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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 requesting the following information:

*"I want to know how you manage the ownership of Intellectual Property in the project which the government funded, I mean in the science and technology researches contracts involve in defence and security or military projects, which carried out by DSTL colleges and industries collectively, for example the TOE project, the JGS project.*

*Which is the specific department that deals with Defence Intellectual Property? Do you have any specific rules or policies that set the principle of the IP problem? Or do you negotiate the ownership of IP in individual contract?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In answer to your questions, intellectual property issues within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) are dealt with by the Defence Intellectual Property Rights team (DIPR), under a delegation from the Secretary for State for Defence. DIPR forms part of MOD's Central Legal Services department and is located at MOD Abbey Wood in Bristol.

Intellectual Property issues affecting DSTL are dealt with by the Intellectual Property Group (IPG), which is located at DSTL Porton Down in Wiltshire.

MOD has a defined policy with respect to the ownership of intellectual property, and this policy applies to all MOD projects, including those carried out by DSTL and Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S). This policy was produced in consultation with Industry. It has been published on the Acquisition Operating Framework (AOF) as part of MOD's Commercial Manager's Toolkit, and is available online via the Defence Gateway (<https://www.gov.uk/defence-gateway>).

For convenience however I attach a copy of the policy with this correspondence. I hope that this provides the information you require.

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 Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 your case until the MOD 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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