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Dear Natacha Cingotti,

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**Freedom of Information (FOI) Request Ref: 0054-13**

Thank you for your email of 15 March 2013 asking for documents that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the UK Permanent Representation to the EU holds in relation to contacts between members of the Permanent Representation of the UK to the EU and oil companies in relation to MIFID (the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments repealing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) since 1 January 2012. I have responded to this request under the UK Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that neither the FCO nor the UK Representation in Brussels hold information relevant to your request.

I hope you are satisfied with this reply. However, if you wish to make a complaint or if you would like a review of our decision, please write to the Information Rights Team at The Old Admiralty Building, Room SG 120, London, SW1A 2PA. E-mail: [dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk](mailto:dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk). You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

We continually strive to improve our service, so we would welcome your feedback and comments. If you would like to provide feedback on our service, please email our Information Rights Team, again at: [dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk](mailto:dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk)

You can also find out more about the FCO and freedom of information issues at our Access to Information website: [www.fco.gov.uk/foi](http://www.fco.gov.uk/foi)

Yours sincerely,

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