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Connie Hedegaard
Danish Ministry of the Environment
Department Ministry for the Environment
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9th November 2005

Dear Ms Connie Hedegaard,

Greetings from India.

My name is Madhumita Dutta. Janus Hillgaard might have mentioned about me. I have filed an Interlocutory Application in the Supreme Court of India in the ongoing Public Interest Litigation on Hazardous Wastes requesting the Hon'ble Court's intervention against the illegal entry of the ship named "Riky".

As you already know, Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC) and the Customs Department, whom the Hon'ble Court had issued notices in response to my application, have filed their replies last month. I am now preparing my response to the replies filed by SCMC and Customs. I seek some information from you to help me prepare better for the case. I hope you will be able to provide me with the following information:

1. Can you please provide me with an inventory of toxic substances or any data/information that you might have on toxics substances that were present in Riky's structure? You had specifically mentioned in your letter to the Indian Environment Minister about presence of asbestos as insulation material in the ship's structure. Would you have any information on quantity of asbestos or of PCBs in liquid form or in the solid matrix? You might have seen in para 7. of SCMC's reply where they have cited some figures regarding recovery of Hazardous wastes after 40% scrapping of Riky, where they have mentioned that 150 kg of asbestos wastes had been recovered at that point of time. Since no inventory was ever provided by ship's owner to Indian authority, it would be useful to get some data from you, if you have any, on the presence of toxics substances in Riky.
2. You might have seen para 17 of the SCMC's response, where the SCMC mentions that Indian Minister had suitably replied to your letter dated april 2005. They have insinuated that Danish government was satisfied with the government of India's response and therefore hasn't raised any further issues. I can kindly request you to comment on this particular matter.
3. Your comments on the September 15th, 2005 Press Release by Ministry of Environment and Forests after Hon'ble SC issued notices to the SCMC and Customs on 12th September 2005.
4. Information regarding any criminal case that you might have filed against the owners of "Kong Federik IX" for it illegal traffic or for falsifying information.

I eagerly look forward to your response to my queries.