

Berlin, 26 June, 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

We received your letter titled 'JOINT URGENT APPEAL FROM SPECIAL PROCEDURES' on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. We would like to state the following:

LAVA (Laboratory for Visionary Architecture Berlin GmbH) is a diverse, international company with sister companies in Australia and Vietnam. LAVA works as an architectural think tank at the forefront of architectural and technical innovation. We are advocates of the move towards renewable energy and the creation of more with less, making the environment more sustainable and increasing liveability for all.

We at LAVA recognize that Human rights are essential for sustainable and equitable development. As Masterplanners for the Trojena development at Neom, studies were conducted to assess environmental and social impacts of the development. To our knowledge, there are no human rights violations in the area we are working in.

Through active dialogue and research between our company, clients, collaborators, journalists, and advocates, we have and continue to inform ourselves of human rights issues globally and in connection to our projects. We have addressed the stated concerns from your letter with our client and have informed the German government as the relevant party to discuss the issues included in your letter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wallisser', is displayed within a light blue rectangular box.

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on behalf of Laboratory for Visionary Architecture Berlin GmbH