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Subject: Your application for access to documents in accordance with Regulation 1049/2001– Ref. GestDem 2016/2554

Dear Ms Cann,

We refer to your e-mail dated 5 May 2016 and registered on 10 May 2016 under the above-mentioned reference number.

In your e-mail, you request access to "*copies of applications by former Commissioner Karel De Gucht which seeks Commission authorisation for new professional activities with ArcelorMittal under the commissioner code of conduct: <http://corporate.arcelormittal.com/news-and-media/press-releases/2016/may/04-05-2016?lang=english>. I would further like to request any emails, correspondence and meeting notes which relate to this application; all opinions from the ad hoc ethical committee; and copies of the Commission's final decision.*"

I would like to inform you that former Commissioner Mr De Gucht has not informed the Commission of his election as Director of Arcelor Mittal, referred to in the article published in the above Internet site. Given that no documents were found that would correspond to the description given in your application, your request is devoid of purpose.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 1049/2001, if you wish to appeal against this decision, you should write to the Commission Secretary-General at the address sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu.

I note that the occupation of former Commissioner Mr De Gucht in Arcelor Mittal, referred to in your request for access to documents, will be exercised after the expiry of the eighteen months period mentioned in the Code of Conduct for Commissioners.

You have fifteen working days from receipt of this letter in which to appeal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paraskevi Michou', with a stylized, flowing script.

Paraskevi MICHOU
Director SG B f.f.

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