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For the attention of  
Julia Bartmann  
Western Sahara Resource Watch

Hanover, March 11, 2019

## Regarding Continental's maintenance of installation in Western Sahara

Dear Ms. Bartmann,

Many thanks for the opportunity to explain the background of our maintenance activities in the Western Sahara region. We will ensure that a copy of our response will be shared with Continental's CEO Dr. Elmar Degenhart as you addressed him in your letter too.

The start of the construction works is defined within our cooperation agreement with OCP as the first day of the calendar month following the month including the day on which all required permits have been obtained. That means, the date of the construction permit is April 30, 2015. The actual cooperation agreement with OCP is valid for five years starting April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The contract will therefore expire on April 30, 2020. However, due to the delayed contract implementation by OCP at the very beginning, the validity will be extended by two months until June 30, 2020. ContiTech does not comment on any potential contractual negotiations.

ContiTech will continue its work in fulfilling its legal contracts towards its customer OCP in line with ContiTech's and Continental's commitments towards human rights. Like many other interested parties, ContiTech is looking forward to a peaceful resolution of the overall situation and to the benefit of the Saharwi people. We will include your feedback and impulses in our dialogue with the customer.

In case of further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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