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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4754

Dear Ms Roxburgh,

We refer to your e-mail of 06 August 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the abovementioned reference number.

In this e-mail, you requested access to ‘all documentation ,including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes’ between ArcelorMittal and Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis on the 14 July 2020.

We have identified three documents as falling within the scope of your request. You will find these documents attached to this letter.

Please note that some of the documents are redacted, because they contain personal data¹. The disclosure of such personal data is prevented by Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001². The Data Protection Regulation³ also prevents the transmission of personal data, except if you prove that it is necessary to have the data transmitted to you for a specific purpose in the public interest, and where there is no reason to assume that the legitimate interests of the data subject might be prejudiced. As your request does not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, and does not establish

¹ For instance names or initials and contact information of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management, names or initials and contact details of other natural persons, or handwritten signatures or abbreviated signatures of natural persons.

² Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

³ Article 9(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC, OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39.

the necessity to have the data transmitted, I conclude that access cannot be granted to these personal data. In case you would disagree with this position, please note that you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application⁴ requesting the Commission to reconsider its position, within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter.

Please also note that documents originating from third parties are disclosed to you, based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. However, this disclosure is without prejudice to the rules on intellectual property, which may limit your right to reproduce or exploit the released documents without the agreement of the originator, who may hold an intellectual property right on them. The European Commission does not assume any responsibility from their reuse.

Yours sincerely,

e-signature
John WATSON

Enclosures:

Meeting request redacted
Annex to meeting request
Minutes redacted
Table of content redacted
Steering brief redacted
Annex on carbon border mechanism redacted
Annex on recovery measures redacted
Annex on safeguard measures redacted
Annex on industrial strategy redacted
Annex on state aid rules redacted
Annex on sustainable finance redacted

⁴ Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address: European Commission, Secretariat-General Unit C.1 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents', BERL 7/076, B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu