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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Request, SCM/01/5764

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (2000) request dated 23rd September 2013 with regards to sponsorship agreements between the Science Museum Group and (Royal Dutch) Shell. My colleagues in the Museum's Development Team have reviewed relevant records. If I may I will address each of your points in turn:

1) Details of funding/sponsorship arrangements between Royal Dutch Shell and the Group

The current sponsorship agreement that we have with Shell is for our 'Atmosphere: exploring climate science' gallery, plus associated 3 year 'Climate Changing' programme of events and small displays within the Museum.

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2) Start and end dates

The agreement started in December 2010 and will finish in December 2015

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3) Amounts donated

£1,000,000.

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4) Any other conditions of the agreement.

With regards to conditions of the agreement, I can confirm that the Science Museum does hold the information you have requested.

However, as you may be aware, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") does not require us to release information which "would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding the information)" (Section 43(2) FOIA). In this particular case, we are unable to release the information you have requested as we feel that to release the information would or would be likely to prejudice future negotiations between the Science Museum and prospective sponsors. On this basis, we feel that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in making such a disclosure.

The Science Museum relies on external supporters to help fund our core activities and develop our programme. We tailor different benefit packages for each project, which both suitably recognise and express our appreciation for the contribution our sponsors have provided, whilst also encouraging their future support. I trust this information is of some use to you and I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the Science Museum Group takes its Freedom of Information Act responsibilities seriously. Each request is researched and investigated thoroughly with as much information as possible being released.



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