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Dear 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)

On 21 February 2008, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication submitted by you on behalf of Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Baker of Keynsham, United Kingdom, and addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by the United Kingdom with certain provisions of the Convention. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2008/23, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication at its nineteenth meeting (5-7 March 2008), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

In order to facilitate further consideration of the communication, the Committee has requested the secretariat to invite you to address the following question:

In the communication you mention that Hinton Organics (Wessex) Ltd. has breached its waste management licence on numerous occasions since 2003 and that it has been served with a number of notices by the Council and the Environment Agency, cautioned twice and prosecuted at least once. Are there any means used by or available to the public to bring the company into compliance with the alleged breaches of its waste management licence other than the private nuisance proceedings and appropriate

injunctive relief (such as initiating procedures against the relevant authority for failure to take action)?

A number of additional questions have been raised in a letter to the Party concerned, a copy of which is attached for your information. Should you wish to address any of those questions, you are welcome to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Wates

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Mr. Philip Turner, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), United Kingdom

Encs. Preliminary determination on admissibility Copy of letter to Mr. Philip Turner, DEFRA