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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4439**

Dear Ms Gerebizza,

We refer to your email of 17 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 22 July 2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

- *all correspondence between 1 December 2018 and 12 July 2020 between Commissioner Simson and/or her cabinets and/or officials from DG Energy on one hand and representatives from IOGP, Shell, the Global CCS Institute, Hydrogen Europe, Snam and Fleishman Hillard, in which the issue of hydrogen and/or carbon capture and storage (CCS) were addressed;*
- *list of meetings on these topics between that took place between 1 December 2018 and 12 July 2020 between officials and representatives of DG Energy on one hand and representatives from IOGP, Shell, the Global CCS Institute, Hydrogen Europe, Snam and Fleishman Hillard on the other; and*
- *the minutes of the meetings mentioned above.*

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
<b>Ares(2020)4077623</b>	01/07/2020	Update on European climate policy and CCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annex - 2030 Climate Target Plan submission GCCSI</li></ul>
<b>Ares(2019)3416715</b>	24/05/2019	Draft National Energy & Climate Plans and the role of CCS - IOGP recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annex 1 - Recommendations on the role of CCS in draft NECPs</li><li>• Annex 2 - IOGP letter on draft NECPs and the role of CCS</li></ul>

<b>Ares(2020)4077511</b>	22/05/2020	IOGP response energy sector integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - Energy System Integration paper</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1472166</b>	09/03/2020	CCS and CCU (IOGP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - Joint letter CCS and CCU Breakthrough technologies for EUs industrial transition to a climate neutral future</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1921307</b>	03/04/2020	IOGP initial views on TEN-E guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex - IOGP initial views on TEN-E guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1990212</b>	08/04/2020	IOGP recent policy papers on CCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 1 - CCS in the current and future EU legislation paper</li> <li>• Annex 2 - New and old CCS projects in Europe paper</li> </ul>
<b>Ares(2020)1728751</b>	17/12/2019	Meeting DG IOGP 171219
<b>Ares(2020)4076999</b>	24/04/2020	Meeting report - Phone call with GCCSI
<b>Ares(2020)4076935</b>	18/02/2020	Meeting report - Meeting IOGP on CCS
<b>Ares(2020)4077050</b>	18/06/2020	Telco report - Meeting with IOGP
<b>Ares(2020)2228137</b>	14/02/2020	Meeting Ms Kadri Simson with Shell
<b>Ares(2020)5474956</b>	17/05/2019	Madrid Forum CCS CCU report coordinated by IOGP
<b>Ares(2020)5486808</b>	10/05/2019	CCS CCU report (IOGP)
<b>Ares(2020)5487661</b>	22/05/2019	Coordinated CCS CCU report for Madrid Forum (IOGP)

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, I have come to the conclusion that some documents may be partially disclosed. Some parts of the documents have been blanked out as their disclosure is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4 paragraph 1 (b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 because they contain the following personal data:

- the names of Commission staff members not pertaining to the senior management;
- the names and contact details of other natural persons.

Additionally, a third party claimed that the disclosure would affect one of the interests protected under Article 4, paragraphs 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, namely the privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data.

I would also like to inform you that the Commission does not keep lists of meetings with external stakeholders for officials below Director-General level. However, I can inform you that we found in our records two meetings of officials that are not part of the senior management with Shell:

- 26 August 2019, 14:00 to 15:00, to discuss CCS projects of Shell

- 8 July 2019, 11:30 to 11:30, to discussion current work on developing Shell's Carbon Capture Usage and Storage portfolio, which includes a number of EU projects.

Minutes for these meetings were not found. Meetings of the Commissioner or her cabinet and meetings of our Director General are publically accessible under:

- [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/calendar\\_en?field\\_editorial\\_section\\_multiple\\_tid=463&date\\_filter\\_min\[value\]\[date\]=01/12/2019&date\\_filter\\_max\[value\]\[date\]=12/07/2020](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/calendar_en?field_editorial_section_multiple_tid=463&date_filter_min[value][date]=01/12/2019&date_filter_max[value][date]=12/07/2020)
- <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=61569260-525e-42f8-aa52-51d7bfc30d4f>

Please note that the 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.

Please note that the meeting reports were drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant officials. It solely reflects the author's interpretation of the meeting and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document might refer, which was not consulted on its content. It does not reflect the position of the Commission and cannot be quoted as such.

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

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

According to standard operational procedure, the reply is usually also sent to you by registered post. Please note, however, that due to the extraordinary health and security measures currently in force during the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, we are unfortunately not in a position to follow this procedure until further notice.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present email by replying to [ENER-UNIT-C1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ENER-UNIT-C1@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

Ditte Juul Jørgensen