



Erik Hagen
Director
Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara
Sent via email to: info@vest-sahara.no

15 February 2012

Dear Mr Hagen

Thank you for your letter of 8 December 2011.

As you are probably already aware, CSBP supplies fertilisers to the agricultural sector in Western Australia (WA), and is the only WA manufacturer of single superphosphate.

The Australian Government has not imposed any trading restrictions with Western Sahara. CSBP is satisfied that it is not in breach of international law and will continue to be guided by the Australian Government's position on trade with the region.

In October 2009, following several years of research, CSBP announced an investment of almost \$5 million in a regenerative thermal oxidiser (RTO) that will oxidise waste gas to address odour issues associated with processing phosphate rock from new sources.

The RTO will enable CSBP to broaden supply options for the company's superphosphate manufacturing operation at Kwinana and reduce dependence on phosphate rock from Western Sahara. If CSBP did not invest in the RTO, it would not be able to use alternate product.

Work on the RTO is well underway, and we expect to commission the oxidiser early this year. Once the operational efficiency of the RTO has been tested and is proven to be successful, we will then determine phosphate rock blends and supply options.

CSBP has, over time, engaged in dialogue with interested parties regarding the importation of phosphate rock from Western Sahara such as ethical investment funds, Wesfarmers shareholders, the Australian Western Saharan Association, and other interested members of the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom O'Leary'.

Tom O'Leary
Managing Director
Wesfarmers Chemicals, Energy & Fertilisers