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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to respond to First Peoples Worldwide's recent report 'Indigenous Rights Risk Report for the extractive industries', which raised issues relating to two Kosmos projects in the Western Sahara and Ghana.

Kosmos has held rights over the Cap Boujdour block, approximately 70 kilometers offshore Western Sahara, since 2006 under a petroleum agreement with the Office National des Hydrocarbures et des Mines (ONHYM), an agency of the Kingdom of Morocco. Our activities are focused on exploration and do not involve the removal of resources; and have yet to uncover conclusive evidence as to whether hydrocarbon resources, sufficient to justify development, are present.

For a quarter of a century the UN has been in discussions with Morocco and the Polisario Front aimed at reaching agreement on the long-term status of the territory. We are extremely attentive to the sensitivity of the area and to the requirements of international law. The issue of potential resource development in the territory was considered, at the request of the Security Council, in an Opinion issued by the then U.N. Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs in 2002. The Opinion views Morocco as the de facto administering power of Western Sahara and sets out certain rights and responsibilities which must be observed in respect of any exploration for, and development of, resources there. The Opinion remains authoritative and is relied upon by other international institutions such as the European Parliament. We believe that responsible resource exploration and, if successful, development can occur in parallel with the UN-led discussions and importantly that it will not prejudice the negotiations or the outcome of that process.

Therefore, we have been working with the Kingdom of Morocco with the objective of ensuring that if commercial deposits were to be discovered offshore Western Sahara, they could be developed in a manner that both reflects international best practices on resource management and transparency as well as complies with international law. Indeed if we were to make a discovery we would only proceed on that basis.

Turning to Ghana, FPW expressed concerns about the circumstances surrounding a drilling non-toxic mud discharge in 2009. We would like to communicate that the incident was resolved amicably with the government of Ghana and adequate measures were put in place to prevent further occurrence.

Kosmos Energy is committed to operating ethically, transparently and in accordance with applicable laws. Unfortunately, we were not consulted by FPW during the preparation of their report. As a result, it misrepresents Kosmos as having no applicable policies relating to human rights or indigenous people. Kosmos is guided by our [Business Principles](#), and our supporting [Human Rights Policy](#), which were adopted after significant stakeholder engagement and are both publically available on our website.

We hope to engage with First Peoples Worldwide to increase their awareness on Kosmos' policies and practices and to better understand the methodologies behind their report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reg Manhas".

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