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Journal Title: International Journal of Business Law

QA1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):
- 0806 Information Systems
- 1401-1499 Economics
- 1501 Accounting
- 1502 Finance
- 1503 Management
- 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

QA2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?
- □ A*
- □ A
- □ B
- □ C

QA3. IN ERA 2010, WHICH FoR GROUP WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- 0806 Information systems
- 1401-1499 Economics
- 1501 Accounting
- 1502 Finance
- 1503 Management
- 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law
- □ OTHER: please specify
- □ New journal not previously ranked

QA4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- □ A*
- □ A
- □ B
- □ C
- □ not applicable

QA5. NOMINATE “THE BEST” COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): Business Law Review

QA6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
- Publisher: International Legal Platform
- Frequency: Biannual
- Current Volume: 1
- Current Issue: 1
- ISSN: 2329-261X
- First Year Published: 2013
- Refereed (please tick one): □ yes □ no
- Editor’s Name: Dominic Baduakhu
- Institution: Ambrose Alli University
- Web Address: http://www.journalofbusinesslaw.com/

NATURE OF SUBMISSION
- □ Higher Education Institutional Submission (e.g. formal submission from Business Faculty/School)
- □ Peak Body Submission (e.g. AFAANZ, ANZAM)
- □ Individual Submission

QA8. Primary submitter: BTL panel
Institutional Affiliation:

QA9. Are there other signatories to this submission? □ Yes □ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The BTL panel is of the view that the journal should be included in the ABDC 2013 list as a "C" ranked journal based on the information contained in submission (BTL_FA_F_003) as attached.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

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

**QA11. Mandatory “substantive business element test” (please tick one box only):**

☑ Appendix A1: Substantive business element test

You should provide:
- Simple metrics that demonstrate a substantive “business” element relating to the relevant FoR Panel e.g. > 50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty or > 50% of articles over a recent 3-year period are of a business nature. For the purposes of this test, a research area is deemed to be “business” related provided that it meaningfully relates to (at least) one of the FoR Panels established for the ABDC journal list review.
- The Editorial Board list and clearly establish that many academics on the board have meaningful links to the relevant area of business-related research.

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**QA12. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission? (these appendices should be seen to be optional – you have discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore).**

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

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☐ Appendix A5: Comparisons with existing rated journals
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FORM A: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL SUBMISSION

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QA6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
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Frequency: Bi-ANNUAL
Current Volume: 1 Current Issue: 1 ISSN: 2329-261x First Year Published: 2013
Referred (please tick one): ☒ yes ☐ no
Editor’s Name: Dominic Badska Institution: Ambrose Alli University
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NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QA7. 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

QA8. Primary submitter: Associate Professor Charles Qu
Institutional Affiliation: Griffith Business Law, Griffith University

QA9. Are there other signatories to this submission? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)? 1
This journal is published by International Legal Platform in Maryland, United States. It is a peer-reviewed bi-annual journal on international business law. A number of the members of the Editorial Advisory Board are internationally pre-eminent business law practitioners, such as Bary Born, Emmanuel Gaillard, Fidelis Oditah, and Dominic Badaiki.

Although the journal has only been launched recently, the calibre of its editorial board, low frequency of publication, and vigorous referring process will help ensure that only papers of very high quality will be accepted.
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Appendix A1

The journal has just been established. It is, however, certain that 100% of the articles published in this journal will be on business law related topics, such as banking law, commercial arbitration, commercial transactions, consumer law, corporate law, finance law, intellectual property law, tax law and international trade law.

Appendix A2: List of Editorial Board Members

Gary Born (WilmerHale);
Professor Emmanuel Gaillard (University of Paris XII)
Professor Fidelis Oditah, QC (Merton College, Oxford University)
Professor Andrew Terry (University of Sydney)
Associate Professor Charles Qu (Griffith University)
Jodie Kirshner (Cambridge University)

Appendix A3: Description and Scope of Journal

The International Journal of Business Law (IJBL) is a peer-reviewed biannual journal published by International Legal Platform in Maryland, United States. The Journal is edited by a team of business law professionals under the editorial guidance of international scholars such as Gary Born, Emmanuel Gaillard, Fidelis Oditah, and Dominic Badaiki.

The Journal provides a medium for the publication of thoroughly researched articles, notes, commentaries and book reviews on business law subjects. It presents both academic and practical analysis of legal issues by business law scholars and practitioners from international perspective, dealing with issues of interest to both the developed and developing nations. It also provides avenues for examining recent developments in business law with a view to proffering recommendations for reforms.

IJBL focuses on topics from the following areas: Banking, Commercial Arbitration, Commercial Transactions, Consumer Law, Corporate Law, Finance Law, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property, International Trade, Investment Law, and Tax Law. The articles and other submissions are selected on the recommendations of a three-member panel selected from a pool of screened leading professionals in their respective fields. The Journal would be circulated in Australia, Canada, China, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Nigeria, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States, and many other countries.