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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/5991**

Dear Ms Hirst,

We refer to your request of 8 October 2021 registered under the above-mentioned reference number in which you ask access to:

*‘all documents — including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations — related to the meeting on 2021-09-08 between Anthony Whelan and DIGITALEUROPE’.*

We identified the following document related to your request:

- ARES(2021)6200163 - Short notes of the meeting, registered on 12 October 2021, Redacted

A complete disclosure of this document 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 it contains personal data.

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Yours faithfully,

(E-signed)

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