

## DIGEST OF RESPONSES – BP

“Communications to and from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office with BP Plc or persons acting on behalf of BP Plc, concerning economic and/or financial sanctions on citizens, corporations, and entities in the Russian Federation, between March 1, 2014 and February 15, 2015”

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**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**Sent:** 12 November 2014 12:06

**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]

**Cc:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting between Ambassador Rogers and Iain Conn - 13 November

Dear [FCO OFFICIAL],

Following our call today I confirm the meeting between Ambassador Rogers and Iain Conn tomorrow, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 15:15 for 30 minutes.

As mentioned earlier, Iain will be accompanied by Peter Mather (Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK) and [REDACTED] (Director European Government Affairs, BP).

Many thanks for your kind help in setting the meeting up.

With best regards.

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**Sent:** 10 November 2014 11:14

**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]

**Subject:** Possible meeting between Ambassador Rogers and Iain Conn - 13 November

Dear [FCO OFFICIAL],

BP's Managing Director and Chief Executive Refining & Marketing - Iain Conn, will be in Brussels this week and we would like to check with you whether a meeting with Ambassador Rogers would be at all possible.

Ambassador Rogers already met with him in November 2013.

Here is Iain's biography for more details:

<http://www.bp.com/en/global/corporate/about-bp/company-information/board-and-executive-management/the-board/iain-conn.html>

We are sure his agenda is very busy at the moment but we would be grateful if he could still find 30 min or more on November 13th, between 9 – 15:30. A lunch would also work for us.

Topics of interest would include: [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for your support.

Best regards,

[[BP REPRESENTATIVE]]

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**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2014 15:18  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Russia sanctions OFFICIAL

[FCO OFFICIAL]

That works for us. We have [BP REPRESENTATIVE], the head of our Russia business in town, and it would be useful for him to join.

Peter Mather has been in conversation with [FCO OFFICIAL]. Rather than duplicate meetings it might be helpful to consolidate them. Would it be possible to bring him in as well. I understand if that doesn't work.

Presume we'll be in OAB?

Best

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2014 12:38  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** Re: Russia sanctions OFFICIAL

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

[REDACTED]  
Can we say 1430 tomorrow? [FCO OFFICIAL] may join us.

Regards

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 04:10 PM  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Russia sanctions OFFICIAL

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Thank you. Friday is fine apart from 0930 to 1030. Otherwise I'll call in at your convenience.

Best

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 03 September 2014 16:08  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** Re: Russia sanctions OFFICIAL

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

[REDACTED]

Happy of course to speak at any time.  
I'm not sure how much certainty I'll be able to provide in the next day or two while negotiations are underway in Brussels. But let me know if you'd like to come in anyway. Friday better than tomorrow for me.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 03:43 PM  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** Russia sanctions

[FCO OFFICIAL] I hope you're well.

I realise you will have your hands full at present but I wonder if we could meet up with you or a member of the team in the next day or two to get a sanctions update. The last meeting we had was very useful from our perspective.

We have had a few conversations with [REDACTED] but it would be good to have a slightly more structured summary of the state of play.

We could provide some input on where we and the O&G sector stand at present.

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

[REDACTED] **Group Political Adviser, Government and Political Affairs | BP plc**

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**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 09:11 PM  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

Dear [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

Many thanks for your email to [FCO OFFICIAL].

You will have seen by now that the package of economic measures was adopted today by the EU. [REDACTED] are organising an event to set out the sanctions package for business. But we would of course be happy to [REDACTED] with you separately. We may have to draft in [REDACTED] to help on specific questions about [REDACTED].

Let me know when you'd like to discuss.

Regards

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2014 13:30  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your time recently. I wonder whether I might lean on you again for some information and a short discussion.

We have a couple of specific questions [REDACTED]. Once settled, would it be possible to fix up a meeting with yourselves or parties responsible in HMG to go through the sanctions package in some detail to ensure both our compliance and to clarify some of the clauses.

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

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**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 10:47

**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Thanks very much. I have to be in a meeting so please could you call my boss, [BP REPRESENTATIVE], BP's Head of Government and Political Affairs on [REDACTED]. I will try to be present but have another meeting.

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 10:33  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

I'll give you a call within the hour. I'm just tied up with something presently.

Kind Regards,

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 10:14  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

Thanks [FCO OFFICIAL]. [FCO OFFICIAL]– it would be greatly appreciated if we could have a word.

Best

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 09:28  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

I will be in crisis centre, but [FCO OFFICIAL] should be able to advise.

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 23 July 2014 09:22  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Further to correspondence, we have been studying the Council conclusions following the FAC meeting yesterday.  
[REDACTED].

Would it be possible to catch up at some point today if you have some space?

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

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**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2014 10:37  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[BP REPRESENTATIVE],

There are a number of key meetings taking place today, including the Foreign Affairs Council meeting in Brussels. We should have a clearer idea of the direction of EU policy on this matter tomorrow. Perhaps it might be sensible to have a chat then?

Kind Regards,

[FCO OFFICIAL]



**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2014 10:27  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

[BP REPRESENTATIVE] and I were able to arrange a short meeting with [FCO OFFICIAL] last Friday. Obviously information was coming in at that point and policy was in formation.

It would be immensely useful for us to know what the lie of the land is on sanctions so the business can plan accordingly. If [FCO OFFICIAL] is available today, I would be very happy to call into the FCO for a chat. I have nothing on that I cannot rearrange.

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

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**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2014 09:58  
**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Subject:** RE: Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

Did someone get back to you on this? (I was on leave last week).

If not, and you'd still like to touch base, I am linking you up with [FCO OFFICIAL] who can give an expert view, in conjunction [FCO OFFICIAL].

