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Brussels,  
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Dear Mr Harmsen,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/7237**

We refer to your e-mail dated 22/12/2016 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23/12/2016 under the above mentioned reference number.

Your application is currently being handled. However, we will not be in a position to complete the handling of your application within the time limit of 15 working days, which expires on 23/01/2017.

An extended time limit is needed as in order to retrieve the documents requested, large files have to be examined. Moreover, (part of) the documents requested originate from third parties which have to be consulted.

Therefore, we have to extend the time limit with 15 working days in accordance with Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents. The new time limit expires on 13/02/2017.

We apologies for this delay and for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours faithfully,

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