an academic veteran for almost 20 years, I strongly recommend that IJPDL should be placed as an A level top journal and it is actually already an A journal in many US research universities and Taiwan universities where I know most.

Yours,
Ivan Su

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Appendix C4 Comparison with existing rated journals

The following survey-based ranking published by Zsidisin et al. (2007) in Journal of Operations Management (which is ranked as A* in ERA and ABDC) suggests that International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management has ratings similar to Supply Chain Management: An International Journal (ranked A in ERA & ABDC) in the context of supply management research.

### Rank | Subsets | Journal | Ratings Mean | s.d. | n | Not familiar
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
1 | | Journal of Operations Management | 6.05 | 0.95 | 98 | 11 |
2 | | Journal of Business Logistics | 6.02 | 0.95 | 89 | 20 |
3 | | Journal of Supply Chain Management | 5.83 | 1.06 | 100 | 9 |
4 | | Harvard Business Review | 5.79 | 1.27 | 105 | 4 |
5 | | International Journal of Logistics Management | 5.75 | 1.10 | 91 | 17 |
6 | | Sloan Management Review | 5.70 | 1.17 | 97 | 12 |
7 | | Strategic Management Journal | 5.67 | 1.22 | 75 | 33 |
8 | | Journal of Purchasing & Supply Management | 5.66 | 0.93 | 86 | 23 |
9 | | Decision Sciences Journal | 5.62 | 1.32 | 89 | 20 |
10 | | International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management | 5.60 | 1.04 | 85 | 24 |
11 | | Supply Chain Management: An International Journal | 5.54 | 1.17 | 71 | 37 |
12 | | Production and Operations Management | 5.53 | 1.02 | 92 | 17 |
13 | | International Journal of Operations & Production Management | 5.52 | 1.02 | 91 | 18 |
14 | | International Journal of Integrated Supply Management | 5.51 | 1.12 | 65 | 44 |
15 | | Supply Chain Management Review | 5.48 | 1.23 | 77 | 32 |
16 | | Industrial Marketing Management | 5.42 | 1.16 | 74 | 35 |
17 | | Management Science | 5.20 | 1.53 | 95 | 14 |
18 | | Business Strategy Review | 5.19 | 1.17 | 37 | 72 |
19 | | The Journal of Business & Industrial Marketing | 5.18 | 1.09 | 51 | 57 |
20 | | International Journal of Production Research | 5.14 | 1.18 | 64 | 44 |
21 | | Journal of Business to Business Marketing | 4.98 | 1.43 | 53 | 56 |
22 | | Interfaces | 4.94 | 1.17 | 80 | 27 |
23 | | European Journal of Operational Research | 4.91 | 1.53 | 75 | 34 |
24 | | Omega | 4.88 | 1.33 | 58 | 51 |
25 | | International Journal of Production Economics | 4.83 | 1.15 | 59 | 50 |
26 | | IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management | 4.79 | 1.36 | 68 | 41 |
27 | | The Journal of the Operational Research Society | 4.25 | 1.59 | 63 | 44 |

*a* Based on the question: The articles published in this journal regularly meet my journal evaluation criteria, as indicated on the previous page: 1 = Strongly Disagree, 4 = Neither Agree or Disagree, 7 = Strongly Agree

*b* Tukey’s honestly significant difference (HSD) post hoc test for homogenous subsets

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Appendix C6 Impact Factors: SSCI or others

Impact Factor: 1.038

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