

5 February 2024

Ms. Margarida Marcelino
Ministry of the Environment, Territory Management and Energy
Portugal

Dear Ms. Marcelino,

Re: Communication concerning compliance by Portugal in connection with access to environmental information regarding the Mina do Barroso open-pit mine (ACCC/C/2021/186)

The Compliance Committee has asked me to write to you to enquire as to whether the Portuguese Environment Agency, together with its letters of [8 March 2021](#) and [19 May 2021](#), provided information to Montescola Foundation on access to a review procedure in accordance with article 9 (1) of the Convention. If the Environment Agency did so, please provide a copy of the letter or other document in which that information was provided to the communicant.

I would be grateful your reply to above question to aarhus.compliance@un.org by **Thursday, 22 February 2024**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Mr. Xoan Evans Pin, Montescola Foundation, communicant of communication ACCC/C/2021/186
Mr. Fernando Queiroga, Mayor, Municipal Council of Boticas, observer
Mr. Nils Völker, MiningWatch Portugal, observer
Unidos em Defesa de Covas do Barroso, observer