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Subject: Application for membership of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) Article 13 Forum

Dear Mr. Toropovs,

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2012 (our ref. Ares(2012)1147382) expressing your interest in the work of the IED Article 13 Forum.

Commission Decision establishing a forum for the exchange of information pursuant to Article 13 of the Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions was adopted on 16 May 2011 (2011/C 146/03). According to Article 4(1) of this Decision, "Members shall be Member States, international organisations representing industries concerned by the activities covered by Annex I of the Directive and non-governmental organisations promoting environmental protection. Those organisations shall have an acceptable degree of European representation."

From the email correspondence in the course of October between you and the responsible Commission officials, I understand that the Baltic Environmental Forum Group is a network of non-governmental non-profit organizations located in:

- Hamburg, Germany (BEF Germany);
- Tallinn, Estonia (BEF Estonia);
- Riga, Latvia (BEF Latvia);
- Vilnius, Lithuania (BEF Lithuania);
- Saint-Petersburg, Russia (Center for Transboundary Cooperation - BEF Russia).

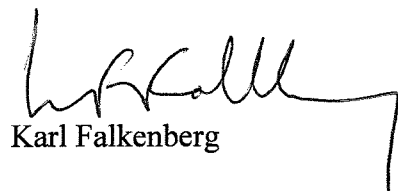
Based on the above, I regret to inform you that your organisation does not have a sufficiently wide European representation and therefore it cannot be added to the list of members. This decision has been taken after collecting all applications from NGOs and assessing them in the light of i) the above-referred Commission Decision, ii) the composition of the Forum and iii) the level of representation of other Forum members.

Should your representation become wider in the future, your application for a membership can be reconsidered.

You can find information on this expert group by following the below link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=2611>

Yours sincerely,



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