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(by email)

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Dear Mr Carroll

Request for information on Rattlechain Lagoon

Thank you for your request for copies of all email correspondence between VLA and Rhodia on the subject of Rattlechain Lagoon which we received on 8 February 2011. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

I enclose a copy of the information you requested. It is in the form of a series of emails and attachments. The documents have been numbered to show their chronology and relationship to each other. The documents are listed in annex A.

We have decided to withhold some of the information you have requested under regulations 12 (3) and 13 of the EIRs as the information constitutes third party personal data. The information relates to names and contact details included in the emails and documents. It is considered unfair to release the information by reason of prejudice to the freedoms of the data subjects, i.e. the individuals concerned. The regulations provide that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). We consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data.

Dr Tom Dutton the HSE Director at Rhodia UK Ltd is content for his name and contact details to be released in relation to this request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. I also attach annex B giving information about copyright provisions and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

Yours sincerely

Heather Hulse VLA Librarian and Records Manager





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