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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents: Ref GestDem No 2017 – 844

We refer to your e-mail dated 07/02/2017 in which you make a request for access to documents registered under the above mentioned reference number and our holding reply Ref. Ares(2017)1176785 - 06/03/2017.

You requested access to:

"...- minutes and other reports of meetings between the European Commission's DG ENVI and industry representatives (including the European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers' Association and others) in which EU regulation of rubber granulate for artificial turf fields was discussed (between November 2014 and today);

- all correspondence (including emails) between the European Commission's DG ENVI and industry representatives (including European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers' Association and others) in which EU regulation of rubber granulate for artificial turf fields was discussed (between November 2014 and today)."

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We have identified the following documents:

1. E-mail from ETRMA of 13/11/2015 on ETRMA Presentation for CARACAL meeting 11.30am;
2. *Attachment:* 20151113-PAHs_ELT_ ETRMA presentation for CARACAL_Final.pptx;
3. Letter from DG GROW and DG ENV of 14/11/2016 on Request for clarification for document CA/30/2016 on rubber granules as infill material – Ref. Ares(2016)6397619.
Please note that this document replies to a letter which has been provided to you within the reply to your request GESTDEM 2017/717 (Ref. Ares(2017)1490888 – 20/03/2017);

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Yours faithfully,

Bjorn Hansen
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