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Request Details:

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25 September 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 31 August 2026 as detailed below.

- Whether any NDA, confidentiality agreement, confidentiality undertaking or equivalent restricted-information arrangement has existed or currently exists in connection with Curraghinalt, and whether any such arrangement has affected the receipt, circulation, recording or disclosure of environmental information from Jan 2009 to date.

Under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.

NIEA has no record of any such agreement or undertaking in connection with the proposed gold mine at Curraghinalt.

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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 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,

**Water Regulation Team
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