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Att: CEO, Richard Hooper

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REGARDING IMPORTS OF PHOSPHATE ROCK FROM WESTERN SAHARA

Dear Mr. Hooper

Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW) is privileged to write to you. We are writing with regard to the arrival of the bulk vessel *Amis Ace* (IMO 9552989) to Innophos Mexicana's factory in Coatzacoalcos on 3 August 2021.

First of all, allow us to commend Innophos for having an excellent position on Western Sahara. "As part of Innophos' commitment to overall social responsibility and good corporate stewardship, Innophos will no longer indirectly participate in a raw material supply chain which sources phosphate rock from the Western Sahara region in Africa." Innophos wrote [in a press release on 2 July 2018](#).

This position is in line with the policy of several other former importers of such rock.

Based on this policy, we were surprised to learn about *Amis Ace*'s arrival to your factory. Considering your company's knowledge about the matter, the several requests from your company's shareholders in the past, and our organisation's seven letters to Innophos during the years 2010 to 2018, we believe it is not necessary to go into the details of why such imports is controversial or in contrast to basic principles of social responsibility.

WSRW would like to receive your explanation as to why Innophos' commitment to social responsibility and good corporate stewardship has been ignored in the case of this particular incident.

We would also like an explanation to the following questions:

- 1) Are more shipments expected to take place from the Bou Craa mine in Western Sahara to your factory?
- 2) Is this part of a long-term agreement with OCP, and does this agreement specifically include sourcing of rock from Bou Craa mine?
- 3) How many tonnes of phosphate rock were onboard the *Amis Ace*?

The answer will be published on our website www.wsrw.org and made reference to in our next annual *P for Plunder* report, to be published in approximately February 2022. See earlier versions of that report via this article: <https://wsrw.org/en/news/the-phosphate-exports>

Your answer will also be communicated to the international investors which previously had excluded Innophos from their investment universe due to your company's earlier involvement.

The incident of your company's imports was today covered on our website www.wsrw.org.

We are convinced that it is not in the interest of Innophos to become associated with continued colonisation, occupation and war in Western Sahara, and urge your company to immediately take all measures to make sure that your excellent position on avoiding the sourcing of Western Sahara phosphate rock is followed up in practice.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards

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