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Morris, Alexander

From: Shehan, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 4:14 PM
To: Morris, Alexander
Cc: Smith, Isiah
Subject: FOIA Request from Dr. Lin [FW: Your questions regarding FOIA no. 2008-000507]

Chris,

Isiah has asked me to process this through the FOIA office, see Dr. Lin's request below. Please advise if you have any questions.

Best,
Kevin

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mandy Lin [mailto:mandylin@evernutech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 3:44 PM
To: Shehan, Kevin
Cc: Smith, Isiah
Subject: RE: Your questions regarding FOIA no. 2008-000507

Hi Mr. Shehan,

I wish you had an enjoyable and relaxing Memorial weekend!

I am so glad hearing from you the two positive answers by the DOE responding to my requests. I have received the document # 163 attached to your e-mail and appreciate very much that the DOE exercises its discretion to release the letter in its entirety.

I am especially pleased that the DOE also agrees to treat my e-mail request for the subsequent communication(s) about Steve Skubel's September 8, 2008 letter as a FOIA request. Yes, on behalf of EverNu, this is my confirmation that EverNu and I wish the DOE to do so. If it would simplify your effort, you do not need sending me any hard copies, PDF files as e-mail attachments are just perfect for me. I look forward to hearing from you again!

Thanks and regards!

Mandy Lin
EverNu Technology

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5/28 Sent E-mail
5/28 - Agree to pay upto $50.00. Please notify if it will Exceed.

-----Original Message-----
From: Shehan, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Shehan@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:02 PM
To: Mandy Lin
Cc: Smith, Isiah
Subject: RE: Your questions regarding FOIA no. 2008-000507

Dr. Lin,

Regarding your questions:

1. Attached please find the unredacted version of document no. 163.
DOE is exercising its discretion to release the letter in its entirety.

2. DOE would be pleased to treat your request for subsequent communications about Steve Skubel's September 8, 2008 letter as a FOIA request. Please advise promptly should you wish DOE to do so.

Sincerely,
Kevin Shehan

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mandy Lin [mailto:mandylin@evernutech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Shehan, Kevin
Cc: Smith, Isiah
Subject: RE: Your questions regarding FOIA no. 2008-000507

Dear Mr. Shehan,

Here is my confirmation of our phone conversation by copying and making only one minor modification to the two points captured in your e-mail.

1. Regarding responsive document no. 163*, why was it withheld in part under exemption (b)(5), given that it is a communication from James Vouros of Rohm & Haas to David Hill of DOE?

2. With my oral request and this e-mail request, but without making a new FOIA request, will DOE disclose to EverNu its correspondence, if any, between Rohm & Hass and DOE after Sep. 8, 2008 regarding Steve Skubel's September 8, 2008 letter to James Vouros?

Sincerely,

Mandy Lin
EverNu Technology

-----Original Message-----
From: Shehan, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Shehan@hq.doe.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Mandy Lin
Cc: Smith, Isiah
Subject: Your questions regarding FOIA no. 2008-000507

Dr. Lin,

Good afternoon. As we discussed by phone today, you have two questions regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, FOIA no. 2008-000507:

1. Regarding responsive document no. 163*, why was it withheld in part under exemption (b)(5), given that it is a communication from James Vouros of Rohm & Haas to David Hill of DOE?

2. Without your making a new FOIA request, will DOE voluntarily disclose to you its correspondence, if any, between Rohm & Hass and DOE regarding Steve Skubel's September 8, 2008 letter to James Vouros**?

Please advise me promptly if your questions are not accurately described here. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kevin Shehan

* - Responsive document no. 163 is listed in the FOIA index we provided

you: "163. Letter from James Vouros to David Hill dated December 26, 2007 Re: Philadelphia Inquirer article. Withhold in part (b)(5) document contains attorney work-product and deliberative process privileged matter. 2pp."

** - The September 8, 2008 letter was provided to you as responsive document no. 159.a, which is listed in the FOIA index we provided you:
"159.a. Letter from Steve Skubel to James Vouros dated September 8, 2008 Re: Rohm and Haas letter of May 13, 2008. Release. 2pp."

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