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Mr Arun Dohle

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Subject: Application for access to documents – Gestdem 2013/4466

Dear Mr Dohle,

I am writing in reference to your e-mail of 16 August 2013, registered on 6 September 2013, by which you make a request for access to documents.

I further refer to our holding letter of 27 September 2013 by which the time limit for replying to your confirmatory request was extended by 15 working days pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation 1049/2001. This extended time limit expires on 18 October 2013.

Due to the large number of documents requested, part of which originate from third parties which had been consulted, and because personal data has to be redacted from those documents, we are unable to send our reply within the prescribed time limit indicated above.

We would like to assure you, however, that we are doing our utmost to provide you with an explicit decision as soon as possible. We regret this additional delay and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

Gérard Legris Head of Unit

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