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Lill-Iskrivana
Kumitat Permanenti Dwar il-Kontijiet Pubbliċi
Sra Anna Brincat

Nirreferi għat-talba għall-informazzjoni ta' hawn taħt u niskuża ruħu għad-dewmien iżda sabiex niġbru l-informazzjoni kien hemm ftit xogħol mhux ħażin.

1. Id-dati li fihom siefer Dr Konrad Mizzi u l-postijiet li żar, fir-rigward ta' ElectroGas, fiż-żmien li huwa kien Ministru responsabbli mill-Enerġija; u

Fil-laqgħa tal-Kumitat, Dr Mizzi xehed li ltaqa' mal-European Commission u ltaqa' wkoll mal-banek fuq il-garanzija u mal-avukati. Huwa semma b'mod speċifiku lid-ditta legali Clifford Chance. Dr Mizzi stqarr li b'rabta mal-Electrogas huwa ma marx l-Azerbaijan u lanqas Dubai. Fir-rigward ta' dawn is-safriet, Dr Mizzi qal lill-Kumitat li: "there would be records at the Ministry".

Sabiex tkun tista' tiġi indirizzata t-talba tal-Kumitat, inġabret lista tal-files kollha relatati ma' safar Ministerjali. It-titli tal-files jindikaw id-destinazzjoni, id-dati taż-żjara u l-membri tad-delegazzjoni iżda mhux is-suġġett. Għal dan il-għan kellhom jittellgħu il-files kollha sabiex seta' jiġi ddeterminat jekk is-safra saritx "fir-rigward tal-Electrogas". Mill-files irriżulta li, bħala prassi, is-suġġett tal-laqgħa dejjem kien jitniżżel bħala Ministerial Meeting/Visit to [l-isem tad-destinazzjoni] u fl-assenza ta' aġenda dettaljata ma kienx possibbli li wieħed jistabilixxi jekk il-laqgħa/żjara kinetx tirrigwardja l-Electrogas.

Madankollu, anke b'riferenza għal files oħrajn, setgħu jiġu traċċati r-riferenzi li ġejjin:

11 Sep 2014	London	Meeting held with Legal Firm Clifford Chance
04 Feb 2015	Paris	Meeting held at Legal Firm Clifford Chance
04 Mar 2015	Brussels	Meeting with DG Competition *(Copy of Minutes Attached)*
23 Apr 2015	London	Discussion on legal and financial matters

		in relation to the Malta LNG energy project.
20 Jul – 08 Aug 2016	Singapore	Sail away ceremony of the Armada LNG Mediterrana

2. Kopji tal-minuti tal-laqgħat kollha li saru bejn ElectroGas u Dr Konrad Mizzi, il-Ministeru, jew kwalunkwe entità tal-Gvern.

Sabiex tiġi indirizzata din il-parti tat-talba, ġiet iġġenerata lista ta' files bil-keywords "Electrogas" u "Delimara 4". Il-files itellgħu u mir-riċerka li saret fihom irriżultat inċidenza waħda ta' "minuti tal-laqgħat" li fihom kien hemm involuta ElectroGas. Kopja ta' dawn il-minuti qed tiġi annessa.

Sadanittant ikkomuikajt ukoll mas-Sur Ronald Mizzi Segretarju Permanent tal-Enerġija ta' dak iż-żmien (ikkupjat) li spjega li d-ditta legali Clifford Chance kienet qed tassisti lill-Ministeru tal-Enerġia fuq il-proġett, primarjament pero' fuq il-materji ta' State Aid. Minn zmien ghal zmien kienu jinżammu laqghat maghhom sabiex jieħdu stokk tas-sitwazzjoni jew biex jizblukkaw xi problemi. Peress li s-sede taghhom jinsabu primarjament f'Londra, Parigi u Brussell, il-laqgħat kienu jinżammu skont l-esiġenza u l-konvenjenza tal-partijiet. Is-sur Mizzi iċċara miegħi wkoll li ma jidhirlux li hemm minuti oħra li jinvolvu lill-Ministru Mizzi u l-Electrogas. Kif ukoll li n-negozjati mal-Electrogas kienu saru mill-Enemalta. Spjega wkoll li kull dokumentazzjoni f'dan is-sens, qiegħda għand l-awditur bħala parti mill-investigazzjoni li kien għamel.

