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Dear

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS ACT 2004, REQUEST REF: 0006-15**

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2015 asking for information under the Environmental Information Regulations Act (FOIA) 2004. You asked:

*“ I am seeking information on correspondence between the embassy and the following companies and organisations:*

*Glencore  
Anglo American  
BHP Billiton  
Goldman Sachs  
Drummond Co*

*I would be grateful if you could use keywords in the terms listed above to search your records systems as part of your efforts to locate information. I am requesting correspondence generated in the period beginning September 2014 and continuing up to the present day, or as close as possible to it (i.e. the date this request or any subsequent appeal is processed).*

*Please ensure that your search for correspondence includes:*

- *Email correspondence (including attachments)*
- *Transcripts*
- *Memos*
- *Reports*
- *Briefing documents or the equivalent*
- *Letters*
- *Telephone records and any notes made during and after telephone calls*
- *Correspondence includes any other type of correspondence frequently used by the department, including text messages and private emails*

*2. I am seeking details of meetings between embassy officials and representatives of the following organisations from September 2014 and continuing up to the present day, or as close as possible to it (i.e. the date this request or any subsequent appeal is processed):*

- *Glencore*
- *Anglo American*
- *BHP Billiton*

- *Goldman Sachs*
- *Drummond Co*

*Please also provide information on meetings including:*

- *Date*
- *Time*
- *Place*
- *Attendee list (including name (where discloseable under requirements of DPA) and job title of each attendee)*
- *Minutes”*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. I enclose a copy for your attention.

Some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances regulation 13(1) of the EIRs applies. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, regulation 13 confers an absolute exception on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

South America Department



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