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Ms Lora VERHEECKE 9 rue du Bronze 1070 Bruxelles Belgium

By email: ask+request-8802b8839b7f@asktheeu.org

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/7159

Dear Ms Verheecke,

We refer to your e-mail of 20/11/2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 23/11/2020 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to "All documentation (including but not limited to all email correspondence, attendance lists, agendas, background papers, transcripts, recordings and minutes/notes) relating to the meeting between Valere Moutarlier and Total on 2nd July 2020.".

Your application concerns the following documents:

Annex 1: Ares(2020)7032617 TOTAL Minutes

Annex 2: Ares(2020)3167988 TOTAL meeting arrangements

A complete disclosure of the identified 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 the following personal data:

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

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 not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
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

Yours sincerely,

E-signed
Matthias SCHMIDT- GERDTS
Head of Unit

Enclosure: 2 Annexes