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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2022/2688**

We refer to your e-mail of 3/05/2022 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on 12/05/2022 under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to: *all documents—including but not limited to correspondence, emails, minutes, notes (hand written or electronic), audio or video recordings, verbatim reports, operational conclusions, lines to take, briefings, and presentations—related to the meeting on April 19 between Jorge Pinto Antunes and Gas Distributors for Sustainability.*

Your application concerns the following documents:

| <i>N<br/>o</i> | <i>Title/kind (email,<br/>note) of document</i> | <i>Author<br/>of the<br/>doc.</i> | <i>Ares no and date of the<br/>document</i> | <i>AGRI<br/>decision</i> | <i>Comment</i>               |
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| 1              | 01 emails –<br>meeting<br>arrangements          | CAB<br>J.W. and<br>GD4S           | Ares(2022)1401999<br>23.02.2022             | Give<br>agreement        | Personal<br>Data<br>redacted |
| 2              | 02 email after<br>meeting                       | GD4S                              | Ares(2022)3718318<br>17.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        | Personal<br>Data<br>redacted |
| 3              | 02a GD4S<br>position paper                      | GD4S                              | Ares(2022)3718318<br>17.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        | Personal<br>Data<br>redacted |
| 4              | 02b WWF report                                  | WWF                               | Ares(2022)3718318<br>17.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        | Public<br>document           |
| 5              | 02c GD4S<br>presentation                        | GD4S                              | Ares(2022)3718318<br>17.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        |                              |
| 6              | 02d GD4S<br>presentation                        | GD4S                              | Ares(2022)3718318<br>17.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        |                              |
| 7              | 02e GD4S follow-<br>up paper                    | GD4S                              | Ares(2022)3718318<br>13.05.2022             | Give<br>agreement        |                              |
| 8              | 03 minutes of<br>meeting                        | DG<br>AGRI                        | Ares(2022)3819016<br>20/05/2022             | Give<br>agreement        | Personal<br>Data<br>redacted |

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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: 3 documents and 5 annexes