

From: [REDACTED] (GROW)
Sent: Thursday 4 July 2024 14:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Western Digital | meeting request

Chère [REDACTED]

Merci pour votre retour. J'enverrai donc une invitation Teams.

Cordialement,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 6:32 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ec.europa.eu](mailto:[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
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Madame [REDACTED]

Merci pour votre email et pour votre proposition de rendez-vous pour le 3 Septembre à 17h. Je vous confirme notre disponibilité. Vous pouvez trouver ci-dessous la liste des participants:

[REDACTED] (Western Digital): <[\[REDACTED\]@wdc.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@wdc.com)>
[REDACTED] (DGA): <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
[REDACTED] (DGA): <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>

Je vous communique également le numéro de Transparence de Western Digital: 185900492182-48, ainsi que celui de DGA: 7028457765-59.

Je reviendrais vers vous en cas de changement dans la liste des participants.

Cordialement,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ec.europa.eu](mailto:[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu)>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2024 14:46
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
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Chère [REDACTED]

Je reviens vers vous à la suite de votre échange avec [REDACTED] concernant l'organisation de cette réunion qui aura finalement lieu avec [REDACTED] REACH F1. Il sera difficile de rassembler nos collègues experts en la matière durant le mois de juillet, c'est pourquoi je vous propose d'organiser cette réunion à distance le mardi 3 septembre 2024 à 17 :00 (afin de respecter le GMT-7 entre Bruxelles et la Californie). Pourriez-vous nous confirmer votre disponibilité ? J'aurai également besoin des noms, prénoms et adresses email de chaque participant afin de pouvoir les enregistrer dans Teams.

Merci d'avance.

Cordialement,



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Sent: Friday, June 28, 2024 5:16 PM
To: [REDACTED] [@dgagroup.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@dgagroup.com)>
Cc: GROW F1 <GROW-F1@ec.europa.eu>
Subject: RE: Western Digital | meeting request - Ares(2024)4684554

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Madame,

Merci pour votre appel et cette demande.

Madame Schreiber avait transmis votre courriel à [REDACTED] F1 pour le suivi.

Il va donc revenir vers vous la semaine prochaine.

Merci pour votre compréhension et excellent week-end.

[REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: Western Digital | meeting request

Mr. [REDACTED]

Suite à notre appel, vous pouvez trouver ci-joint notre demande de rendez-vous avec Western Digital.

Merci et bon weekend,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2024 15:45

To: Aurel.CIOBANU-DORDEA@ec.europa.eu; Kristin.Schreiber@ec.europa.eu
Cc: [REDACTED]@dgagroup.com>
Subject: Western Digital | meeting request

Dear Ms. Schreiber and Mr. Ciobanu-Dordea,

I am reaching out on behalf of Western Digital, one of three global manufacturers of HDDs, to request an online meeting to discuss the safe and essential use of small amounts of PFAS in data storage products.

Western Digital designs and manufactures a wide range of data storage products, including hard-disk drives (HDDs) and flash-based products (SSDs). These products are integral for data centres, personal electronics, and cloud infrastructure, among other uses. Many of our use applications play an essential role in storing sensitive data for governments, healthcare facilities, educational programs, and financial institutions.

In April 2024, the European Commission published its Communication outlining the "Guiding criteria and principles for the essential use concept in EU legislation dealing with chemicals". According to these criteria, Western Digital's use of PFAS in data storage products is essential to society. Hence, as per the intent of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, data storage products should be exempted from the PFAS restriction currently prepared by the European Chemical Agency.

Furthermore, as the digital economy continues to expand, Western Digital's data storage products, which require minimal amounts of PFAS for optimal performance, will become increasingly essential. These products are crucial for supporting the European Commission's "Path to the Digital Decade" objectives, particularly the goal of having 75% of EU companies utilising cloud services by 2030.

[REDACTED] Western Digital, would appreciate the opportunity to introduce Western Digital and to discuss the need for exempting the essential use of PFAS in data storage products from the PFAS restriction.

Could you please let us know your availability for an online meeting in July or September, preferably in the late afternoon, to accommodate the 9-hour time difference between Brussels and California (GMT-7)?

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]