

EXHIBIT A

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VIA E-MAIL AND FOIA.GOV

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Agyekum:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552, we request a copy of the final proposal and any accompanying attachments, exhibits, or appendices that were submitted to the End-User Review Committee (“ERC”) in support of the decision to place Yangtze Memory Technologies Corporation (“YMTC”) on the BIS Entity List. We are seeking these records from BIS both in its capacity as Chair of the ERC and in its capacity as an individual member of the ERC.

FOIA requires this request to be acted upon within twenty (20) working days of receipt. Please furnish the responsive documents immediately as they become available. Please advise us as soon as possible if you determine that there is no document responsive to the request or if there will be a delay in responding.

If you determine that the record or portions of the record are exempt from disclosure, please provide a Vaughn index containing a detailed justification of the grounds for nondisclosure of each withheld portion of requested material is required. *See Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

We are willing to pay reasonable standard search and duplication costs necessary to respond to this request. Please advise me before incurring these costs if you expect them to exceed \$5,000.

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Very truly yours,

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