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Subject: Your request for access to documents (our ref. GESTDEM: 2020/7055)

Dear Ms Vaughan,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18 November 2020, in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

Your request is as follows:

“Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

All documentation, including but not limited to attendance lists, agendas, background papers, minutes/notes and email correspondence about or summarising, the following meetings of cabinet members of Commissioner Mairead McGuinness with organisations:

- 1. Meeting with Siemens Energy AS (SE) on the 6th November 2020 on the EU Taxonomy*
- 2. Meeting with Verband Deutscher Maschinen- und Anlagenbau e.V. (VDMA) on the 9th November 2020 on the Taxonomy*
- 3. Meeting with International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) on the 18th November 2020 on the EU Taxonomy Regulation.”*

We have identified 16 documents that fall within the scope of your request.

Having examined the documents, I have come to the conclusion that 10 may be only partially disclosed as they contain personal data, in particular names and contact details.

Therefore, some parts of the documents have been blanked out and their disclosure is prevented by the exception to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001, for data protection reasons.

According to Article 9(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, personal data can only be transmitted under specific exceptional conditions, including if *‘the recipient establishes*

that it is necessary to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest. In your request, you do not put forward any arguments to this effect.

As regards the six remaining documents regarding IOGP, and having consulted the third party in question in accordance with Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, I am unable to transmit them in reply to your request for the following reason: the protection of commercial interests of a natural or legal person, as set out in the first indent of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001. This provides that: "*The institutions shall refuse access to a document where disclosure would undermine the protection of (...) commercial interests of a natural or legal person, including intellectual property*".

In examining your request, the possibility of granting partial access to these documents has been taken into consideration. However, after examination of the documents and for the reasons cited above, the documents are covered in their entirety by the exception mentioned above.

Should you disagree with this assessment, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation 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 Bruxelles, or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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Enclosures: List of documents and 10 documents redacted of personal data