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Public access to ECB documents

Dear Ms Cann,

On 1 October 2013 the European Central Bank (ECB) received your request for public access to ECB documents.

With regard to point (i) of your request, we should like to refer you to Articles 0.8 (Conflicts of interest – general rule) and 0.14 (Negotiating prospective employment), as well Articles 0.17.1 and 0.17.3, of Article 0.17 (Insider trading), of Part 0 of the ECB Staff Rules containing the Ethics Framework, as well as to Article 37.1 (Professional secrecy) of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, as the relevant provisions, which are publicly available via the ECB's website.¹

With respect to point (ii), please note that the staff member concerned submitted, by letter dated 30 September 2013 to the Director General Human Resources, his resignation from the ECB, effective 31 December 2013. This letter of resignation falls within the scope of the individual employment relations of ECB staff with the ECB and not within the scope of application of the ECB's public access regime.

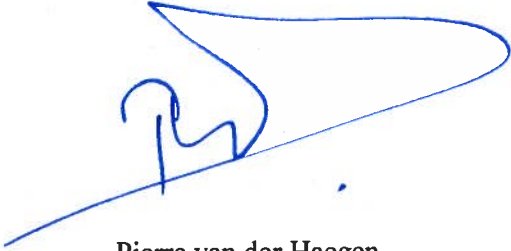
In addition, the record of the meeting of the ECB Executive Board of 15 October 2013 has been identified as relevant to your request. Following a thorough assessment of your request in line with the requirements established by Decision ECB/2004/3, the ECB considers that none of the exceptions listed in Article 4 of Decision ECB/2004/3 apply and that the relevant part of this document can therefore be disclosed to you (see certified copy attached).

¹ See http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/pdf/c_04020110209en00130017.pdf and http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/legal/pdf/c_32620121026en.pdf

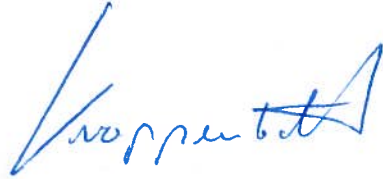
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For the sake of good order, we should like to inform you that in line with Article 10 of ECB Decision ECB/2004/3 “*Documents released shall not be reproduced or exploited for commercial purposes without the ECB’s prior specific authorisation. The ECB may withhold such authorisation without stating reasons.*”

Kind regards,



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Head of the Institutional Law Division



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THE 850TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF 15 OCTOBER 2013**

27. Other business – (i) Revised assignments for the Counsellor to the President

With regard to his Counsellor's forthcoming employment change, the President proposed, in agreement with his Counsellor, to discharge him by the end of this week from all duties that require access to monetary policy related or any other market sensitive inside information as listed in Art. 0.17.4 of the Staff Rules so as to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. DG Secretariat would liaise with the relevant business areas to ensure implementation of this arrangement in terms of access to the ECB's document and records management system (Darwin). His Counsellor would still carry out tasks not-related to the current policy situation also to allow a smooth transition. The Executive Board considered this an appropriate way forward and decided accordingly.

Certified to the original

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