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# Cardiff University and BGI Genomics

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John Lubbock 25 April 2023



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Dear Cardiff University,

I am conducting a survey of UK higher educational institutions to find out which have had business dealings with the Chinese genomic sequencing company BGI Genomics.

I would like to ask whether your university has ever had any contracts or business relationships with BGI Genomics or its UK subsidiary MGI Tech UK. If there has been any work undertaken by BGI Genomics with your university, please can you provide a list of these contracts with dates from and to, and a short description of what the contract was for.

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock



InfoRequest, Cardiff University 26 April 2023

Dear John,

acknowledge receipt of your email received by this office on 26th April 2023.

Your request will now be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and has been allocated reference FOI23-145 which should be quoted in all correspondence. We will respond to your request within 20 working days starting the next working day after receipt, therefore you can expect to receive a response no later than 26th May 2023.

Where we consider that we will not be able to meet the deadline or if further time is required to consider the public interest test we will contact you as soon as possible and give you a revised date for response.

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Yours sincerely

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— InfoRequest, Cardiff University 18 May 2023

Dear John Lubbock

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 25 April 2023

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question(s) below and set out our corresponding response(s).

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The entities included are all subsidiaries of Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI). Below are a list of Research partnerships or projects:

Project Title and

External entity Description referred to Date Signed Further details in relevant legal agreement / contract

MATURA (Maximising  
Complete Genomics Therapeutic Utility in 04/12/2014 None recorded in  
Inc Rheumatoid Arthritis) central databases  
Collaboration Agreement  
BGI Tech Solutions BGI: Genome sequencing Wildlife  
(HongKong) Co services (wildflife) 10/09/2013 conservation  
Limited genetics  
Beijing Genome Service Agreement: BGI HK 10/10/2011 None recorded in  
Institute Europe central databases  
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If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of your complaint, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for consideration. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cardiff University. If you require further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Swyddfa Ysgrifenydd y Brifysgol University Secretary's Office

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