

Voltalia AG

Att: Sébastien Clerc, Chief Executive Officer

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RE. VOLTALIA'S OPERATIONS IN WESTERN SAHARA AND MISLEADING INFORMATION IN A REPORT SUBMITTED TO AMF

Dear Mr Clerc,

Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW) and the *Association des amis du peuple du Sahara Occidental* (APSO) are again privileged to present you with our compliments. We are writing in relation to Voltalia SA's submission to the French Financial Market Authority (AMF) of April 2021, in which it makes references to its planned wind farm project in occupied Western Sahara.¹ We have several questions on the matter and would be grateful for your response.

We refer to our letter of 20 July 2020, in which we outlined our concerns and questions regarding Voltalia's plan to construct a 75 MW wind farm in the so-called "province of Laayoune", which your company erroneously located in Morocco. We regret not having received an answer.

Yet, the included questions remain pertinent, as evidenced by Voltalia's submission to the AMF, in which it lists Parc Eolien de Ghrad Jrad, VMA Sahara and Alteryra Maroc, three subsidiaries with activities in occupied Western Sahara.

We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

1. Has Voltalia obtained the consent of the people of Western Sahara, through their UN-recognised representative body, the Frente Polisario, to becoming an independent producer of electricity in Western Sahara?
2. How does Voltalia assess the legal status of Morocco vis-à-vis Western Sahara?
3. Is the 75 MW wind farm part of the portfolio that Voltalia acquired upon its 2016 take-over of Alteryra Maroc?
4. How many of the projects in Voltalia's wind and solar portfolio that are now still in conceptual stage, are intended for implementation in Western Sahara?
5. Under which country's laws do Alteryra Wind, Parc Eolien de Ghrad Jrad and VMA Sahara operate?

Additionally, we note that that MASEN and the Moroccan Ministry for Mines and Energy have tendered the first phase of the Noor PV II programme in January 2020. This first phase foresees in installing 400 MW of photovoltaic solar capacity across nine potential sites, including Boujdour and El Aaiun (or "Laayoune", in Morocco's preferred spelling) in occupied Western Sahara. Voltalia had expressed an interest in the NOOR PV I programme, which also foresaw in the construction of solar plants in both Boujdour and El Aaiún.

¹ <https://www.voltalia.com/static-files/899efbc5-3ed9-421e-9380-4c56ec6c40ff>. The report can also be downloaded from our website, https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/203/60b74ea97f340_2020_VOLTALIA_DEU_FR.pdf

6. Has Voltalia expressed an interest in the Noor PV II programme tendered by the Moroccan Ministry for Mines and Energy and MASEN in January 2020?

Lastly, we are concerned that Voltalia sends a report with misleading information to AMF.

7. The map on page 39 suggests that Voltalia has hydro projects in Western Sahara. Is that correct?
8. If it is not correct, will Voltalia abstain in the future from submitting information that either claims that you have operations in countries or territories where you do not?
9. Will Voltalia in the future use cartography that is in line with the position of the United Nations, the EU, the Court of Justice of the EU, the ICJ and the government of France?

We are convinced that it is not in the interest of any company to become associated with continued occupation and colonisation, and the plunder of resources. Accordingly, we ask that you limit any cooperation with Morocco to the territory of Morocco proper, and refrain from undertaking activities on occupied land.

We would be grateful for your response before 20 July 2021. A reference to your reply may be made on our website or in an upcoming report on Morocco's renewable projects in occupied Western Sahara. We thank you beforehand for your consideration of our letter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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