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Dear Mr Tiffin,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 September 2020 to the Ministry of Defence and Royal Navy in which you requested the following information:

'On 13th May 2020, Gravity Industries published a video on their YouTube channel purporting to show the Royal Navy and Royal Marines carrying out a trial jet suit naval assault, as can be seen here:

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FH4FUBfp9kS0&data=02%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7C6a17e87ee4fa4135476b08d864758909%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637369803256756874&sdata=xnwLLzGs6tObkLjdXfZ5GW8%2FXfQ%2FydisV%2FQw6e9mJg%3D&reserveid=0>

Can you please disclose:

- How much has Gravity Industries been paid in relation to jet suit trials and tests by yourselves or the mod?
- How long have you had a business relationship with Gravity Industries?
- Can you please disclose the reports relating to this test.

This is in the public interest and does not pose a national security risk due to the already public nature of the test. It is important that the public can scrutinize how public money is being spent by the mod.

It does not affect planned or current operations as they are not Yet in service.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

Following consideration of both of your requests, it has become apparent that the Ministry of Defence requires further detail from you to determine what information it is that you are seeking. In respect of part one of your requests, can you please provide an explanation of what you mean by the term 'business relationship'?

Under S.1(3) of the FOI Act, a Public Authority may refuse to respond to an FOI request where it requires further information in order to identify and locate the information requested. It will be necessary to close your enquiry under this reference number until we have received clarification as detailed above. Once the further information is received this will constitute a new request of which there will be a new 20 working day period to respond.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact this office in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance Team, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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