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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 26<sup>th</sup> February, with apologies for the delay in issuing this response. Your request sought the following information:

*A copy of all information held by you in relation to the below matters, regarding the Dalradian Gold Curraghinalt project;*

- *Specifications or inventory of explosives to be used in daily blasting, including type, chemical composition, initiation methods, and storage regimes;*
- *Nitrate, nitrite, ammonium, and ammonia emission projections from blasting, wastewater, and tailings;*
- *Diesel and Stationary Generator usage data, including associated emissions (e.g. NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM2.5/PM10);*

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- *A full inventory of reagents (flotation chemicals) and their toxicological profiles;*
- *A Dry Stack Tailings Facility failure risk model, and related emergency preparedness planning;*
- *The grade, tonnage and processing plan for tellurium, a strategic critical mineral introduced post-application;*
- *A final and consulted-upon Habitats Regulations Assessment, compliant with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive;*
- *A climate impact assessment compliant with Finch v Surrey CC, addressing Scope 3 emissions including overseas concentrate processing, export and refining.*

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

The information held which can be disclosed has already been released to you under request reference no. DAERA 26-120. This covers information held in respect of explosives, emissions from blasting and tailings, diesel use, reagents and Tellurium.

No information is held by the Department in respect of a dry stack tailing facility failure risk model, a final Habitats Regulation Assessment or a Climate impact assessment, in respect of the Dalradian Gold project.

The Department decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers regulation 12 (4) e to be engaged when the information request was originally received and that this exemption still applies. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. The associated Public Interest Tests have been conducted and were included in the release under DAERA 26-120.

Some of the information held constitutes personal data of which you are not the data subject. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

The Department has considered this element within the tests attached to DAERA 26-120 and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under FOI / EIR exists. Please bear in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just to you, the requester. Consequently, third party personal data falling within the scope of this request has been withheld.

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.

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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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