**FORM C: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW**
**RATING UPGRADE SUBMISSION**

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**Journal Title:** Journal of Corporate Law Studies

**QC1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):**
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- [ ] 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- [x] 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

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

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

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

**QC5. NOMINATE “THE BEST” COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality):** Sydney Law Review

**QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION**
- **Editor’s Name:** Prof Ellis Ferran
- **Institution:** Oxford University
- **Web Address:** www.hartjournals.co.uk/jcls/

**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:** BTL Panel

**Institutional Affiliation:**

**QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The BTL panel predicted this journal would be upgraded to a "A" rating and received a submission supporting an upgrade (see BTL_FC_F_025). It is noted that this journal was rated "A" by the College of Law Deans in 2009 and by the Australian Research Council in 2010.

Note that the submission received (025) as referred to above stated that the journal was rated "A" in ABDC 2010 and requested an A* rating in 2013. This was erroneous as the journal was only rated "B" in ABDC2010. The BTL panel supports an upgrade, but only to an "A" rating.

We particularly note that the journal has a prestigious editorial committee and international editorial advisory board, with leading scholars, practitioners and regulators from the UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Germany and the European Union.

The journal has been publishing high quality articles uninterrupted for 15 years. Throughout this time it has received submissions and published papers by eminent corporate law scholars from the UK, US, Oceania, Asia and the EU.
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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QC8. Primary submitter: Charles Zhen Qu
Institutional Affiliation: Griffith University Business School

QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)? 2
Journal of Corporate Law Studies is without doubt the most prestigious and high-impact publication outlet for corporate and finance law in the world. The editorial committee is constituted by the most established scholars in the relevant fields such as John Armour, Lorells Professor of Law and Finance of Oxford University, Ellis Ferran, Professor and Company and Securities Law of Cambridge University, and Jasper Lau Hanser, Professor of Financial Market Law of University of Copenhagen. Members of its editorial advisory board include the most respected judges and corporate law scholars around world, such as Dame Mary Arden of the UK Court of Appeal, Professor Paul Davis of London School of Economics, Professor Reiner Kraakman of Harvard Law School, Professor John Coffee of Columbia Law School and Professor Henry Hansman of NYU Law School.

The quality of the articles published in this journal is comparable to that of the papers published in some of the most respected ERA A* journals such as Oxford Journal of Legal Studies and Cambridge Law Journal and is arguably higher than papers on the same subject matter published in a number of other ERA A* law journals, such as Sydney Law Review, Melbourne Law Review and Griffith Law Review.

The unfair underranking of JCLS was criticised by Professor John Fararr, a leading corporate law scholar within the British Commonwealth, at a seminar held at Griffith Business School School in 2011.
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Journal of Corporate Law Studies Submission Appendix C1 and C2

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Description and Scope of Journal

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· vital for teaching and research
· vital for practice
· vital for regulation, law and policy-making.

The broad coverage ranges widely from insolvency to the commercial conflict of laws, directors’ duties and financial regulation. It features strong global perspectives, interdisciplinary studies and work in related areas. The result is the only fully developed view of the area – anyone who works in any field where corporate law arises can not afford to be without it.”

Signatory details

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