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C&G ALEKSA COMPANY LIMITED SUES MULTIMEDIA GROUP LIMITED & CAPTAIN SMART

C&G Aleksa Company Limited, a Ghanaian registered mining company has filed a Writ of Summons against Multimedia Group Limited, owners and operators of ADOM 106.3 FM and one of its employees, Blessed GodsBrain Smart alias Captain Smart, the host of DWASO NSEM on that station.

In the suit which was filed at the High Court, General Jurisdiction Division, Accra, the company seeks the following reliefs against Multimedia Group Limited and Captain Smart:

- a. A declaration that the words and statements complained of by Plaintiffs and broadcast in the course of the DWASO NSEM programme on the 30th day of November, 2016 are defamatory of Plaintiffs.
- b. An order directed at Defendants to retract and apologise unconditionally to Plaintiffs for the defamatory words broadcast of Plaintiffs on the DWASO NSEM programme.
- c. General damages
- d. Costs
- e. An order of perpetual injunction directed at Defendants, their agents, hirelings, privies, servants, associates and/or any person claiming under or through them and howsoever described; restraining them either jointly or severally from repeating the defamatory broadcast of and about Plaintiffs and/or broadcasting or permitting to be broadcast similar such defamatory words and/or statements about Plaintiffs.
- f. Any other relief(s) which this Honourable Court deems just and equitable.

The Company alleges in its Statement of Claim that it was granted a Prospecting Licence by the Government of Ghana on the 9th day of August, 2016 to undertake prospecting activities in the Upper Wassaw Forest Reserve. The Forestry Commission also granted it Entry Permit on the 10th day of August, 2016. Following these authorisations, the Company entered the Forest Reserve and commenced prospecting.

In the course of time, it found out that gangs of gamalseyers had trespassed the concession and were engaged in gamalsey activities. It therefore made reports to the security agencies and sought assistance to flush out the illegal miners, who included Chinese nationals.

Some of the gamalseyers, peeved by the conduct of the Company and the security agencies, resorted to defamatory broadcasts about the Company and its directing minds. One such defamatory broadcast occurred on Tuesday, 30th November, 2016 when Captain Smart interviewed a gentleman claiming to be the Assemblyman for Juabo and one Emmanuel Aidoo, who described himself as the Executive Director of ECO Justice, an NGO; on his DWASO NSEM programme.

ADOM FM and Captain Smart failed to get the side of the Company and proceeded to broadcast various defamatory statements about the Company and its operations, which they ought to have known were false.

The Company has no option than to resort to court action to correct the false impressions about it as contained in the broadcasts.

The Company wishes to assure its regulators and Ghanaians that it is not involved in any unlawful acts in the Upper Wassaw Forest Reserve. As a responsible Company, it will continue to conduct its legitimate activities according to Ghana's laws and regulations and resist any attempt by persons engaged in illegal mining to tarnish its image.

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