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Dear Lena

Please find attached to this letter a request from Professor Phil Jones at the Climate Research Unit of the University of East Anglia regarding the release of data from the HadCRUT dataset.

I would be very grateful if you would respond to Professor Jones' request as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

John Hirst Chief Executive



20220	684	-188	388	Abisko
20800	684	-225	327	Karesuando
21040	658	-151	475	Taernaby/Hemavan
21200	670	-177	337	Kvikkjokk
21270	651	-172	325	Stensele
21420	666	-196	260	Jokkmokk
21960	658	-241	5	Haparanda
22260	632	-145	376	Oestersund
22880	636	-208	6	Holmoegadd
23240	620	-144	360	Sveg
23610	626	-179	8	Haernoesand
24180	594	-135	46	Karlstad
24330	606	-156	160	Falun
24581	599	-176	13	UPPSALA
24851	593	-181	44	STOCKHOLM
24960	594	-195	12	Svenska Hoegarna
25120	578	-119	20	Goeteborg
25160	576	-116	19	Vinga
25500	578	-141	226	JONKOPING FLYGPLATS
25820	587	-179	13	Landsort
25840	584	-192	12	Gotska Sandoen
25900	577	-183	42	Visby
25920	574	-171	4	Oelands Norra Udde
26040	567	-129	25	Halmstad
26160	554	-128	5	Falsterbo
26400	569	-148	166	Vaexjoe
26720	567	-163	15	Kalmar
26800	569	-181	38	Hoburg
26960	578	-129	135	Boraas
26980	655	-215	6	Piteaa

In this list of series used from your country, the columns are:

- (1) WMO number with an extra digit that is generally zero
- (2) Latitude in degrees and tenths (negative for Southern Hemisphere)
 (3) Longitude in degrees and tenths (negative East)
 (4) Elevation in metres (where available, -999 and sometimes 0 means missing)
 (5) Station Name



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Dear PR,

Over the last 25 years the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) of the University of East Anglia (UEA) has developed, in collaboration with the Met Office Hadley Centre, monthly gridded datasets of land surface temperature. These gridded datasets are made available to climate scientists and the public without restriction via http://hadobs.metoffice.com/ and http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/cru/data/.

The hemispheric and global averages of these data are combined with marine data produced by the Met Office Hadley Centre to form the global surface temperature series, which are widely used by scientists around the world and in the IPCC Scientific Assessments. According to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, they represent some of the key direct observations of global warming.

Given the importance of the global surface temperature series, we would like to make the underpinning data more widely available. CRU therefore requests your permission to release the underlying monthly mean temperature station records we hold — which for some stations go back to the 19th century - and believe to be under your present day purview (Annex I provides a complete listing). The data would be made freely available on the dataset web pages referred to above.

We stress that the data we hold has arisen from multiple sources, and has been recovered over the last 30 years. Subsequent quality control and homogenisation of these data have been carried out. It is therefore highly likely that the version we hold and are requesting permission to distribute will differ from your own current holdings.

We would be grateful for your kind attention to this matter. Please respond by indicating whether you either do or do not agree to the release of the data relating to your stations, direct to:

Prof. Phil Jones Climatic Research Unit School of Environmental Sciences University of East Anglia Norwich NR4 7TJ United Kingdom

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Yours Sincerely,

Prof Phil Jones

Annex I

List of stations under the NMS's purview.