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 17 July 2014 11:25  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** Possible meeting [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

I wonder if you could spare some time tomorrow for a chat re: the new US sanctions package. I'm flexible on timing. [REDACTED]

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

[REDACTED] **Group Political Adviser, Government and Political Affairs | BP plc**

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**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 29, 2014 09:18 PM  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** RE: Question on [REDACTED]

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Thanks very much for getting back to me. Please do invite us to the [REDACTED] event. I have emailed [REDACTED] just now with four questions which I'll reproduce below and he's very kindly agreed to follow up on. It might be useful to go through the BP-specific ones separately given the commercial sensitivities. I'm sure [REDACTED] has tied you in but here they are. I'm free to meet with you tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

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[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

A pleasure. Do stay in touch – we'll be very interested to hear how it's going and if there are issues around implementation.

Regards

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 01 August 2014 11:20  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Subject:** Meeting yesterday

[FCO OFFICIAL]

A short note to thank you and your colleagues for the meeting yesterday. It was very helpful from our perspective.

If [REDACTED] plans a session on guidance please can you let us know.

In the meantime, it would be useful for us to remain in touch both to gauge impacts of existing measures and to discuss any potential extension of the sanctions regime.

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

[REDACTED] | **Group Political Adviser, Government and Political Affairs | BP plc**

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**From:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Sent:** 01 August 2014 11:17  
**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL] [BP REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Subject:** RE: Restrictive Measures Against Russia with regard to Ukraine

[FCO OFFICIAL]

Thank you for forwarding these attachments. We are looking at them carefully today.

Best wishes

[BP REPRESENTATIVE]

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**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]

**Sent:** 01 August 2014 11:02

**To:** [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**Cc:** [FCO OFFICIAL]; [BP REPRESENTATIVE]

**Subject:** Restrictive Measures Against Russia with regard to Ukraine

[BP REPRESENTATIVE],

You will probably have seen that the Council Decision and Regulations have now  
issued. In case not, the relevant documents are:



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Kind Regards,

[FCO OFFICIAL]

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## DIGEST OF RESPONSES - THECITYUK

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**From:** [THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE]

**Sent:** 12 January 2015 16:18

**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]

**Subject:** RE: CityUK panel on Russia

Hi [FCO OFFICIAL], happy new year to you too.

Thanks for getting in touch as was planning to contact you also.

The next meeting of TheCityUK’s Russia, CIS & Mongolia Group will take place on **Thursday 29 January, from 9-11am at The Law Society, Chancery Lane**. I’ll be working on the agenda over the next week and will send this to you as it comes together, and following our meeting before Christmas I had pencilled you in for a 5 minute piece on the current sanctions situation. Hope this is still fine, [REDACTED] updates during the meeting and would be on the agenda.

I was in Moscow for the holiday period, and did meet up with [REDACTED] – we talked through the current situation, [REDACTED]. Otherwise – and as a brief aside, largely anecdotally if you’ll forgive, I found it interesting that from a general Russian ‘on the street’ perspective, the feeling around EU / US sanctions seems to be that these are currently having minimal effect – that they are largely a US led action – [REDACTED]. Personally, it was hard to see any real effect of the Russian EU food boycott and this hardly registers there ([REDACTED]). I didn’t get any sense that a change to Russian policy toward East Ukraine was coming, or indeed was greatly desired, by the ‘populace’. Most want the aggression in East Ukraine to end...but see this as Kiev / US – and to a lesser degree EU responsibility, and very few felt that Crimea actions on Russian side were a mistake.

[REDACTED]. Whilst my perception here is all a tad obvious, I still was surprised at the general acceptance of a difficult situation - clearly perceived to be not of Putin’s making [REDACTED].

As you said...I think this may be a long road to travel now, [REDACTED], this is a long way from the general view I heard from the small Russian circle I spoke with, and most of those come from an internationally, rather than parochially, focused background.

Let me know on 29<sup>th</sup>, and thanks again for following up on the meeting.

Very best,

[THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE]

**From:** [FCO OFFICIAL]  
**Sent:** 12 January 2015 15:03  
**To:** [THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE]  
**Subject:** CityUK panel on Russia

[THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE],

Happy 2015! I hope you're well.

I just wanted to check in with you as I recall that at the end of last year you said you were going to host some sort of panel event on Russia- [REDACTED] I think...?

I've got a few bits & pieces on in January already, so wanted to get in touch in case you were still going ahead, so that I could either make sure I was available to attend or could field someone else from the FCO (assuming you are after HMG attendance).

Speak soon,

[FCO OFFICIAL]

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[THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE],

We spoke. Apologies again for being unable to attend this event- I'd very much like to come to something similar in the future.

[FCO OFFICIAL] from my team has agreed to attend in my place. [FCO OFFICIAL] works on Russia sanctions with me (as well as covering other regimes including Syria). His job title is [REDACTED].

As discussed over the phone, [FCO OFFICIAL] will come ready to give a five minute (ish) update on Russia sanctions, including key events over the next couple of months. He will answer questions where possible, although obviously there will be many policy areas we cannot go into a huge amount of detail on.

Grateful if you could send [FCO OFFICIAL] anything additional he needs in advance of the meeting next week.

Thanks and see you soon,

[FCO OFFICIAL]

**From:** [THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE]

**Sent:** 21 January 2015 12:47



**To:** [FCO OFFICIAL]

**Subject:** Russia Market Advisory Group - 29 January

Hi [FCO OFFICIAL],

I'm just putting together the agenda for the Russia MAG on Thursday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, attached with this mail, and have added you to the agenda. [REDACTED] at the Embassy usually dials in with an economic update.

Can you let me know if this fine with you and, of course, happy to accommodate any views?

Cheers

[THECITYUK REPRESENTATIVE]