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**Subject: Your application for public access to documents – GestDem Ref No 2021/6468**

Dear Mrs. Indiano,

We refer to your letter dated 28 October in which you submitted an application for access to documents within the framework of Regulation (EC) 1049/2001<sup>1</sup>.

### **1. SCOPE OF YOUR REQUEST**

Following your clarifications of 8 November, your request concerned, “*for the period between 1 September 2021 to date:*

- *a list of the meeting and/or calls between the Vulcan Energie Ressourcen and the [Commissioner and the team assisting him/her], during which “batteries” and/or “hydrogen” and/or “lithium” were discussed [including] date, individuals attending and organisational affiliation, as well as the issues discussed;*
- *all minutes and other reports of these meetings and/or calls;*
- *all documents prepared for the purpose of the meetings issued both in preparation and after the meetings took place;*
- *all correspondence, including attachments (i.e. any emails, mail correspondence or telephone call notes) between the [Commissioner and the team assisting him/her], and*

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43), hereinafter referred to as ‘Regulation (EC) 1049/2001’.

*any lobby group and/or industry representative discussing “batteries” and/or “hydrogen” and/or “lithium.”*

### **NO DOCUMENTS HELD**

We regret to inform you that we could not find any document corresponding to the description given in your application.

We have tried to find the document(s) you requested within the agenda of our Cabinet, but we were not able to identify anything corresponding to the description you provided. Therefore, we are not a position to handle your request.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that Regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution. Given that we could not retrieve any document corresponding to the description given in your application, we are not in a position to handle your request.

### **2. MEANS OF REDRESS**

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) 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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

**European Commission**

**Secretary-General**

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Yours sincerely,

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