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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4244**

Dear Mrs Balanya,

We refer to your email of 12 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 13 July 2020 under the above mentioned reference number.

Please note that due to the wide scope of your request, covering also areas falling under the responsibility of other Directorates-General, parts of your request have been attributed to other Directorates-General<sup>1</sup>. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Energy. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
<b>Ares(2019)7895300</b>	18/12/2019	Request for meeting 20 February 2020 (Equinor)
<b>Ares(2020)3577103</b>	01/07/2020	Advancing Hydrogen in Europe (Equinor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annex 1 - PRESS RELEASE - Plan for world-leading clean hydrogen plant in the UK 1 July 2020</li><li>• Annex 2 - H2H Saltend Key Facts for media, 1 July 2020</li></ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1727445</b>	23/03/2020	Thank you for meeting 23 March 2020 with Equinor
<b>Ares(2020)1726075</b>	23/03/2020	20200323 KN - Meeting minutes KS with Equinor

<sup>1</sup> GESTDEM 2020/4243 – SG, GESTDEM 2020/4245 – DG CLIMA and GESTDEM 2020/4246 – DG GROW.

<b>Ares(2020)1183311</b>	25/02/2020	Letter - 20 02 25 to Mrs Kadri Simson (Engie) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 1 - ENGIE position on biomethane v2</li> <li>• Annex 2 - ENGIE Position on hydrogen.v2</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)427185</b>	07/01/2020	Organisation of a meeting between Ms. Simson and GIE
<b>Ares(2020)607139</b>	30/01/2020	Follow up to previous correspondence - Proposing a date for meeting request KS 17-02-2020 with Gas Infrastructure Europe GIE
<b>Ares(2020)3005231</b>	09/06/2020	Hydrogen at the heart of EU recovery strategy – letter of support by the Hydrogen Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - Hydrogen at the heart of EU recovery strategy – letter of support by the Hydrogen Council</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3637345</b>	09/07/2020	Invitation – Hydrogen Council Atlantic Council event ‘Transatlantic opportunity for a clean energy recovery’ (Hydrogen Council)
<b>Ares(2020)3744249</b>	15/07/2020	Reply: Invitation – Hydrogen Council Atlantic Council event ‘Transatlantic opportunity for a clean energy recovery’
<b>Ares(2020)3776493</b>	26/05/2020	Air Liquide contribution to Hydrogen Roundtable of 26-05-2020
<b>Ares(2020)705408</b>	03/02/2020	Meeting the hydrogen sector (Hydrogen Europe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - 2020.04.02 HE-GEODE Workshop</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1186400</b>	25/02/2020	Reply: Meeting the hydrogen sector (Hydrogen Europe)
<b>Ares(2020)2087143</b>	15/04/2020	Joint online conference with GEODE - Towards the new age of gas networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - HE GEODE Webinar Agenda_v1</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3342096</b>	23/06/2020	H2 strategy non-paper - Hydrogen Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - 200623_H2 strategy non-paper H2EU – definitions</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3181663</b>	16/06/2020	Position paper - The EU Hydrogen Strategy- hydrogen Europe Top 10 Key Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - Hydrogen Europe_H2 Strategy - Top 10 key recommendations – Final</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)2378535</b>	05/05/2020	Hydrogen Europe-GEODE Webinar PowerPoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - 2020.05.05 HE GEODE Members Only Webinar – PowerPoint</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3281469</b>	23/06/2020	H2 strategy non-paper - Hydrogen Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - 200623_H2 strategy non-paper H2EU_definitions</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3773801</b>	26/05/2020	Hydrogen Europe contribution to Hydrogen Roundtable of 26-05-2020
<b>Ares(2020)160238</b>	02/12/2019	Congratulations (Snam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 1 - FT Op-ed</li> <li>• Annex 2 – Generation H</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2019)7916843</b>	09/12/2019	Possible meeting request open date and congratulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex – FT Op-ed</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)695866</b>	03/02/2020	Meeting request GasNaturally

<b>Ares(2020)874057</b>	11/02/2020	Reply: Meeting Request from Snam on energy-related topics
<b>Ares(2020)3772338</b>	26/05/2020	Snam contribution to Hydrogen Roundtable of 26-05-2020
<b>Ares(2020)3398067</b>	24/06/2020	Wide industry coalition call for a Hydrogen Strategy inclusive of all clean hydrogen pathways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex - To the attention of Commissioner Simson - Industry letter Clean Hydrogen 20200624</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3382570</b>	29/06/2020	The potential of RED to support the investment case for green hydrogen projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex 1 - Shell Response to Consultation on the EU Hydrogen Strategy</li> <li>Annex 2 - Shell views on RED II delegated acts and implementation regarding hydrogen</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)421820</b>	22/01/2020	Request for a meeting with Shell on 28 January
<b>Ares(2020)949359</b>	11/02/2020	Possible appointment with Mr. Stefano Grassi (Total)
<b>Ares(2020)949385</b>	11/02/2020	Reply: possible appointment with Mr. Stefano Grassi (Total)
<b>Ares(2020)3508220</b>	30/06/2020	Invitation to speak - FH webinar on Hydrogen (FleishmanHillard)
<b>Ares(2020)3537549</b>	03/07/2020	ArcelorMittal Europe published its first Climate Action Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex - climate-action-in-europe</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)786808</b>	30/01/2020	Meeting summary KS ENAGAS 30 Jan 2020
<b>Ares(2020)3776311</b>	26/05/2020	20200526 KN - Kadri Simson Roundtable H2 transport
<b>Ares(2020)2379695</b>	08/04/2020	20200408 KN - VideoConference report Stefano Grassi and members Cab Simson with TOTAL representatives
<b>Ares(2020)933610</b>	16/01/2020	20200116 KN - Meeting K. Simson with ENTSO-G
<b>Ares(2020)1210499</b>	11/02/2020	20200211 KN - Meeting member of Cabinet Simson with Shell
<b>Ares(2020)1740251</b>	28/02/2020	20200228 KN - Meeting minutes Cabinet Simson Member with Gas Infrastructure Europe GIE
<b>Ares(2020)1935653</b>	18/02/2020	20200218 KN - Meeting Minutes - Kadri Simson and European Steel Industry - Eurofer
<b>Ares(2020)2228137</b>	14/02/2020	20200214 LC - Meeting Kadri Simson with Shell
<b>Ares(2020)3773406</b>	20/05/2020	20200520 KS Invitation to H <sup>2</sup> Roundtable 26th May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex - Draft list of participants</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)3776546</b>	27/05/2020	Thank you for participating in the roundtable discussion with Commissioner Simson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex - Draft list of participants</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)2426039</b>	06/04/2020	20200406 ENER - Minutes Conference call EVP Timmermans & Kadri Simson - Hydrogen Europe
<b>Ares(2020)3770831</b>	12/06/2020	20200612 KN - VideoConference report Kadri Simson

		with Shell representatives
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Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

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According to standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during to the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present email by replying to [ENER-UNIT-C1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ENER-UNIT-C1@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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Enclosure: Documents (PDF version)