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Siemens' involvement in the Foum El Oued wind park project in the West Sahara region

As a globally active company, we bear great responsibility for sustainable development throughout the world. Siemens is committed to providing sustainable energy solutions to customers around the world. Since large parts of the African population do not have access to power supply, Siemens can

contribute to advance the sustainable power generation in Africa.

The "Foum El Oued" wind park project bears a number of very positive effects regarding sustainable power production as well as the development of the region of West Sahara and the situation of the

local population:

Wind energy is clean and helps reducing greenhouse gas emissions while providing new

technology and infrastructure to the West Sahara region

The "Foum El Oued" wind park project is in validation process to become registered as a

project under the UN's Clean Development Mechanism

The project contributes to the social and economic development of the region

It also provides indirect employment benefits for the local population

The participation of Siemens in this project is permissible under the applicable laws and regulations

and does not infringe the right of self-determination or any other human right in public international

law.

With delivering of technology to this project, Siemens does not intend to make a political statement on

the status of the region. Regardless of political disputes, we believe that a working infrastructure will

help to improve the economic conditions, and as a consequence the situation of the people in the

West Sahara.

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