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Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/7337

We refer to your e-mail of 25 November 2021 in which you make a request for access to documents. Your e-mail was registered on 25 November 2021 under the abovementioned reference number.

You request access to documents containing the following information concerning the collected contributions to the public consultation from 22 November 2010 to 24 January 2011on disclosure of non-financial information by companies.

With regard to the list of contributions to the public consultation, a complete disclosure is prevented by the exception concerning the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual outlined in Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, because they contain the following personal data:

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Consequently, I conclude that, pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, access cannot be granted to the personal data contained in the requested document, as the need to obtain access thereto for a purpose in the public interest has not been substantiated and there is no reason to think that the legitimate interests of the individuals concerned would not be prejudiced by disclosure of the personal data concerned.

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European Commission Secretariat-General Unit C.1. 'Transparency, Document Management and Access to Documents' BERL 7/076 B-1049 Brussels, or by email to: <u>sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu</u>

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Excel file containing the collected contributions to the public consultation from 22 November 2010 to 24 January 2011on disclosure of nonfinancial information by companies.