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Dear Sir,

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RETRACTION AND APOLOGY FOR DEFAMATORY PUBLICATION

I wish to officially inform you that my attention has been drawn to a Press Release under your authorship dated 20th August, 2017.

In the said Press Release, you made direct defamatory references to me for which I demand an immediate retraction and an unqualified apology.

First of all, the sequence of events in the manner you have sought to narrate in the said Press Release shows that you were either *not properly briefed by your superiors* or *that you have churned out malicious falsehood to the public carefully calculated to dent my hard won reputation*.

As you are already aware, I have never personally dealt with you since my client was deported from Ghana on 1st June, 2017. The persons I have engaged are the Minister for the Interior, Hon. Ambrose Dery, Comptroller of Immigration, Mr. Kwame Takyi, Deputy Comptroller-General/Operations, Mr. Laud Affrifa and the Head of Legal at Immigration Headquarters.

I have acted very professionally and I believe that if my engagements with your superiors to reverse the illegal deportation was adhered to during the seven (7) week deliberations, this case would not have travelled up to this stage.

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In specific response to your Press Release and which portions thereof were published in the Daily Graphic Publication on Monday, 21st August, 2017, No. 20460 under the caption "**Immigration Service refutes claims of Indian Businessman**" you made direct attributions to me and that the said statements were inaccurate and malicious.

I am not sure that you were informed by Comptroller of Immigration that on **8th August, 2017** pursuant to the ruling of the Court dated 4th August, 2017 a meeting was held in **the office of Comptroller of Immigration for the purposes of discussing the restoration of the Residence/Work Permit which was cancelled on 1st June, 2017 in view of the Deportation Order**. The following persons were in attendance, Mr. Kwame Takyi (Director/Comptroller of Immigration), Mr. Laud Affrifa (Deputy Comptroller-General/Operations), the Head of Legal, Mr. Ashok Kumar Sivaram, Nanabanyin Ackon and my good self. It is important to point out that the meeting was very cordial. I am sure that if you had been properly briefed, you would not have said that it was on the **14th of August, 2017** that "**after persistent unsuccessful attempts to reach**" me to present my client to the Immigration Service, that a letter was delivered to me to bring my client. **The correct position is that after the meeting on 8th August, 2017, the Comptroller of Immigration assured me that he would revert for which I graciously obliged him.**

On the issue about the delivery of the letter dated **14th August, 2017** referred to in paragraph 7 of your Press Release, I wish to respectfully inform you that the said letter was **delivered to my office on 15th August, 2017 after a Mandamus Application had been filed at the Registry of the High Court and same served on your office.**

The record would show that on **10th August, 2017**, an application for visa on arrival and an **application for restoration of our client's Residence/Work Permit** were made to your office. The Company Secretary of my client indicated to me that he made attempts to pay the relevant statutory fees but same were rejected on the **10th August, 2017** and **11th August, 2017**.

In view of the representation made to me, I wrote a letter to **demand acceptance of the relevant statutory fees** to process the visa on **14th August, 2017**. A copy of the same letter was sent to the office of the Minister for the Interior and also the Attorney General's office where they duly acknowledged receipt thereof.

I am informed by the bearer of the letter, Mr. George Otimpong Dankwa that he was made to wait for two hours only to be informed by the Comptroller of Immigration that **he would not accept the payment**. When he returned to my office, I realised that the same letter copied to the office of the Minister for the Interior had been duly stamped and same were replicated by the Attorney General's office but the one addressed to the **Comptroller of Immigration was returned without any stamp and with the attached cheque.**

Respectfully sir, it was after this development of *demand and a refusal* that I filed the Application for Mandamus. Again, I believe that if you were properly briefed on the sequence of events as same were evidenced by documentary proof, you would not have stated that "*after serving me with a letter to produce my client*, I surprisingly filed a Mandamus Application on 15th August, 2017 without fulfilling a Court Order."

I do find this statement highly defamatory and request you to immediately retract and apologize in the same prominence that your Press Release has been given.

It is also inaccurate and factually incorrect that the application for Mandamus was to be moved on **21st August, 2017**. As a matter of fact, no date was set to move application as the face of the motion paper showed that the "Registrar was to fix a date".

Again, you indicated that your Solicitors at the Attorney General's Department had filed for *Stay of Execution* of the *ruling of the Court dated 31st July, 2017*. Your Press Release was dated **20th August, 2017**. I am surprised that you were not aware that on **14th August, 2017**, your Solicitors had filed a "*Motion on Notice to Withdraw the Stay of Execution and same was moved and withdrawn on 21st August, 2017*" in the High Court. **I am pretty sure that you were also not properly briefed on this one.**

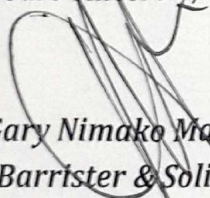
It is instructive to point out that it is also factually inaccurate to state that I have submitted a Petition to His Excellency President Nana Akufo-Addo when a reading of the petition shows who the author of the said petition was.

In general response to the entire Press Release, I wish to respectfully inform you that it is proper to give a correct narrative of the sequence of events to the public in the interest of the image of the Ghana Immigration Service.

I therefore respectfully implore you to immediately retract the inaccurate and defamatory attributions made to me in your Press Release forthwith.

Please be advised accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,



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