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by eMail

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Dear Ms. Eyckmans,

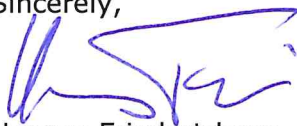
Many thanks for contacting us again. My dear colleague Jim Hill forwarded your mail and I highly appreciate the possibility to explain the current status of our conveyor belt maintenance activities with our customer OCP. We are very grateful for your comprehensive information and the additional details on the current situation that you have provided us with.

As you already know, we are currently negotiating the renewal of the maintenance contract with our customer and as mentioned in earlier statements we also addressed your issue in our talks with OCP. We will continue to include your feedback and impulses in our ongoing dialogue with the customer. We would like to point out, that ContiTech and Continental do not directly operate on the territory of Western Sahara. Like many other interested parties, we are looking forward to a peaceful resolution of the overall situation and to the benefit of the people in Western Sahara.

As a company we will continue our work in fulfilling our legal contracts towards our customers in line with ContiTech's and Continental's commitments towards human rights. At this moment of time, we unfortunately do not have any new updates. We entered into first talks with OCP which are still ongoing. And as said in one of my letters before, it is one of our general principles to not comment on any contractual negotiations.

We appreciate your understanding and will ensure to actively inform you as soon as we have any new information or decisions to share. In case of any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We once again thank you for the information shared and look forward to a follow-up exchange and dialogue within the upcoming months.

Sincerely,



Hannes Friederichsen
Executive Vice President
Head of ContiTech Conveying Solutions