The Director-General

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Dear Mr PAPETTI.

## Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/8186

We refer to your e-mail of 17 December 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 17 December 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

We regret to inform you that the Commission's Directorate General for Energy and the Cabinet of Commissioner Simson do not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application:

For the meetings held on the 08/07/2021 and on the 25/10/2021:

A list of all the participants in these meetings as well as the invitation list Transcriptions of all the discussions in the meetings Recordings in the case of online calls;

The list should include: date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;

- all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;
- all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place;
- all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the Directorate-General for Energy, including any Cabinet Members and/or officials, and any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing "Rio Tinto" and/or "Jadar Project" and/or "Lithium". As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents corresponding to the description given in your application are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

**European Commission** 

Secretariat-General

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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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