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Dear ██████████

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 23 February 2026 that sought the following information:

Copies of any environmental due diligence assessments, environmental risk appraisals, or compliance history reviews undertaken by DAERA (including any consultation with or input from NIEA) prior to awarding SBRI Phase 2 funding in February 2026 to Natural World Products in respect of the Glenside facility.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds some of the information you requested.

In response to your request the Department has decided not to disclose the information as it considers Regulation 12(4)(e) and Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged:

*Regulation 12(1) provides:*

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12(1) *“Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (9), a public authority may refuse to disclose environmental information requested if—*

- (a) an exception to disclosure applies under paragraphs (4) or (5); and*
- (b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”*

**Regulation 12(4)(e):**

*“For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that—*

- (e) the request involves the disclosure of internal communications”.*

**Regulation 12(5)(e):**

*“For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect – ...*

- (e) the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest”.*

In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information at **Annex A**.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department’s decision.

Yours sincerely,

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