5 November 2021

Mr. Xoan Evans Pin,
Fundação Montescola
Galiza, Spain

Dear Mr. Evans Pin,

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

At its seventy-second meeting (Geneva, 18-21 October 2021), the Aarhus Convention
Compliance Committee considered the preliminary admissibility of the communication submitted by
Fundação Montescola on 2 May 2021. The communication alleges non-compliance by Portugal with
the provisions of the Convention in connection with the alleged failure to provide access to
environmental information regarding the Mina do Barroso open-pit mine.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2021/186, which you are
invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication
is available on the Committee's website at: http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its
seventy-second meeting (Geneva, 18-21 October 2021), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be
admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary
determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached
any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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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
        Ms. Margarida Marcelino, Portuguese Environmental Agency (APA), Ministry of the
        Environment, Territory Management and Energy, Portugal
        Mr. Fernando Queiroga, observer
        Mr. Nik Völker, observer

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility