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Dear Mr Dastikas,

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 July 2012.

Western Sahara Resource Watch highly appreciates Lifosa's stated commitment to principles of corporate social responsibility. Furthermore, the company's willingness to consult the Saharawi people is most laudable.

We also would like to mention that since our last correspondence, we keep observing bulk vessels arriving Klaipeda from Western Sahara, such as the 'Interlink Acuity', which is scheduled to arrive Lithuania 27 August 2012.

Western Sahara is a Non-Self Governing Territory, without an administrative power. As a consequence, it is not up to Morocco, which controls three quarters of the territory, to sell off the Western Sahara's natural resources. In accordance with the UN Legal Opinion of 2002, the wishes and the interests of the people of the territory must be taken into account when engaging in economic relations linked to the territory. This requires that the Saharawi people be consulted, consent to and benefit from any exploration or exploitation of their land's resources.

We'd be very happy to meet your company to discuss these issues further, and get to know each other better. In such a meeting we could also discuss the nature and practicalities of a possible Saharawi consultation.

As a minor precision to the letter you sent us, WSRW does not object to trade with Morocco itself. The problematic imports are related to the specific phosphate rock purchases from the Bou Craa mine in occupied Western Sahara.

Kedainiai is a bit off my normal travel routes. I have in general a lot to do in cities such as Stockholm, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Brussels, Madrid, London. Do you have plans to go there in the near future?

Looking forward to hear from you again, and again thank you for your welcoming answer and willingness to dialogue.

Sincerely yours,

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