

Mrs. Sara Eyckmans
Coordinator
Western Sahara Resource Watch
Brussels

Bilbao, January 8th 2018

Dear Ms. Eyckmans

Thank you for your letter dated December 7, 2017, addressed to our CEO, Dr. Markus Tacke.

Dr. Tacke has shared his views with you previously. His statement that our company “refrains as a matter of policy from taking positions or making judgements” on questions of international law remains our position.

As you know, there are a range of opinions regarding the political and legal status of Western Sahara. Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy is aware of these divergent opinions, including the views of your organization.

Your suggestion that our company may be acting in contravention of the law is an allegation we take very seriously. Please be aware that we vigorously reject this charge. We share the commitment to business activities complying with the highest ethical and legal standards, and our company is determined to apply these standards wherever we are active throughout the world. As one of the pioneers in the sector (back in the 1980s), Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy is fully devoted and committed to fostering not only the deployment of clean energy around the world but also to “clean business” This sound track record and has enabled us develop a sustainable business and relationship with stakeholders, having installed 80GW of clean energy in more than 90 countries. We have gained trust from our customers to feel confident that, when acquiring Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy wind turbines, they are buying truly clean energy and with respect to human and environmental rights, any and all applicable laws as well as best practices.

SIEMENS GAMESA RENEWABLE ENERGY

Parque Tecnológico
de Bizkaia - Ed. 222
48170 Zamudio (Vizcaya)
España

Tel: +34 94 431 76 00
Fax: +34 94 431 76 32
www.gamesacorp.com

Before engaging in any project, we do confirm that nothing related to the project may imply any actions performed contrary to human and environmental rights, contrary to any and all applicable laws as well as best practices. As addressed above, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, as a matter of policy, does not take positions or make judgments on issues of international public law. A company like ours has neither the — mandate nor the capacity to independently advocate on such questions. These matters are, in our view, best left to national governments, who possess the appropriate diplomatic and political capacity, and to other international organizations and bodies with the relevant expertise. The views of shareholders, investors and NGOs are, of course, also of great value. On the situation of Western Sahara, declared by United Nation as a “non-self-governing territory” since 1991, we support the stated position of the International Community and the United Nations, which have expressed its hope for a peaceful and consensual resolution to the outstanding issues. At the present time, Western Sahara lacks much of the institutional and administrative infrastructure present in other parts of the world.

Helping developing parts of the world to share in the benefits of clean, renewable energy is a central part of our mission. As wind power technology evolves, we will continue to work hard to ensure that it creates value to all stakeholders wherever the projects in which we may involve as may be.

We remain hopeful that a peaceful and consensual resolution to this issue can be achieved.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lezamiz', is written over a horizontal line that is intersected by a vertical line.

Jon Lezamiz Cortazar

Global Public Affairs Director