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Dear Mr Gilsenan,

Thank you for your email of 16 July 2014 where you requested the follow information:

"I understand that there is a proposal to sell the ConstructionLine operation.

Would you provide the following information?

- 1. What is the proposed timeframe of this proposal?**
- 2. How will the proposal be notified to potential interested parties?**
- 3. What form will a prospectus take?**
- 4. What opportunity will be provided to examine the trading record of the entity?"**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking. However, the information for questions 1, 3 and 4 is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is intended for publication at a future date on the Official Journal of the European Union's website.

Information which can be disclosed in regard to question 2 is below.

The remainder of the information that you requested is exempt under section 22 of the Act and is therefore withheld. Section 22 is a qualified exemption and we have therefore considered the public interest test.

Reason(s) for publication:

- The desirability for information being freely available.

Reason(s) for withholding publication:

- Allowing everyone to view a publication at the same time: Publication would create unfairness to other parties interested in the sale of Constructionline. It is intended to publish all relevant information at a future date so it can be viewed simultaneously;
- Publication procedures: It is important that the publication follows certain sale procedures.

Having considered the public interest, we consider that the public interest in disclosing this information is outweighed by the public interest considerations in favour of withholding the information. The Department's decision is therefore to withhold the information in relation to questions 1, 3 and 4. The answer to question 2 is that the invitation notice will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
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E-mail: foi.requests@bis.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 sincerely,



Peter Payne