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To the attention of Vladimir Torin
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Dear Mr Torin,

In an email dated 10 September 2013, Mr Jonas Dastikas, General Director at Lifosa AB, referred me to you. Our organisation has been in contact with Mr Dastikas for several years now, with regard to Lifosa's continuous imports of phosphate from occupied Western Sahara.

As you know, such trade is highly controversial, given Western Sahara's status as a Non-Self Governing Territory and the Saharawi people's internationally recognised and supported right to self-determination. A UN Legal Opinion of 2002 made it clear that exploration and exploitation of the territory's resources could only be considered in line with international law if in accordance with the wishes and interests of the Saharawi people. The Frente Polisario, which the UN considers as the valid political voice of the Saharawi people, have on a number of occasions voiced their opposition against the ongoing trade in phosphate from their occupied land.

Ever since the UN Global Compact's decision to delist Lifosa for failing to communicate with civil society, and in view of the firm's apparent interest to redress the situation, WSRW has refrained from publishing updates on the continued imports and has not shared this information with ethical investment firms or indeed Global Compact. On the contrary, we have informed the UN Global Compact on Lifosa's intention of talking the matter through in an open discussion with the Saharawi people.

Though we are still willing to assist Lifosa in its initial plans to implement its CSR goals, the company's massive imports in 2013 and lack of action on what we consider to be an issue of great importance, compel us to review our policy vis-à-vis Lifosa.

We are currently in the process of drafting a report on the importers of phosphate rock from occupied Western Sahara. As Lifosa is one of the biggest importers involved in the contentious trade, the company will be featured in that report. In view thereof, we invite Lifosa, or its mother firm EuroChem, to comment on how it squares continued imports from occupied Western Sahara with the principles of Corporate Social Responsibility and its expressed willingness to meet with representatives of the Saharawi people.

At the same time, we again want to underline our appreciation for Lifosa's commitment to take the matter seriously. As we intend to publish the report beginning of April, we look forward to a reply prior to 30 March.

We look forward to hearing your views on the matter.

Best regards,

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