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Dear Ms. Barton and Mr. Stookes,


Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with costs associated with discharge of an interim injunction (Ref. ACCC/C/2008/23)

Please find enclosed the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding communication ACCC/C/2008/23. After having taken into account the replies by the parties by the 12 April 2010 deadline, the Committee completed the draft by using its electronic decision-making procedure.

The draft is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. You are kindly requested to provide your comments no later than 4 July 2010. However, as the Committee would like to finalize and adopt the findings as soon as possible, if it were possible for you to provide your comments by 16 June 2010, this would enable it to adopt the findings at its twenty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 15-18 June 2010).

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,


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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2008/23