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Climate Change

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Our ref: FOI2014/29015

20 January 2015

Dear

I refer to your e-mail of 18 December in which you asked for:

Please can you provide me with a copy of all correspondence held between DECC, OUGO and Halliburton including any documentation passed between the three parties mentioned.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') as the information you seek in our view, falls within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the Department holds information within the scope of your request.

After careful examination, DECC decided to withhold some of the information under regulation 13(1) of the EIRs, relating to personal data. Redacted copies of information is attached in Annex A.

Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs provides an absolute exception from disclosure for personal data, which then falls to be dealt with under the Data Protection Act (DPA). Personal data of third parties can only be disclosed under the data protection principles. In particular, the first data protection principle requires that disclosure must be fair and lawful and must comply with one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA. We do not think it is fair to release the names and contact details of DECC staff below Senior Civil Service level, or staff in other organisations, and do not think that any of the relevant conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA apply.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at: Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. E-mail: foi.requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil

ANNEX A

Please note all the highlight names will be redacted under Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs.

From: REDACTION REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION@halliburton.com]

Sent: 06 January 2015 09:58

To: REDACTION (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Dear REDACTION,

Thanks for your update and for agreeing to send a representative. We feel that it is important for the attendees to hear directly from OUGO about the status of the UK Shale business.

We will keep the slot and will contact you in due course to firm up the name of the speaker.

Best regards

REDACTION

Halliburton Consulting

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Mob: REDACTION

REDACTION@halliburton.com

From: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development) [mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 January 2015 09:54

To: REDACTION REDACTION

Cc: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Importance: High

Dear REDACTION

Happy New Year

Firstly, many apologies for the late response. This is to confirm that someone from OUGO will participate but I cannot give the name at this stage. Also REDACTION REDACTION has now left the Division.

Hope this is helpful.

With Kind Regards

REDACTION

From: REDACTION REDACTION [mailto:REDACTION REDACTION@halliburton.com]

Sent: 14 December 2014 00:02

To: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development); REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com; REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

REDACTION REDACTION,

I just wanted to check with you if a decision was made regarding a panelist to join the SPE event for June 2015.

Best regards

REDACTION

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Tel: REDACTION

Mob: REDACTION

REDACTION@halliburton.com

From: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development) [<mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: 12 November 2014 08:44

To: REDACTION REDACTION; REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com; REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Hi REDACTION

We have not had a chance to review this. We are planning to review this at the end of November. It is only than I will be able to advise if someone from OUGO can join or not. Many apologies for the delay and hope this is going to be ok.

With thanks

REDACTION



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From: REDACTION REDACTION [<mailto:REDACTION@halliburton.com>]

Sent: 12 November 2014 04:40

To: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com; REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Dear REDACTION,

We need to finalise the name of our panelists in the next few days, as we must start making the marketing material. Can you please confirm who will join the panel from your team.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

REDACTION

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From: REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development) [<mailto:REDACTION@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: 16 October 2014 08:43

To: REDACTION REDACTION

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com; REDACTION REDACTION (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Hello REDACTION

Very sorry for the delay in responding. I have been away from the office for some time for medical reasons and I am just phasing myself back in starting today.

I will discuss with colleagues and come back to you shortly.

Best wishes

REDACTION



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From: **REDACTION REDACTION** [<mailto:REDACTION@halliburton.com>]

Sent: 23 September 2014 00:22

To: **REDACTION** (Energy Development)

Cc: REDACTION@guptaenergy.com

Subject: Society of Petroleum Engineer (London Section)

Dear **REDACTION**

I am part of the steering committee for SPE London's flagship annual event, which is planned for 9-10 June 2015. The overall seminar title is "Maximising Value in Upstream Oil & Gas" and will be held in Central London (Telford Theatre, One Great George Street).

I am chairing the session that will focus on UK's Shale potential, which will include two presentations from senior industry representatives: **REDACTION REDACTION**, COO of iGas plus **REDACTION REDACTION REDACTION** of Halliburton. We were looking for a third panellist that could cover the UK Government's point of view and John recommended that we approach you.

We are quite flexible, if you wish to make a short presentation or just join the panel discussion (Q & A session). For your information, I have attached the copy of the programme for last year's event, to show you the depth and breadth of what we normally cover. The event is run based on the Chatham House rules.

I am more than happy to set up a call, if you have any questions. I have also copied **REDACTION REDACTION**, who is chairing the organising committee, if you need further information about this event.

We hope that you can participate in this event and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

REDACTION

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Tel: **REDACTION**

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From: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development)

Sent: 12 November 2013 09:59

To: REDACTION REDACTION

Cc: REDACTION@halliburton.com

Subject: RE: Visit to US

Dear REDACTION

Thanks for this mail. Very happy to meet REDACTION or arrange a wider meeting here with licensing colleagues at a convenient time.

Kind regards

Duarte

-----Original Message-----

From: REDACTION REDACTION [<mailto:REDACTION@halliburton.com>]

Sent: 12 November 2013 02:50

To: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development)

Subject: RE: Visit to US

Dear Duarte,

It was my pleasure to attend the event and I have forwarded your information to REDACTION REDACTION, our REDACTION REDACTION REDACTION REDACTION REDACTION REDACTION-REDACTION. REDACTION attended the function but I do not know if he was able to spend much time speaking to you.

His email is REDACTION@halliburton.com in case he was not able to leave a card for you.

I am in Mexico this week and have limited and varied access to email, and but will get back in touch with you next week when I can start providing you with some information that I believe will be helpful.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Figueira Duarte (Energy Development) [<mailto:Duarte.Figueira@decc.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 10:28 AM

To: **REDACTION REDACTION**

Subject: Visit to US

Dear **REDACTION**

Just a note to thank you for meeting and having our talk about how US and Texas experience is relevant to my work in the UK on shale development.

If there's any material you think I should be aware of feel free to send me a link to it. I'd be most grateful.

Very happy to meet you or your colleagues at a future date.

Kind regards

Duarte Figueira