
Re. ThyssenKrupp's activities in Western Sahara

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Dear Ms Eyckmans

Thank you for your mail to Ms Martina Merz from February 9th and the possibility to comment on your questions. Ms. Merz forwarded your request to us at the communications department in order to response accordingly. Please find enclosed our answer:

thyssenkrupp takes its human rights responsibility very seriously and has therefore firmly anchored the issue of human rights in various guidelines and processes. Our risk-based approach examines not only environmental issues but also various human rights risk aspects. The thyssenkrupp Supplier Code of Conduct, for example, obliges suppliers to comply with human rights, occupational safety, social and ecological standards, transparency about the origin of certain raw materials and the prevention of corruption and anti-trust violations. Compliance with the principles and requirements is checked by auditing selected suppliers. In the past seven years, more than 850 sustainability audits were carried out to check compliance with the principles and the long-term fulfillment of our requirements. In the course of the sustainability audits, particular focus is placed on the protection of human rights.

We are aware of the difficult political situation in Northwest Africa and are following developments very closely. Overall, we are counting on diplomatic efforts and economic development to help ease tensions. Basically, the following applies to us: For deliveries to the Western Sahara region, there were no embargoes or other export restrictions for the EU at that time and there still are no such embargoes or other export restrictions in place.

On your specific questions: In the last decade, thyssenkrupp Mining Technologies has refurbished three stackers and two reclaimers on the phosphate stockyard of the Bou Craa site, which involved an inspection and the engineering, supply and construction of components to be replaced to extend the operational lifetime of the machines. Besides that, there are no further activities and ongoing projects regarding the Bou Craa site. Also, thyssenkrupp Mining Technologies and Cement Technologies are not involved in any further activities and projects on the CIMSUD/HeidelbergCement cement factory or any contracts which involve maintenance in or supplies to the territory of Western Sahara.

For any questions I am available.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen / Best regards

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