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Subject: RE: CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECTS
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Dear [REDACTED]

I trust you are well.

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 20 December 2022 in response to our PAIA request. Unfortunately, your correspondence (which was received with untitled attachments) was delivered to our spam. We apologise for the delay in responding as a result. We have now had an opportunity to take legal advice in respect of your correspondence and set out our response below. We reserve the right to respond more fully, and for present purposes wish to follow up on the following.

We thank Spar for adopting a transparent approach to our request and furnishing information. For purposes of full compliance with PAIA on the part of Spar, we wish to request:

1. The affidavit required in terms of s 55 of PAIA confirming the assertion that information is not in Spar's possession, detailing the steps taken to locate the information, and clarifying precisely which information is not in its possession.
2. Confirmation, as required by s 71 of PAIA, of the steps taken by Spar to inform its suppliers of our request and the representations received from suppliers in respect of our request and the information in their possession.
3. Details of your suppliers so that we can request information from them directly.
4. Egg and egg product supplier contracts concluded with Spar.

We note that Spar's statement on caged eggs states:

"The Spar Group's response to cage free eggs is guided by local government policy, industry guidance on sustainable and safe production processes and supplier production systems..."

In addition, we are encouraged by Spar's claim that "we place animal welfare at the top of our priority list".

A corollary of Spar's adherence to these statements, is knowledge of its suppliers' practices related to housing, egg production, nutrition, stocking density and the use of cages of the chickens received from suppliers. Absent such information, it is unclear how Spar can claim to be adopting best practice in respect of sustainable and safe production processes and supplier production systems. We accordingly reiterate our request for supplier information. We find it untenable that Spar is not in possession of any such information.

We would appreciate you responding to this correspondence by no later than **10 March 2023** given that we are currently preparing the public report mentioned in our previous correspondence.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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