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Regarding Lifosa's imports from occupied Western Sahara

Dear Sir,

Western Sahara Resource Watch has been in touch with Lifosa in 2010, regarding the company's imports of phosphate rock from Western Sahara, illegally occupied by Morocco since 1975.

The legal, political and ethical problems linked to such purchases are outlined in our correspondence of the time and need not be reiterated here. We would however like to stress our firm conviction that it is not in the interest of Lifosa to be associated with a trade that is highly unethical, contrary to international law and undermines the UN's peace efforts in the territory.

We remain grateful for Lifosa's forthcomingness in replying to our queries in 2010 – though the corresponded information was reason for concern, in particular about the vast scope of the trade and the lack of consultation of the Saharawi people.

A question that remained unanswered at the time whether Lifosa/Eurochem would terminate its imports from Western Sahara, thereby following the example of other ethically oriented fertiliser producers. Observations of cargo vessels carrying phosphate rock from Western Sahara in the harbour of Klaipeda, lead us to conclude that the company chooses to not review this policy.

Accordingly, we would appreciate an answer to the following questions:

- 1) Has Lifosa on any occasion, since our last correspondence, consulted representatives of the Saharawi people to investigate whether the imports are to the wishes or interests of the Saharawi?
- 2) Will Lifosa/Eurochem consider ending its imports from Western Sahara?

We urge Lifosa to immediately demonstrate its attachment to international legality, human rights and basic standards of corporate social responsibility by terminating the trade. We will be pleased to provide you with any additional information that you may require to study this matter more closely, and look forward to a reply to our questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Western Sahara Resource Watch works to raise awareness of the illegal occupation of Western Sahara and to support the recognition of the Saharawi people's right to self-determination.