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**Subject : Your applications for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930**

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

We refer to your e-mails dated 23/02/2016 in which you make requests for access to documents to distinct Commission departments, on behalf of Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), registered on 24/02/2016 respectively under the reference numbers GestDem No 2016/0892, GestDem No 2016/0893 and GestDem No 2016/0930.

Your applications are currently being handled. Within the frame of this process, we are contacting you concerning the two following issues.

Firstly, the description given in your aforementioned applications is worded in imprecise terms as regards in particular the companies and industry associations referred to therein and does not enable the documents falling under the scope of those applications to be sufficiently easily identified.

We therefore invite you, pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents<sup>1</sup>, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents which you seek to obtain, in particular by specifying the companies or industry associations in relation to which you would like to receive information and by clarifying whether when referring to 'workplace related cancer' you also refer to workplace related cancer caused by 'asbestos' within the meaning of Directive 2009/148/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 330, 16.12.2009, p. 28.

Secondly, we would like to invite you, pursuant to Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to consider reducing the scope in time of your applications since they possibly concern a large number of documents.

If you need assistance in clarifying or specifying your application, you can contact us:

- by email to: [EMPL-B3-UNIT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-B3-UNIT@ec.europa.eu)
- by telephone to: (+352) 4301 36241

The 15 working days time limit for handling your applications will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

You have lodged your applications via the AsktheEU.org website. Please note that this is a private website which has no link with any institution of the European Union. Therefore the European Commission cannot be held accountable for any technical issues or problems linked to the use of this system.

Yours faithfully,



Charlotte Grevfors Ernoult

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