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Dear Ms. Barton,

Dear Mr. Stookes,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention in connection with an opencast coal mine and Merthyr Tydfil, Wales (Ref. ACCC/C/2009/40)**

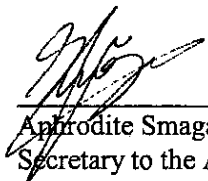
On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I would like to thank the participants in the discussion of the above referenced communication at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Compliance Committee (Geneva, 16-19 March 2010).

The advance unedited copy of the report of the meeting, including information concerning the discussion on the communication at issue (see paragraphs 26-28 of the report), is accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>.

Further to the oral submissions of the parties at the discussion, the Committee deliberated and held that the communication was not admissible. The Committee took note of a further written submission made by the communicant in response to the announcement of the Committee's determination that the communication was not admissible but was not persuaded to revise its position. Therefore, no further action will be taken in relation to the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: UK Mission to the United Nations, Geneva