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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2021/2268**

Dear Madam,

We refer to your e-mail dated 13 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number. You ask to be provided access to minutes of the meeting that took place on 19 May 2020, between Mr Marius Vaščega, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Sinkevičius and Business Europe, concerning the European Green Deal and COVID-19, the Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) and the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

With regard to this document, a complete disclosure 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 it contains the following personal data:

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- the names/initials and contact details of other natural persons;
- other information relating to identified or identifiable natural persons (their position).

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 arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

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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 addition, please note that this document was drawn up for internal use, under the responsibility of the relevant service of the Directorate-General for Environment. It solely reflects the service's interpretation of the interventions made and does not set out any official position of the third parties to which the document refers, 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 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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You may find these minutes enclosed to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

e-signed  
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Enclosure: Minutes of the meeting of 19/05/2020, between Marius Vaščega and Business Europe and concerning the European Green Deal and COVID-19, the Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP) and the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)