Answers of the Managing Board Siemens Energy at the AGM on 07 February 2023 to questions from WSRW

You asked who wrote the legal opinion confirming the legality of Siemens Gamesa's Western Sahara projects, on which basis of international law it is rooted and why it is not published. Siemens Gamesa has been working for years with the international law experts of one of the most renowned global law firms. The opinion, with its various updates, analyzes the legality of Siemens Gamesa's activities under applicable law, including international law. As a matter of policy, Siemens Gamesa does not publish external legal opinions.

You asked about tacit recognition of Western Sahara. Again, reference to the answer just now: we are aware that the territory of Western Sahara is disputed under international law. Nevertheless, as Siemens Energy and Siemens Gamesa, we do not have the mandate to take a political position on such issues or to confirm a territorial status. These matters are the responsibility of governments and international organizations.

You had also asked about the Boujdour wind farm, whether it was commissioned as planned in Q1 2023, whether there are maintenance contracts, what is their duration and who is the end user. Boujdour, with its 300MW, is still under construction and is expected to be operational in a few months. Siemens Gamesa has a five-year maintenance contract. The customer for the plant is ONEE, which is the National Office of Electricity and drinking water.

And Ms. Koos, just to conclude, you had asked about the differences in our business strategy with regard to Morocco/Western Sahara and Ukraine. We make case-by-case assessments for the respective evaluation in different countries based on the corresponding geopolitical and legal situation, and as already mentioned, we comply with applicable law in each case.