Min-naħa tiegħi m'għandix aċċess għall-arkivji tal-Enemalta, iżda qiegħed nikkoppja lic-Chairman għall-kwalunkwe assistenza li jista' joffri.

Nirringrazzjak u insellimlek

Thanks and regards

Joe

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Is-Sur Joseph Caruana

Segretarju Permanenti fil-Ministeru għall-Ambjent, l-Enerġija u l-Intrapriża

Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Kontijiet Pubbliċi, li Itaqa' Ibieraħ, talab sabiex sal-laqgħa li jmiss tal-Kumitat, li hija skedata għal nhar it-Tlieta, 31 ta' Jannar 2023, jingħata din l-informazzjoni:

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Filwaqt li nirringrazzjak inselli għalik.

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Office of the Permanent Secretary

Minutes of Meeting held between the Maltese Authorities and DG Competition, 4th March 2015

RE: State Aid Notification in relation to Malta LNG Energy Project

Present for the Meeting:

MT: Dr Konrad Mizzi (Minister for Energy and Health), Ronald Mizzi (Permanent Secretary - Ministry for Energy and Health - Energy), Daniel Azzopardi (Technical Attaché – Energy), Dr Ron Galea Cavallazzi (Legal Counsel), David Galea (Project Manager), Dr Michelle Petite (Legal Counsel), Dr David Preat (Legal Counsel), Dr Marie-Laure Combet (Legal Counsel).

CION: Ms. Celine Gauer, DG Competition, Markets and Cases I - Energy and Environment; Christos Peolidis (Case Handler)

Electrogas Malta Consortium: Dr Michael Kunz, Mr Yorgen Fenech

Minister Mizzi and Mr Galea gave a detailed presentation of the Malta (Delimara) LNG energy project to the CION representatives, highlighting the multiple benefits and objectives of the project. The presentation was also intended to make sure that CION understood the complexities of the project. The meeting was very fruitful and cordial and provided a positive starting point for the eventual final State Aid Notification. In anticipation to this meeting, the Maltese Authorities had already forwarded a very detailed paper to CION, explaining above all the energy sector in Malta, its market

failures, the LNG project itself, its competitive process, and how any elements of state aid can be deemed as justified and compatible.

CION representatives fully understood the project complexities, its objectives and benefits, and above all its urgency, and they pledged to work with the government to develop the application and see it through to conclusion.

After the Government's presentation, CION outlined the issues that they want to see developed in the application, including:

Confirmation on how the LNG and the interconnector projects complement each other to reduce Malta's energy isolation;

Information about the competitive process;

Additional information regarding the government's projections for the growth in power demand on the islands;

More information about the flexibility in the Project to allow the government to switch to pipeline gas in the future.

CION views the Project as a "whole package" that needs to be evaluated against the points raised above. However, CION did confirm that there were no 'red flags' in the current draft of the SSA. It appears that CION have not yet reviewed the PPA or GSA so far in any detail, so it is possible that they would have comments of the terms as the application proceeds.

By way of conclusion, CION agreed that they will be providing the Government with a list of additional information to be submitted and an updated framework for the form of the application in the next two weeks. The timeframe for the final approval will depend on how fast the Government can respond to the information request. The iterative review process will require at least another round comments after that. Although the process can take 6-8 months to complete, the CION strongly recommended that the 'formal' application is withheld until they indicate that it is ready to issue its agreement in principle. Otherwise, they would need to open a formal inquiry, which could take significantly longer.

Most of the information that is needed will come from the government, but EGM have pledged to support the application effort in any way it can.

Ronald Mizzi

Permanent Secretary