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Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/3554

We refer to your e-mail of 5 June 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 10 June 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request DG Justice and Consumers access to

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Your application concerns the following document:

- Request for access to document GESTDEM 2018/5943

With regard to the said document, a complete disclosure of the identified documents is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the name and contact details of a natural person.

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed) Giles GOODALL Head of Unit

Contact: <u>JUST-01@ec.europa.eu</u>

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