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Subject: Your confirmatory application for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 – GESTDEM 2021/8186

Dear Mr Papetti,

I refer to your e-mail of 3 February 2022, registered on 4 February 2022, in which you submit a confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents¹ (hereafter 'Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001').

Your confirmatory application was submitted in relation to your initial application of 17 December 2021in which you requested, I quote:

'...documents which contain the following information: 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;

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OJ L 145 of 31.5.2001, p. 43.

- 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".

The initial request was assigned to the Directorate-General for Energy. As you did not receive an initial reply within the statutory time limits, you submitted a confirmatory application on 3 February 2022.

In the meantime, the initial reply in question was sent to you on 28 April 2022. In its reply, the Directorate-General for Energy informed you that the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request, since no such documents corresponding to the description given in your application are held by the Commission.

Against this background, the Secretariat-General will close your confirmatory application related to the lack of initial reply.

You remain entitled to submit a new confirmatory application in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, should you wish to request a review of the initial reply of 28 April 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mariusz Daca Deputy Head of Unit