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Subject: Your application for access to documents – EASE 2023/3007

Dear Ms. Verheecke,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents under the above-mentioned reference number.

Your request covers areas falling under the responsibility of two Directorates-General.

As far as the Directorate-General for International Partnerships is concerned, you requested access to documents referring to the following meeting:

- **21.09.22** – Suvi Leinonen, Cabinet Member of Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen, with Rud Pedersen Public Affairs Brussels on Critical Raw Materials;

We identified 3 documents falling within the scope of your request:

1. Read-out of the meeting with the Cobalt Institute on Critical Raw Materials of 21 September 2022;
2. Email correspondence of the meeting with the Cobalt Institute on Critical Raw Materials of 21 September 2022;
3. Additional email correspondence of the meeting with the Cobalt Institute on Critical Raw Materials of 21 September 2022.

Having examined the documents requested under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, we have come to the conclusion that all documents shall be partially disclosed. Some parts of documents n° 1, 2, and 3 have been

blacked out as disclosure of some of the requested documents is prevented by exceptions to the right of access laid down in Article 4 of this Regulation.

Article 9.1(b) of the Data Protection Regulation does not allow the transmission of personal data, except if you prove that there is an overriding interest in public disclosure. In your request, you do not express any particular interest to have access to these personal data nor do you put forward any arguments to establish the necessity to have the data transmitted for a specific purpose in the public interest.

Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4.1.(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested documents, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

In case you would disagree with this position, you are entitled, in accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to submit a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

by asking for a review via your portal ⁽¹⁾ account (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

by mail:

European Commission
Secretariat-General
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)
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or by email to: sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>