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6 September 2016

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 16071

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 8 August 2016, with clarification received on 11 August. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

I would like to make the following freedom of information request:

- 1. Please provide information regarding the annual profit or loss in the running of the Orbit since it opened.*
- 2. What were the original projections for profit or loss from the operation of the Orbit?*
- 3. What are the projections for the future profit or loss from the operations of the Orbit for whatever periods the LLDC is making projections?*
- 4. Please provide a breakdown of the profit or loss for the different facilities/services within the Orbit per annum or part of a year as some facilities have only recently opened.*
- 5. Please provide details of the original costs of building the Orbit, including any costs of materials donated for the construction of the Orbit.*
- 6. Please provide details of how much money, including costs of materials donated, was invested/provided by ArcelorMittal as a company or by Mr Mittal as an individual in the creation of the Orbit.*
- 7. Please provide details of any loans made by ArcelorMittal as a company or Mr Mittal as an individual and any interest payments and the rate of interest that may attach to any such loans regarding the Orbit.*
- 8. Please provide information regarding the numbers using the different facilities/services within the Orbit per annum or part of a year as I am aware some facilities have only just opened.*

I can confirm that the Legacy Corporation holds information in relation to your request. Our response follows your order:

1. *(Clarified) Please provide information regarding the annual profit or loss in the running of the Orbit since it opened, including the profit/loss for the period that the orbit was open during the 2012 Olympics.*

The ArcelorMittal Orbit was operated by The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) during the 2012 Olympics. All income and expenditure was borne by LOCOG up to 31st October 2012. The Legacy Corporation did not have access to LOCOG financial information and do not hold information on the profit and loss information during this time. The profit and loss information for the Orbit from the time that the Legacy Corporation took on responsibility is in the public domain in the Annual Accounts on the Legacy Corporation website.

2. *(Clarified) What were the original projections, before construction, for profit or loss from the operation of the Orbit?*

The original projections for Legacy Corporation were included in the Orbit Full Business Case written for the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC), the predecessor body of the Legacy Corporation. The report was written in 2010, however the projections do not start until OPLC took responsibility and some of the plans for the Park are different from the time of this report. The ArcelorMittal Orbit's first full year of operation was 2014/15. The 2010 projections have been attached in **Annex A**.

3. *What are the projections for the future profit or loss from the operations of the Orbit for whatever periods the LLDC is making projections?*

This information is in the public domain. Please see the letter to the Regeneration Committee, London Assembly, dated 23 February 2016:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/img-223144030-0001.pdf>

4. *Please provide a breakdown of the profit or loss for the different facilities/services within the Orbit per annum or part of a year as some facilities have only recently opened.*

The overall ArcelorMittal Orbit figures are in the annual accounts. Additional information is provided to the Board on a quarterly basis and published on our website:

<http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/our-story/the-legacy-corporation/business-plan>

The Legacy Corporation's financial system does not apportion ArcelorMittal Orbit running costs by specific product line.

5. *Please provide details of the original costs of building the Orbit, including any costs of materials donated for the construction of the Orbit.*

The original cost of the Orbit was £22.7million. ArcelorMittal contributed £19.6 million towards the cost (£10 million equity funding, £9.2 million debt funding, plus waiving profit on steel to the value of circa £0.4m). The remaining £3.1 million was provided by the London Development Agency.

6. *Please provide details of how much money, including costs of materials donated, was invested/provided by ArcelorMittal as a company or by Mr Mittal as an individual in the creation of the Orbit.*

The original funding for the ArcelorMittal Orbit was as follows:

- ArcelorMittal provided £10m equity funding and £9.2m debt funding.
- ArcelorMittal waived profit on steel to the value of circa £0.4m.
- The Anish Kapoor mirrors within the ArcelorMittal Orbit estimated to cost £1m including installation, were also funded by ArcelorMittal.

7. *Please provide details of any loans made by Arcelor Mittal as a company or Mr Mittal as an individual and any interest payments and the rate of interest that may attach to any such loans regarding the Orbit.*

- ArcelorMittal provided £10m equity funding and £9.2m debt funding.

Debt funding to ArcelorMittal only becomes repayable once the business generates an operating profit after all costs – including capital investment. The interest rate is 3-month sterling LIBOR plus 5.5% margin to 31 December 2017.

8. *(Clarified) Please provide information regarding the numbers using the different facilities/services within the Orbit per annum or part of a year as I am aware some facilities have only just opened, for example, services / facilities are considered to include: abseiling, access to the viewing platform, Podium Café/bar, as well as the slide.*

Visitor numbers for the ArcelorMittal Orbit

2014/15 – 123,304

2015/16 – 101,623 (this includes the period of the Slide build with closure of lower platform)

2016/17 – 28,548 (April to June only. This includes the closure period in June in readiness for slide opening. The Slide opened 24 June 2016).

The Legacy Corporation do not hold user figures for the Podium.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Deputy Chief Executive
London Legacy Development Corporation
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Montfichet Road
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Please note: complaints and requests for internal review received more than two months after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

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Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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