

## **GE Renewable Energy**

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Dear Mrs Eyckmans, Dear Mr. Liebling,

Thank you for your letter dated October 5 regarding our involvement in the Aftissat Wind Farm, which has been passed to me by Mr. Pecresse for response.

First of all, we would like to confirm that GE has a sincere commitment to integrity throughout our global organization, with a particular focus on respect for human rights. Our <u>Human Rights Statement of</u> <u>Principles</u> - which GE was among the first American companies to issue - is the cornerstone of our global program. Our code of conduct, The Spirit and The Letter, addresses the full spectrum of integrity and compliance issues across GE's global value chain, including specific ethical expectations of clients and business partners.

We also engage actively with external stakeholders to identify human rights risks throughout our value chain and to collaborate with peers, experts, and civil society groups to seek practical solutions. In that respect, GE is a founding member of the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, a cross-industry peer learning platform; a signatory to, and active member in, the UN Global Compact (including the Human Rights and Business Dilemmas Forum); and a member of the Leadership Group for Responsible Recruitment, a multistakeholder initiative to effect change in how vulnerable migrant workers are recruited and eliminate debt bondage.

Regarding the Aftissat Wind Farm, the project has been approved by the "regional investment committee," which includes the Mayor of the Municipality of Boujdour who is an elected representative of the Sahrawi people.

We believe that the construction of renewable energy infrastructure will offer benefits to the local population in terms of access to clean energy and electricity and we also expect that this project will create local employment opportunities, both during construction and operation of the infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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