



Australia Western Sahara Association

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Dear Mr Brasher

The Australia Western Sahara Association strongly objects to IPL's importation of yet another shipment of phosphate rock from Bou Craa mine in Western Sahara. We understand the "Maratha Prudence" is due to deliver the rock in Portland on 5 January and Geelong on 7 January to be used in your fertilizer processing plants there.

As we have pointed out to you many times in the past, the material is being sold to IPL, not by its rightful owners the Saharawi people, nor with their consent, but by the occupying power in their country, Morocco. As we continue to remind you, every transaction with Morocco involving goods from Western Sahara, strengthens Morocco's resolve to resist a fair resolution of this decades long occupation.

You should be aware of two significant decisions made this month with Morocco's trading partners.

- On Thursday 10 December, the European Court of Justice annulled the Moroccan - European Union trade agreement in agricultural and fisheries products on the ground that it did not exclude produce from Western Sahara which lies outside the internationally recognised border of the Kingdom of Morocco.
- On 22 December the French oil giant Total announced it is withdrawing from its operation in Western Sahara on the Anzarane block off-shore from Dakhla on the southern coast of the country.

We urge Incitec Pivot to follow suit and exit from the Western Sahara trade until the future of the country and its resources are determined by the Saharawi people. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Lyn Allison
President, AWSA