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Subject: Your application for access to documents EASE 2023/4108

Dear Mr Henning,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 14 July 2023 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: “All *minutes, agendas, summaries, notes or memos issued before or after; documents prepared for, issued in preparation for, or exchanged during; as well as all correspondence including attachments by either of the meeting parties related to:*

25.04.2023 meeting between Cabinet members of Commissioner Timmermans and ABB Ltd, EUROGAS aisbl, TERNA ENERGY SOCIETE ANONYME, Air Products, Equinor ASA, Eni S.p.A., IVECO GROUP N.V., Tree Energy Solutions GmbH, ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical, International Association of Oil & Gas Producers Europe, Hydrogen Europe, European Biogas Association, Gas Infrastructure Europe as well as Koninklijke Vopak N.V.”

Your application concerns the following documents:

Title	Registration	Reference
Breakfast meeting between Diederik Samson and ABB Ltd, EUROGAS aisbl, et al. <u>25.04.2023_Redacted</u>	22/02/2023	Ares(2023)1295943

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Please note that there are no minutes, notes or memos issued for this meeting, as it was a working breakfast.

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Yours faithfully,

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