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Dear Madam,

Subject: Your application for access to documents –GESTDEM 2021/7866

We refer to your e-mail dated 6 December 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 7 December 2021 under the above-mentioned reference number.

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 CEMBUREAU and Stefanie Hiesinger, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans and Antoine Colombani, Cabinet member of Frans Timmermans on the 2nd July 2021
- 2. Between CEMBUREAU and Cabinet members of Frans Timmermans on the 16th December 2020
- 3. Between CEMBUREAU and Frans Timmermans on the 12th May 2020
- 4. Between CEMBUREAU and Alienor Margerit, Cabinet member of Paolo Gentiloni on the 30th January 2020."

Your request has been split for reply; the part regarding the Cabinet of VP Timmermans has been dealt with by the Secretariat-General under reference GESTDEM 2021/7865.

The following documents fall within the scope of your application:

- Thank you email, Alienor MARGERIT, 23 December 2019, (hereafter 'document 1')

- Email further to a meeting, Public Affairs Director CEMBUREAU, 3
 February 2020, (hereafter 'document 2'), which includes the following annexes:
 - Assessment on the Impact of EU ETS Phase IV on the European Cement Industry, Boston Consulting Group, May 2019, (hereafter 'document 2.1');

The disclosure of document 2.1 must be refused because the exception to the right of access laid down in the 1st indent of Article 4(2) (protection of commercial interests of a natural or legal person, including intellectual property) of Regulation Nr 1049/2001 applies, as it contains commercially sensitive business information of the company that submitted it.

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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 Secretary-General of the Commission at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed
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