

20th June 2011

Our Ref: R284

Freedom of Information Request – Sussex Mushrooms RDPE Application

Thank you for your request dated 24th June 2011 and made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request to SEEDA is:

Please provide me with a copy of RDPE Application for Sussex Mushrooms Ltd (decision date 03/12/2009). Please provide: the Expression of Interest, Full Application and Supporting Business Case for this grant. Please also confirm the submission date(s), award date, percentage of grant award and individuals who are financial beneficiaries of this grant award.

Response

I can confirm that SEEDA holds the information you have requested.

Financial beneficiary: Sussex Mushrooms Ltd

Please note that details of the Directors of Limited Companies are publicly available from Companies House (<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/>) and, as this information is reasonably accessible by other means, it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Award Date: 3rd December 2009

Percentage of grant award: 50%

Amount of grant award: £ 898,735

In response to your request we are disclosing the following documents:

- Annex 1 – Expression of Interest Form (submitted 4th February 2009)
- Annex 2 – Application for RDPE Grant Aid (submitted 1st October 2009)
- Annex 3 – RDPE Business Plan (submitted 1st October 2009)

Please note that some of the information within these documents has been redacted (blacked out) as we believe it is exempt from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Information has been redacted for the following reasons – please contact us if you have queries regarding the justification for any of the redaction within the documents we have disclosed to you.

- Information that is accessible by the applicant by other means is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act – we have therefore removed details of the Sussex Mushrooms Directors and also redacted information which has been extracted from their published annual accounts;

- Personal Information of third parties (such as names, addresses etc.) has been redacted from the material released as this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act;
- Some of the information contained within the documents disclosed was provided in confidence and we believe that this is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act;
- The requested documents contained financial information relating to Sussex Mushrooms. SEEDA believes that release of this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of Sussex Mushrooms and has therefore been redacted as we believe this is exempt under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.