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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/7923**

Dear Mr Hoedeman,

I refer to your e-mail of 21 December 2021, registered on the same day under the above-mentioned reference number, in which you request access to documents which contain the following information:

- all reports (and other notes) from meetings with representatives of companies, lobby groups (such as BusinessEurope, Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie, CSR Europe and others), consultancies and think-tanks about the European Commission's initiative on sustainable corporate governance and issues around EU corporate due diligence legislation more generally (since May 1st 2020).
- all correspondence (including emails and their attachments) with representatives of companies, lobby groups, consultancies and think-tanks about the European Commission's initiative on sustainable corporate governance and issues around EU corporate due diligence legislation more generally (since May 1st 2020).
- a list of all the above-mentioned documents (including dates, names of participants/senders/recipients and their affiliation, subject of meeting/correspondence).

We regret to inform you that Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, I am not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make 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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Secretariat-General  
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We kindly ask you to acknowledge the receipt of the present letter within five working days.

Yours faithfully,



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