

Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to the European Union

Brussels, 9 April 2013

Dear Mrs Cingotti

In your e-mail of 15 March 2013 you requested access under the Government Information (Public Access) Act to all documents in relation to contacts between members of the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands and oil companies in relation to MIFID (the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments repealing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) since 1 January 2012, including letters and email exchanges as well as lists of meetings.

Under section 3, subsection 1, of the Government Information (Public Access) Act anyone may submit a request for information contained in documents regarding an administrative matter. Under section 3, subsection 5, of the Act a request for information will be granted with due regard for the provisions of sections 10 and 11 of the Act.

In order to reply to your request we have carried out an internal research in order to establish whether any documents corresponding to the request could be identified. Following this research, we did not find any documents corresponding to your request.

Yours Sincerely,

Wepke Kingma

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs



Anyone directly affected by this decision may lodge an objection with me within six weeks of the date on which it is sent. The notice of objection should be addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs c/o the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Brussels (PV EU). Pursuant to section 6:5 of the General Administrative Law Act the notice of objection must be signed and must contain at least the name and address of the person lodging it, the date, a description of the decision against which the objection is lodged and the grounds for the objection.

Natacha Cingotti Friends of the Earth Europe