Re. Bygging Uddemann's participation in port construction in occupied Western Sahara

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Dear Sara,

We would like to add to your news story the only relevant information answered in red below.

Best Regards,

Henrik Magnusson  
Managing Director

Från: Sara Eyckmans <coordinator@wsrw.org>  
Skickat: den 30 mars 2022 09:48  
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Dear Mr Magnusson,

Thank you for your prompt response to our inquiry – that is appreciated. We take note that you state that Bygging-Uddemann sold equipment to Archirodon "with delivery point Casablanca, Morocco" and that the company cannot control where clients decide to use the purchased equipment.

We also take note of the fact that of the six locations on your information channels where your company claimed that its supplies are being used for construction work "in Morocco", one has been deleted, one has been changed, and
four remain unchanged since our communication to you of 23 February 2022. We insist that the port for which you have supplied equipment is not located in Morocco.

We still would be grateful if you could provide an answer to some unanswered questions:

1. Will Bygging Uddemann ascertain not to conclude any further agreement in the territory – or for supplies to the territory – without first having obtained consent from the representative of the people of the territory? - We have no further activities nor plans for agreements in the territory.

2. Has Bygging Uddemann received export credit guarantees from the Swedish government in relation to this delivery? - No

3. Why does Bygging Uddemann refer to the project location as being in Morocco? - Delivery point is Morocco.

4. Will Bygging Uddemann commit to not servicing any further projects in occupied Western Sahara as long as the conflict has not been resolved in line with international law (i.e. the fulfilment of self-determination)? – We have no further plans – see answer in Nr 1.

In addition, we would appreciate a response to the following questions

1. Does Bygging Uddemann have further contracts for supplies to clients in Morocco or Western Sahara?

2. When was Bygging Uddemann first informed that your delivery was in fact going to be used at the mentioned port in Western Sahara, and not in Morocco?

3. Does the contract specify the location of the use of the equipment? If yes, what location?

4. Has staff of Bygging Uddemann visited the project as it has unfolded in Western Sahara?

5. Is Bygging Uddemann contractually committed to supply any sort of maintenance of the supplies delivered?

Thank you in advance for these additional clarifications. We look forward to hearing from you prior to 3 April 2022.

The information about Bygging-Uddemann’s delivery will appear in a news article relating to the port construction, as well as a separate news story on 7 April.

Kind regards,

Sara Eyckmans

On Wed, 23 Feb 2022 at 11:29, Henrik Magnusson <Henrik.Magnusson@bygging-uddemann.se> wrote:

Dear Sara,

We are not present at the work site in Layoune Port.

We have delivered construction equipment on purchase basis to our Greek client (Arhirodon Group).

Our client has purchased construction equipment from Bygging-Uddemann to be used for the purpose of international caisson construction works. Local permissions etc. is not in Bygging-Uddemann’s responsibility.

In this specific case we have sold equipment to a company within EU with the delivery point Casablanca, Morocco. Reference country for this delivery and reference country is therefore Morocco.

We cannot control nor guarantee in which territories or countries our clients decide to use their equipment in the future.

Best Regards,

Henrik Magnusson
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Dear Sir, Madam,

I am reaching out on behalf of Emmaus Stockholm and Western Sahara Resource Watch (WSRW), in relation to your company's involvement in the infrastructure works on the new phosphate port in El Aaiún, occupied Western Sahara.

Please find attached a letter outlining our concerns and questions on the matter. We'd be grateful for your response, preferably by 1 March 2022. WSRW will inform the public about your company's work in a militarily occupied territory via an article on our website, and we may also refer to it in our upcoming annual update report on Morocco's controversial phosphate exports from Western Sahara.

Both our organisations are convinced that it is not in the interest of Bygging Uddemann to become associated with continued brutal occupation and colonisation. We therefore would urge you to clarify your position on the matter, and immediately reconsider your operations in the territory.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Best regards,

Sara Eyckmans

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