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E-mail with acknowledgment of receipt

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/2643

Dear Mr Pace,

We refer to your email of 22 April 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number.

The request concerns: *“All documents related to the meeting on January 15 between Natalie Pauwels and International Association of Oil & Gas Producers Europe.”*

We found two documents which correspond to your request: an email and a presentation. With regard to the presentation, 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: the names and contact details of natural persons. Therefore, the data has been redacted.

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.

Consequently, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested document, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and

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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 the email was drawn up for internal use under the responsibility of the relevant Cabinet. It solely reflects the author'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.

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 to the COVID-19 epidemics, which include the requirement for all Commission non-critical staff to telework, this communication will be sent only by e-mail.

We would therefore appreciate if you could confirm receipt of the present e-mail by replying to ECHO-DOC-ACCES@ec.europa.eu

Yours faithfully,

[E-signed]

Jan SEMPELS
Head of Unit

Enclosure: Email registered as Ares(2021) and redacted presentation