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Our Ref: BTC/EIR/1

Dear Ms. New

## **Access to information request, Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

We are writing to request the following environmental information held by the ECGD in relation to the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil pipeline.

### **A. The Business Principles Unit's Assessment of the BTC Project**

- i) A copy of the Business Principles Unit's Assessment Report on the BTC project as prepared for ECGD's Underwriting Committee;
- ii) A list of all meetings held to discuss the BPU's assessment report, including attendees;
- iii) All notes and/or minutes of meetings held to discuss the BPU's assessment report, including any written comments or appraisals;
- iv) All correspondence with BP and/or BTC Co relating to the BPU's assessment report.

## **B. The selection and Use of SPC 2888 as the BTC pipeline coating in Azerbaijan and Georgia**

We already have copies of the *Desktop study final – Field joint Coating Review (15 July 2004)*, prepared by Worley Parsons. We would, however, request copies of:

- i) All correspondence with BP and/or BTC Co relating to the testing, selection and use of SPC 2888 as the field joint coating on the Georgia and Azerbaijan sections of the BTC oil pipeline;
- ii) All correspondence with AMEC or other contractors on the BTC oil pipeline relating to the use of SPC 2888 as the field joint coating on the Georgia and Azerbaijan sections of the BTC oil pipeline;
- iii) All correspondence with Parsons Energy and/or Worley Parsons relating to its assessment of the use of SPC 2888.
- v) A list of all meetings held to testing, selection and use of SPC 2888 as the field joint coating on the Georgia and Azerbaijan sections of the BTC oil pipeline;
- iv) All notes and/or minutes of meetings held to discuss the testing, selection and use of SPC 2888 as the field joint coating on the Georgia and Azerbaijan sections of the BTC oil pipeline, including .

## **C. Complaint Under OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises**

- i) All correspondence, including correspondence with BP, relating to the Specific Instance submitted by NGOs under the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises against BP over the BTC oil pipeline;
- ii) A list of all meetings held to discuss the Specific Instance, including attendees;
- iii) All notes and/or minutes of meetings held to Specific Instance, including any written comments or appraisals.

We would also like to receive a schedule of documents that ECGD will be releasing to us and a schedule of documents that it will not with a brief description of each document (title of document, date of document, brief description of nature of document and basis for the exemptions cited).

Our preferred format for receiving this information is via email to [nick@fifehead.demon.co.uk](mailto:nick@fifehead.demon.co.uk) . I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt and if hard copies of correspondence (if any) could be sent to: Nicholas Hildyard, The Corner House, Station Road, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1YJ

We look forward to receiving the information requested "as soon as possible" and in any event within 20 working days of today. If any of the provisions of this request are

unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01258 473795 and I will seek to clarify and assist.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Hildyard, The Corner House