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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/1994

Dear Ms Ellis,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 30 March 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“All documentation, including, but not limited to, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising the following meeting between executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans with two organisations.

1. *Meeting between Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans and European Association of Mining Industries, Metal Ores & Industrial Minerals (Euromines) and Luossavaara Kiirunavaara Aktiebolag (LKAB) on 24/02/2023 on the EU Critical Raw Materials Act, and the EU Taxonomy.”*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Title	Registration	Reference
1. Euromines letter Executive Vice President Frans Timmermans_Redacted	17/01/2023	Ares(2023)351614
2. Reply_Euromines letter to Executive Vice-President Timmermans_Redacted	02/02/2023	Ares(2023)780228

3. Meeting request to EVP Timmermans from Euromines_Redacted	14/02/2023	Ares(2023)1067706
4. Minutes of the meeting with Euromines & LKAB on 24.02.2023_Redacted	24/02/2023	Ares(2023)1378394

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Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal¹ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

or by mail:

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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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