



Dear All,

In recent days, a defamatory press campaign against our Group has been published. We reject those allegations and below is our official statement:

**Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha, owner of the Maurilog group, denies the accusations of tax evasion and challenges the authors to provide any evidence in support of the allegation.**

Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha, founding president of the Maurilog group, denies having any funds in an offshore account or in any tax haven. Cited in an article about funds of directors located offshore, Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha and his Maurilog group, as well as all of his subsidiaries, formally reject these false allegations and challenge anyone to provide evidence of illegal transactions or existence of offshore accounts.

Our subsidiary MSGBC Ltd was created in Gibraltar in 2018 to comply with Article 9 of the terms of reference of the international tender for "Bunkering" services in Mauritania. The license was finally awarded to MAURILOG CANARY ISLANDS SL, our subsidiary in the Canary Islands. MSGBC was therefore never activated and never used, before being closed in March 2021 for lack of activities. These documents are available to anyone who would like to review them, and clearly show that MSGBC has never opened a bank account either in Gibraltar or in any other tax haven.

Our subsidiary Maurilog Canary Islands SL, domiciled in Spain, is a company incorporated under Spanish law, and not offshore. It is audited in accordance with international standards, and its financial statements are communicated to and in compliance with both Mauritanian and Spanish tax administrations (tax certificates are available for review).

These allegations targeting Mr. Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha and Maurilog come from the same individuals who since 2016 have been leading a cabal, each time with purely slanderous accusations which have systematically turned out to be false. On several occasions already, they have had to retract, or remove the defamatory articles from the websites of their servants in order to avoid legal proceedings. These individuals managed to mislead the public again with these slanderous accusations of tax evasion without any tangible evidence. They also shamelessly claim that our group was quoted in the report of the Parliamentary Inquiry Committee (CEP), which is a pure invention. Indeed, no company in the group, much less its founder or one of its collaborators, is cited in the said report, which has been made public more than a year ago.

Regardless of a short tenure in the government in charge of promoting private investments between 2007 and 2008, Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha had founded his companies with leading international partnerships since 1990.

With its financials accounts audited annually and its compliance validated by one of the big four consulting firms, the Maurilog group of M. Mohamed Abdellahi Yaha is proud to be a citizen organization committed since 1990 to the development of Mauritania, and being completely up to date on its fiscal and social obligations, whilst structuring investments and creating hundreds of jobs.

Faced with these repetitive false campaigns, M. Mohamed Abdallahi Yaha has been instructed by his lawyers to preserve his rights in both Mauritanian and International courts. These lies will not continue.

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