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Mr Tom White  
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Dear Mr White

**Freedom of Information Request – UGEE (Unconventional Gas Exploration and Extraction) research**

My letter, dated 19 August 2015, in relation to the above refers.

Having reviewed your request and consulted with appropriate colleagues, I would respond as set out below:

**QUB are currently listed as part of the consortium headed by CDM Smith which is undertaking UGEE research funded by both the Government of the Republic of Ireland and the Government of Northern Ireland. In relation to that research can you please provide the answers to the following questions:**

- (1) Please indicate whether any members of QUB researchers who are undertaking/involved in any way with this UGEE research have previously published articles/papers on Shale Gas/Fracking in the last 5 years (since Jan 1st 2010) and please list those articles.**
- (2) Please indicate whether any members of QUB researchers who are undertaking/involved in any way with this UGEE research have undertaken research in the last 5 years (since Jan 1st 2010) which was wholly or partially funded by the oil and gas industry.**
- (3) Please indicate whether any members of QUB researchers who are undertaking/involved in any way with this UGEE research have presented papers/research/been asked to speak at any oil and gas sponsored event in the last 5 years (since Jan 1st 2010).**

**The University is not part of the consortium specified above and is not involved with the UGEE project. The University's involvement in this area was limited to the provision of consultancy during the initial tender stage.**

- (4) Dr Tony Bazley, director of Tamboran Resources UK Ltd, was Honorary Professor at Queen's University Belfast. Please forward the dates during which he held this position at QUB.**

Dr Robert A B Bazley had the title of Honorary Professor conferred on him on 1 June 1997. Dr Bazley held this title until 2002.

If you are dissatisfied with the response provided, please put your complaint in writing to me at the above address. If this fails to resolve the matter, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Unit