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Thank you for your email dated 19 April 2017. You asked:

Please could you indicate why Leyal GEMI SOKUM of ALIAGA (parent company DIDO HOLDINGS PIRAEUS GREECE) is the MINISTRY OF DEFENCE preferred contractor in the disposal of ex UK warships and auxiliaries!

In particular what qualifies that organisation in the MINISTRY OF DEFENCE's choice with particular reference to any, "ISO ACCREDITATIONS and ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE ACCREDITATIONS ", that LEYAL GEMI SOKUM hold with particular reference of a non EU country disposing of an EU country warship or auxiliary

I am treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The MOD is very clear that competition remains the best procurement strategy to deliver value-for-money for the defence budget. Following a series of open competitions, a Turkish company, LEYAL Ship Recycling Ltd, has recycled a number of former Royal Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels over the years. These contracts were awarded because the company's bid provided the best combination of technical capability and financial return to the MOD.


In 2007 the UK Government published its Ship Recycling Strategy which committed the UK to recycling its vessels according to the Basel convention (disposal of hazardous waste) and gave due consideration to environmental and health and safety factors as well as price. Consistent with MOD's commitment to fair and open competition in both procurement and sales, ships are sold in accordance with the UK Government's Ship Recycling Strategy, which allow offers from companies who propose to recycle within member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Turkey is a member of the OECD.

Any organisation bidding for MOD vessels for recycling must meet the criteria set out in the MOD Disposal Services Authority Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and Invitation to Tender. As part of this process, potential bidders are required to list their quality, health & safety and environmental accreditations. Potential bidders must also be in possession of all necessary licences for undertaking ship dismantling and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous materials.

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, 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 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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