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**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/3440**

Dear Mr Cranston,

We refer to your email of 26 May 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 26 May 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to your request, due to the exceptional workload related to the 'Delivering the European Green Deal' legislative package.

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 listed below:

*1. Between Enviva, Drax Group plc, the US Industrial Pellet Association (USIPA), & AS Graanul Invest and Laure Chapuis-Kombos, cabinet member of Commissioner Kadri Simson on 18/05/2021 to discuss the options that the Commission are currently considering for the review of biomass sustainability within the proposal for REDIII and to discuss the role of sustainable bioenergy in the EU's energy and climate plans.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

Ares reference	Date	Title
Ares(2018)1860842	15/03/2021	MEETING REQUEST with CEOs Drax, Enviva and Graanul on The Role of Sustainable Bioenergy in the EU's Energy and Climate Targets

Ares(2018)3055354	14/04/2021	Positive reply @ cabinet level to 1860842
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This meeting was a joint meeting between Stakeholders, Cabinet Timmermans and Cabinet Simson. I regret to inform you that Cabinet Simson doesn't hold any minutes from this meeting.

I am glad to inform you that you can have wide partial access to all documents, subject only to the redaction of personal data. Please find enclosed redacted copies of these documents.

A complete disclosure of these 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 it contains the following personal data:

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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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Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents'  
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Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

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