Dear Sir,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – Ref GestDem No 2013/2396 & 2013/2400

We refer to your e-mails dated 30/04/2013 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 02/05/2013 under the above mentioned reference number.

We would like to inform you that, within the exercise described in the paper you refer to in your application, none of those who have applied to be observers in the DG ENV's expert group E02385\(^1\) were refused. Please note that the membership of the expert group is limited to the Commission, the European Chemicals Agency and the Member States. The following four observers were added:

- ClientEarth
- International Chemical Secretariat (ChemSec)
- The European Coalition to End Animal Experiments (ECEAE) / Eurogroup for Animals (occupying 1 seat)
- IndustriAll

These new observers were also added in the Register's website at the following address: http://www.cc.cec/regexp/group/view.do?mode=welcome&refGroup=2385.

With regard to the other DG ENV's expert group you will receive a separate communication from the responsible unit.

Yours faithfully,

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\(^1\) Competent authorities for Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP)