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Dear [REDACTED]

In my letter to you dated 11 November 2014 I acknowledged your e-mail dated 8 October 2014 as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested the following information:

'...the successful contractors name and contract value' relating to Q0005 – the supply of Tapes.

I also explained to you that the MOD held information related to your request, but that we considered that some information fell within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 43 (*Commercial Interests*). As such it was necessary for us to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

We have now completed this work and I can tell you that we have concluded that some of the information you have requested falls within the scope of the qualified exemption provided for at Section 43(2) (*Commercial Interests*) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 43(2) provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any organisation or person holding it, including the MOD and its contractors.

The FOI Act contains a presumption in favour of disclosure and there is a public interest in the release of information which supports the accountability of the MOD for its use of public money; for example, to demonstrate that value for money is being obtained for taxpayers and that effective contractual processes are in place. Greater transparency of

decision making processes makes government more accountable and the release of information would allow an increased public understanding of how the procurement processes are undertaken in an open and honest way.

The Public Interest Test also recognised that releasing pricing information would prejudice commercial interest and weaken a company's position (in this case the successful supplier) in a competitive environment by revealing market sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors. Consequently we are withholding this information.

The name of the successful supplier is Anixter.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely



For Head of Secretariat