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Our ref: 13/1036

30 August 2013

Dear

I refer to your e-mail of 13 August which made the following request:

*I would like to request information on Cuadrilla and meetings it has held with the Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil.*

*I would like to know how many times Cuadrilla representatives have met with the OUGO since 1 January 2013 until today, 1st August. In respect of each meeting I would like to receive copies of agendas, minutes, readouts and other memoranda.*

*Further I would like to request correspondence, including letters, emails, text messages and notes from phone calls, between the parties above over the same time period.*

We have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') as the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

I can confirm that a representative of the Office of Unconventional Gas and Oil had meetings with a representative or representatives of Cuadrilla on three occasions in that time. Agendas, minutes or readouts from these meetings do not exist, although I have attached a letter regarding one of these meetings.

There was correspondence between the offices during this time and I have attached copies of emails, statements and transcripts of text messages.

#### Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Information Rights Unit at:

Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Service)  
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
1 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0ET  
E-mail: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours faithfully,

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