

On 06/03/2020, Vicky Cann wrote:

Dear Damjana

Thank you for your email.

With regards to the Conference in Feb 2018, you said that "I never spoke the position of Slovenia, I explained my scientific findings." But in slides 13, 14, 15 of the presentation

<http://www.fotokatalyza.org/file/106/ddrobne-tio2-prague-21.2.2018-final---na-usb-a.pdf> you appear to describe the position of the Slovenian Government. Please could you clarify what you were presenting there?

Finally, how would you describe your role to advise the Slovenian Government while it was developing and promoting its position on the classification of titanium dioxide, and what contact did you have with Cinkarna while undertaking this role?

Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Cann

On 05/03/2020 , Drobne, Damjana wrote:

Dear Vicky,

did you get all answers as expected; are there any opened issues left?

In case you have any other questions, you are welcome.

Kind regards

Damjana

University of Ljubljana

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**Od:** Vicky Cann

**Poslano:** 5. marec 2020

**Za:** Drobne, Damjana

**Zadeva:** Re: Questions regarding titanium dioxide, Cinkarna, and the Slovenian Government

Dear Damjana

Thank you for the speedy responses. I will be in touch if I have further follow-up questions.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Cann

On 03/03/2020, Drobne, Damjana wrote:

Dear,

My answers are below.

You can call me anytime, but as a scientist I have a limited info.

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Kind regards

Damjana

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**From:** Vicky Cann

**Sent:** Thursday, February 27

**To:** Drobne, Damjana

**Subject:** Questions regarding titanium dioxide, Cinkarna, and the Slovenian Government

Dear Professor Drobne

I work for Corporate Europe Observatory and I am working on an article relating to the classification of titanium dioxide. I have seen the [extensive article](#) in the Finance Business Daily from January 2020 and would like to ask you some follow-up questions. I would be grateful for a response by the close of play on Thursday 5 March.

1. I understand that you were appointed by the Slovenian Government to head a working group in January 2018 to in order to “take a responsible decision” on the approach of the Government towards the proposed EU classification of titanium dioxide. How long was this working group active for? Is there any public report about the group's work? How many meetings did the working group have with Cinkarna? [No this is not correct. I was appointed by NanoSafetyCluster \( https://nook.ga/tassos2/nsc-overview/nsc-structure/task-forces/tf-tio2/\), not Slo government. This was one year activity and report is available.](#)
2. When you spoke at the February 2018 [conference](#) in the Czech Republic organised by the chemical industry and you [put forward](#) the position of Slovenia as opposed to the proposed classification of titanium dioxide, had the work of the working group already been completed? [I never spoke the position of Slovenia, I explained my scientific findings. The research was partly funded by EU funding or by Slovenina research agency \(www.bionanoteam.com \)](#)
3. Were you involved in drafting or commenting upon the June 2018 [UK-Slovenia proposal](#) on the classification of titanium dioxide? [Yes. I was](#)

scientific advised to our National Chemical Bureau as a member of their scientific nano-working group.

4. When did Cinkarna Celje commission your team to review "existing scientific publications on the effect of titanium dioxide on biological systems", and when was this work completed? Has this work been published? Is this not a conflict of interest with your work for the Slovenian Government? Our team did this work as scientist of University of Ljubljana. This work was a knowledge transfer activity. The work was not published, but it is composed of many of our scientific publications on TiO<sub>2</sub> and biological effects

(<https://apps.webofknowledge.com/InboundService.do?product=WOS&daisIds=229134&Func=Frame&DestFail=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.webofknowledge.com&SrcApp=RRC&SrcAuth=RRCPubList&SID=E5mAH2nt3Qgw4nWw9RP&customersID=RRCPubList&mode=SourceByDais&IsProductCode=Yes&Init=Yes&AU=Drobne%2C+Damjana&viewType=summary&action=search> ).

5. Please can you describe your "cooperation" with Cinkarna Celje, as mentioned on your on-line CV? Knowledge transfer to Slovenian companies.

6. Do you know why the Cinkarna 2018 annual report said: "By engaging experts, we also participated in the preparation of opinion foundations of Slovenia as an EU member state" in connection with titanium dioxide? It implies that there was a link between your cooperation with the company and/or its commissioning of your faculty and the process by which the Slovenian Government developed its position. How do you respond to this? My cooperation is explained above.

7. Have you ever represented the Slovenian Government in any EU forum on the issue of titanium dioxide? I did not represent our government but I was delegated by National Chemical Bureau as a national expert to participate at CARACAL subgroup meeting in April 2017 to discuss the CLP and TiO<sub>2</sub>.

8. Why did you participate in the 2017 and 2019 TiO<sub>2</sub> world summits? Would you share the presentations that you made there as the complete versions do not appear to be available? I had a presentation as a scientist discussion scientific findings on biological effects of TiO<sub>2</sub> and considerations.... Yes. Attached.

9. What is your opinion of the final EU classification of titanium dioxide? Attached is my paper on CLP and TiO<sub>2</sub> and a share the opinion of the NSC Task force.

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or have a Skype XXXXX  
anytime

I look forward to receiving your reply. Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Cann