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Our Reference: JSM/CG/VENETE KLEIN

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Dear Sirs

IN RE: VENETE KLEIN // CORRUPTION WATCH

1. We represent Ms Venete Klein.
2. An extract from the Business Day, dated 20 March 2019, is attached hereto (“the publication”).
3. The publication is designed to vilify and humiliate Ms Klein; it depicts her as a criminal and contains language that can reasonably be interpreted as a call to arms - “wipe the smiles of these faces” and “remove these delinquents from public life”.
4. Ms Klein is not a “delinquent”. To say that she is, is defamatory and factually incorrect.
5. In the most distasteful way, Corruption Watch seeks to raise funds on the back of the defamatory content of the publication.
6. The publication creates risks for Ms Klein’s personal security, by irresponsibly and without foundation drawing a link between the current electricity crisis and Ms Klein. After the publication, Ms Klein has experienced public hostility which could well be a precursor to physical attacks on her and her property.
7. The publication, furthermore, has a direct and adverse effect on Ms Klein’s dignity and reputation and her current and future business opportunities.

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8. Ms Klein is furthermore, as Corruption Watch is well aware, opposing the delinquency application brought by Corruption Watch. It is highly inappropriate for Corruption Watch to seek to pre-empt the outcome of litigation in which it is a party, by making the very claims which a court is yet to decide.
9. As you are aware, Ms Klein has also made extensive submissions to Parliament which demonstrates her innocence.
10. In the circumstances, Ms Klein demands the following:
 - 10.1. a written apology; and
 - 10.2. an undertaking that Corruption Watch will not in future publish, or cause to be published, the same publication, or a similar publication in respect of Ms Klein in the Business Day or any other similar platform, publication or media.
11. Ms Klein's rights to damages, including special damages, remain reserved.
12. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible, and in any event by the close of business on Tuesday, 26 March 2019.
13. We are aware that Corruption Watch is legally represented in the delinquency application and we have, accordingly, copied the attorneys in that matter in this letter.
14. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully
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