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Dear Ms Hirst,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/5995**

We refer to your e-mails of 8 October 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 8 October 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request 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 2021-09-22 between Anthony Whelan and Facebook Ireland Limited.'*

We identified the following documents related to your request:

- Ares(2021)6104859\_Redacted
- Ares(2021)6271245\_Redacted

The complete disclosure of these 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 personal data.

Article 9(1)(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of these 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. In your request, you do neither express any particular interest to have access to these personal data, nor put forward arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

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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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](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

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