

Taqi Group

Att: Jasim Husain Thabet, CEO

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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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REGARDING TAQA'S OPERATIONS IN OCCUPIED WESTERN SAHARA

Dear Mr. Thabet,

Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW) presents you with its compliments. We are writing in connection to Taqa's deepening engagement in energy projects in the territory of Western Sahara, which has been under illegal Moroccan occupation since 1975.

As announced by the Moroccan government, a consortium consisting of Taqa and Moeve has been preselected for a green hydrogen project in the "southern provinces", including Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra and Dakhla-Oued Eddahab.¹ These so-called "provinces" overlap almost entirely with the occupied areas of Western Sahara.

Additionally, we note Taqa's recent award, alongside Nareva, of the massive 1,200 MW wind energy project to be developed in Western Sahara, and an accompanying 1,400 km transmission line to transport electricity from occupied Western Sahara into Morocco proper, as reported by international media and confirmed by the Moroccan Ministry of Energy.²

Given these developments, we respectfully request your clarification regarding the locations and Taqa's interpretation of the legal principles relevant to business operations on these locations. To this end, we would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions, preferably before 13 August 2025, to allow WSRW to accurately reflect Taqa's role in Western Sahara in forthcoming publications.

1. In relation to the project with Moeve:
 - a. Could you specify the exact location of the land allocated to the Moeve-Taqa consortium for the ammonia and fuel production project? Is the site located to the north or the south of the internationally recognized border between Morocco and Western Sahara?
 - b. If the land for Moeve's project is in Western Sahara: what steps, if any, has the firm taken to seek the consent of the people of Western Sahara, who have the sovereign rights to the territory in which it is seeking to carry out several projects?
2. Regarding the contract for the wind power project and grid connection: Has Taqa sought and/or obtained the consent of the people of Western Sahara in line with their right of self-determination?
3. How does Taqa assess the legal validity of land and resource allocations made by Moroccan authorities in a territory over which Morocco has neither sovereignty nor administrative mandate, as confirmed by the International Court of Justice, the UN General Assembly, and the European Court of Justice?
4. In view of Taqa's stated commitment to international law and human rights, how is the company reconciling its engagement in projects that directly contribute to Morocco's continued exploitation of occupied land, which risks undermining the UN peace process?

¹ Kingdom of Morocco, Head of Government, 06.03.2025, "The head of government chairs a steering committee meeting on the 'Morocco offer' for green hydrogen", <https://www.cg.gov.ma/en/node/12240>

² ONEE, 19.05.2025, "Communiqué de presse: Partenariat stratégique entre un consortium Maroc-Emirati et des acteurs publics pour le développement d'infrastructures hydriques et énergétiques prioritaires", https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/2336/682c4e13d6918_Communique_de-presse_version-fr_19052025.pdf

5. Which national or international legal frameworks does Taqa consider applicable when developing projects in Western Sahara?

WSRW wrote to your company also on 3 July 2013, but we cannot see having obtained a response.³

Taqa's involvement in large-scale projects in Western Sahara, including key infrastructure intended to integrate the occupied territory's resources into Morocco's national energy system, comes with serious implications for international law, the Saharawi people's rights and the UN-led peace process. We believe these matters deserve transparent clarification. We look forward to your response and thank you in advance for addressing our questions.

Sincerely,

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³ https://wsrw.org/files/dated/2013-07-03/2013.07.03_wsrw_-_taqa.pdf