

Dear Mr. Cartridge and Mrs. Rafn,

We will like to express our thanks for a constructive meeting between Yara and Western Sahara Resource Watch / Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are patiently awaiting the discussed statement on Yara's trade and processing of phosphates from Morocco/Western Sahara. We hope to receive it this week, as the agreed deadline June 15<sup>th</sup> is soon to come.

It is important for us to see progress on this issue, in light of the latest developments of severe human rights violations in Western Sahara and the persistent Moroccan lack of will to find a political solution to the Western Sahara conflict.

We hope to see a Yara statement proclaiming one of the following alternative situations:

- 1) Yara guarantees that no phosphate originating in Western Sahara has ever been traded by Yara (or Hydro Agri), based either on Yara's own definite knowledge or credible guarantees from OCP, and that so will not happen until the conflict is solved and legitimate authorities give their approval; or
- 2) Due to failing credible guarantees from OCP concerning no-trade with Western Sahara phosphates, Yara states the termination of commercial relations with OCP

If Yara fails to issue satisfactory guarantees within the agreed deadline of mid June, understood as the end of this week, we will assume that Yara do trade Western Saharan phosphates. Western Sahara Resource Watch will then feel obliged to take further steps to have clarified Yara's role concerning Western Sahara phosphates and ensure that any possible unethical or even illegal situation is highlighted.

We assume that Yara is aware of the Norwegian Ministry of Finance's decision to sell the Petroleum Fund's shares in Kerr-McGee. We expect further similar investor or fund manager moves in the near future. The Ministry's decision is well founded on a set of legal, political and ethical arguments that we recommend you to study. We assume you have also noticed the media coverage on the Kerr-McGee affair, as well as the broad Norwegian political consensus on this issue.

Western Sahara Resource Watch finds it evident that trading with non-renewable resources originating from occupied Western Sahara is in violation with international law, cf. among others the UN legal opinion by Hans Corell. On this basis, Western Sahara Resource Watch is currently investigating possible legal steps against companies taking part in such exploitation or trade. The Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara will be strongly disappointed if Yara is to be found among the companies subject to legal actions.

A statement from Yara that complies with our opinions on the ethics, politics and legality of this matter will be greatly welcomed and contribute to putting Yara in a positive light concerning its corporate social responsibility. If the contrary, we will feel obliged to inform stakeholders and the public about we will see as Yara's questionable role in the resource theft from Western Sahara.

For your information. Erik Hagen, who took part in the meeting in May, does no longer serve as a contact for Western Sahara Resource Watch or for the Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara. He has stepped out of both organizations, now working for the Norwegian news service [www.norwatch.no](http://www.norwatch.no). For further contact and enquiries on this matter please contact the undersigned.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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