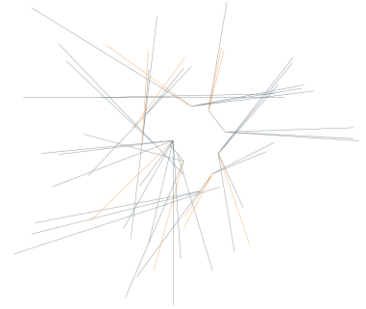


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Dear Sir

Request for retraction of allegations made on social media

1. We act for Dr Stuart Theobald and Intellidex (Pty) Ltd ("**our clients**").
2. We address this letter to you on behalf of our clients and as a result of defamatory statements which you have made in relation to our clients on Twitter.
3. On 3 August 2018, a tweet was posted by you using the Twitter handle @John_Hempton. This tweet is attached as annex "**A**".
4. The tweet alleges that our clients accuse other companies of being conflicted while our clients "*take bribes*".
5. Our client denies the allegations contained in the tweet. The allegations contained in the tweet are defamatory of our clients and were made with the intention of defaming our clients and to injure our clients' reputation.
6. The allegations made in your tweet were intended by you, and were understood by those who read the tweet, to mean that our clients:

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- 6.1 are corrupt;
- 6.2 lack integrity; and
- 6.3 accept bribes in return for producing its reports.
7. You made the allegations maliciously, recklessly and/or negligently, without due consideration of the true facts.
8. As a result of the allegations contained in your tweet, our clients have suffered, and continue to suffer, harm to their reputation.
9. In light of the above, our clients demand that you:
 - 9.1 delete the tweet from your Twitter account;
 - 9.2 retract the allegations contained in the tweet; and
 - 9.3 post an apology to our clients on Twitter for the allegations contained in the tweet concerning our clients.
10. Should you fail to carry out the above by no later than **Tuesday 7 August 2018**, our clients will exercise their rights in law.
11. Our clients' rights are reserved entirely.

Yours faithfully

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