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Our reference: 500716

Dear Jean

Request for information

We refer to your request of 13 March 2006 in which you ask the following two questions:

1. You asked if Greenpeace could narrow down the scope of information it is seeking in relation to the consultancy reports undertaken for NIREX (as listed in the request and response). In order to assist in this I ask for copies of any final reports, final drafts (or indeed drafts) from these consultants and also any responses from the NIREX Board or Executive to these reports.

In response I would like to refer to each of the 11 companies in your original request of 15 December 2005:

(a) Promise

We still stand by our response dated 20 January 2006 in which we stated that "For these reasons Nirex has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption in this case outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

(b) Kingsmead Communications Limited

They have not produced any consultancy reports.

(c) Good Relations

They have not produced any consultancy reports.

(d) Self employed consultant

There is one potential output from this piece of work, a corporate narrative, describing our learning since 1997. This work is incomplete and in abeyance due to the high workload associated with CoRWM, but we hope to come back to it later this year.

It is intended that this work will be published when complete, but in the meantime, it would be counter-productive for this work in progress to be published. It needs careful review to make sure that we have documented the lessons learned in a way that will be transparent and accessible to all. We believe it is reasonable in these circumstances to withhold disclosure of this information at the present time under

section 22 FOIA. Our consideration of the public interest test took account of the same factors mentioned above and leads to the same conclusion that the public interest in producing a document that will be transparent and accessible would be achieved by withholding this information outweighs the general public interest test in being able to release information sought wherever possible.

In light of the above we are refusing your request at this time.

(e) Fleishman Hillard

They have not produced any consultancy reports.

(f) Connect

They have not produced any consultancy reports.

(g) IFF

We still stand by our response dated 20 January 2006 in which we stated that " It is intended that this work will be published when complete, but in the meantime, it would be confusing and potentially counter-productive to the effectiveness of the two projects as communication tools, for work in progress versions of them to be published." "In light of the above we are refusing your request at this time."

(h) The Future Foundation

They have not produced any consultancy reports.

(i) ERM

Report has been provided with our response dated 20 January 2006.

Nirex responded to this report with an article on the "what's new" section of our web site on 28 January 2005. A hard copy is also attached.

(j) Self-employed consultant

Report has been provided with our response dated 20 January 2006.

(k) Women's Institute

Report has been provided with our response dated 20 January 2006.

Other than mentioned at (i) above there have been no specific Nirex Board papers considering consultancy reports that are being disclosed in response to your request.

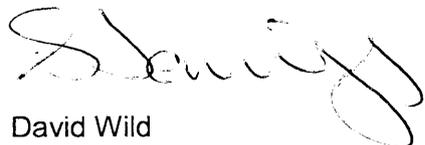
2. Possible change in company name. I would like to see a copy of Greenpeace's request that NIREX should change its name.

In response to your second question, an initial search of our records reveals no record of a written request from Greenpeace.

If you are in any way dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you can contact Andrew Puddephatt, Chair of the Independent Transparency Review Panel. The primary role of the panel is to review complaints related to Nirex's code of practice on access to information. You can contact Andrew at the following address:

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