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Your ref: TW_DECC_AQ2

Our ref: EIR 2004/19004

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 21st August, where you asked for the following information:

Pursuant to 2003/4 EC, and any and all of the Complex UK Environment legislation re 2003/4 EC, & Aarhus Convention

Please provide to the above address a list, of all documents, emails, correspondence, pieces of paper known to you which the Department may have in its possession which constitutes correspondence between DECC and a company called Tamboran Resources (in various forms named Tamboran Resources Pty Limited, Tamboran Resources Limited and Tamboran Resources UK Limited) since April 1st 2014.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIRs) because the information you sought 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 only one letter falling within the scope of your request, and the Department has decided to disclose this letter to assist you.

DECC considers that some of the information on this letter is exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13(1) of the EIRs which relates to personal data. A redacted copy of the letter is attached at **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 unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter. If you wish to request an internal review, please contact: The Information Rights Unit, Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. Email foi@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

Please remember to 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, and Water Lane, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Office for Unconventional Gas and Oil (OUGO)