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NCP Denmark's public statement regarding the initiation of the actual investigation

The Danish Mediation and Complaints-Handling Institution for Responsible Business Conduct (NCP Denmark) initiates an investigation of Rockwool International A/S

On 21 October 2019, NCP Denmark received a complaint against Rockwool International A/S and the company's American subsidiary ROXUL USA Inc (hereafter "Rockwool"). The complaint was submitted by the American non-profit organization West Virginians for Sustainable Development along with several co-complainants¹, and concerns Rockwool's mineral wool manufacturing facility in Jefferson County, West Virginia, USA.

NCP Denmark emphasizes that it has not at this stage been determined whether non-observance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises has actually taken place in this case.

Following a bilateral discussion phase between the parties, NCP Denmark conducted a preliminary investigation of the complaint and concluded that it cannot be dismissed that non-observance of the OECD Guidelines has taken place. Consequently, NCP Denmark offered formal mediation to the parties. As Rockwool has declined to participate in mediation, NCP Denmark will initiate an actual investigation of the complaint, cf. section 7, subsection 4, no. 2 of [the Danish Act on a Mediation and Complaints-Handling Institution for Responsible](#).

As part of the investigation, NCP Denmark will primarily focus on the OECD Guidelines' chapter II on General Policies (including paragraph 14 on stakeholder engagement), chapter IV on Human Rights, and chapter VI on Environment.

The actual investigation is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2021.

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More information on NCP Denmark and the case handling procedure is available on www.businessconduct.dk

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Mæglings- og klageinstitutionen for ansvarlig virksomhedsadfærd (NCP Danmark) indleder undersøgelse af Rockwool International A/S

Den 21. oktober 2019 modtog NCP Danmark en klage over Rockwool International A/S og selskabets amerikanske datterselskab ROXUL USA Inc. (herefter "Rockwool"). Klagen blev indsendt af den amerikanske nonprofitorganisation West Virginians for Sustainable Development sammen med en række medklagere², og omhandler Rockwools opførelse af en mineraluldsfabrik i Jefferson County, West Virginia, USA.

NCP Danmark understreger, at der endnu ikke er taget stilling til, om der faktisk foreligger en overtrædelse af OECD's Retningslinjer for Multinationale Virksomheder i sagen.

Efter en bilateral dialogfase mellem parterne foretog NCP Danmark en forundersøgelse af klagesagen der konkluderede, at det ikke kan udelukkes, at der er tale om en overtrædelse af OECD's Retningslinjer for Multinationale Virksomheder. Parterne fik derfor tilbud om at medvirke i en formel mægling i sagen faciliteret af NCP Danmark. Da Rockwool International A/S ikke ønskede at medvirke til mægling, indleder NCP Danmark nu en egentlig undersøgelse af klagesagen, jf. § 7, stk. 4, nr. 2. i [lov om mæglings- og klageinstitutionen for ansvarlig virksomhedsadfærd](#).

Som led i den egentlige undersøgelse vil NCP Danmark primært fokusere på OECD's retningslinjer, kapitel II om Generelle Politikker (herunder afsnit 14 om interessentinddragelse), kapitel IV om Menneskerettigheder og kapitel VI om Miljø.

Den egentlige undersøgelse forventes afsluttet i 1. kvartal 2021.

Yderligere information om NCP Danmark og klagebehandlingsprocessen kan findes på www.virksomhedsadfærd.dk

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