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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/0861**

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 5 January 2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 10 January 2022 under the above mentioned reference number.

You request access to all documentation relating to the following meetings:

1. Between EUROFER and Jorge Pinto Antunes, cabinet member of Janusz Wojciechowski and Maciej Golubiewski, cabinet member of Janusz Wojciechowski on the 19th October 2021;
2. Between EUROFER and Antoine Colombani, cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on the 7th June 2021;
3. Between EUROFER and Gints Freimanis, cabinet member of Valdis Dombrovskis on the 3rd May 2021.

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. This reply relates only to the documents held by Directorate-General for Competition. You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course.

The following document falls within the scope of your application:

- Briefing for the meeting on 19 October 2021 between Maciej Golubiewski, Head of Cabinet for Commissioner Wojciechowski, the Polish Steel Association and EUROFER, Ares(2022)157473.

Having examined the document requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that it may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the document have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by an exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4(3) of this Regulation.

The redacted parts of the document contain the Commission's position on the revision of the Climate, Energy and Environmental Aid Guidelines (CEEAG), in particular on industrial decarbonisation and on aid in the form of exemption from energy levies.

Disclosure of these parts would seriously undermine the Commission's decision-making process on the ongoing targeted revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) in which the Commission has to balance the very different contributions and requests from Member States and other stakeholders. In fact, both industrial decarbonisation and aid in the form of exemption from energy levies represent important points for discussions in the revision of the GBER, as shown by the number of submissions received on the respective GBER articles in the context of the public consultation.

While the CEEAG was adopted on 27/01/2022, the revision of the GBER is currently ongoing. A public consultation and an Advisory Committee with Member States on the proposed GBER amendment took place in the last quarter of 2021. The revision process will include a second Advisory Committee before the adoption of the GBER amendment which is foreseen for the second half of 2022.

The exceptions laid down in Article 4(2) and 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 apply unless there is an overriding public interest in disclosure of the document.

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In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

*[e-signed]*

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