IN THE MATTER OF THE LEVESON INQUIRY INTO THE CULTURE, PRACTICES AND ETHICS OF THE PRESS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF
WILLIAM ALAN WALLS

I, William Alan Walls, c/o Linklaters LLP, One Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8HQ, will say as follows:

1. I am a solicitor and partner at the firm Linklaters LLP ("Linklaters") which represents NI Group Limited ("NI") in this Inquiry. I make this statement on the basis of information received in that capacity as set out below.

2. The purpose of this witness statement is to formally put in evidence before the Inquiry documents sent to the Inquiry relating to matters arising out of the evidence of witnesses who appeared before the Inquiry in Module 1.

Matters arising from the evidence of Mr and Mrs McCann

3. On 25 November 2011, the Inquiry wrote to Linklaters requesting assistance in identifying all those at News of the World ("NotW") involved in "the sourcing, preparation, writing and editing" of the NotW's story relating to Kate McCann's diary: "Kate's Diary, In Her Own Words", published on 14 September 2008.

4. As a result of this request, Linklaters commenced searches for relevant information across the stored emails of certain individuals that were employed by NotW at the time the story was published. Linklaters wrote to the Inquiry informing them of the progress of these searches on 28 November 2011 and 2 December 2011. These letters are exhibited as "WAW1" and "WAW2", respectively.

5. On 8 December 2011, Linklaters wrote to the Inquiry again outlining the results of the searches undertaken and identifying those involved in the sourcing, preparation, writing and editing of the story, to the extent possible. A copy of Linklaters' letter and its enclosures are exhibited as "WAW3".

Matters arising from the evidence of Dominic Mohan

6. On 9 January 2012, Dominic Mohan gave oral evidence before the Inquiry. During his evidence, two matters were raised as requiring further clarification; specifically:
(i) the timeline of events between The Sun's publication of two stories relating to two transgender children on 18 and 19 September 2009 and the Press Complaint Commission's ("PCC's") subsequent adjudication (see p. 62 of the transcript of the afternoon of 9 January 2012); and

(ii) the specific articles referred to by Mr Mohan when speaking at the Princess Margaret / Shafia Awards (see p. 64 of the transcript of the afternoon of 9 January 2012).

7 On 20 January 2012, Linklaters wrote to the Inquiry addressing both of the matters outlined above. A copy of Linklaters' letter and its enclosures are exhibited as "WAW4".

Matters arising from the evidence of certain Individual Core Participants

8 On 23 December 2011, following the completion of the evidence of the Individual Core Participants ("ICPs") Linklaters wrote to the Inquiry enclosing a schedule addressing a number of factual claims made by ICPs during the course of their oral evidence. A copy of Linklaters' letter and its schedule are exhibited at Exhibit "WAW5". In addition, Exhibit "WAW5" contains documents relating to the points noted in rows 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of that schedule.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed ........................................

Dated ........................................
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EXHIBIT "WAW1"

This is the exhibit marked "WAW1" referred to in the witness statement of William Alan Walls dated the 10th day of April 2012.
Leveson Inquiry Solicitors
Royal Courts of Justice
The Strand
London WC2A 2LL
Attn: Nicola Enston

By Email
Our Ref Alan Walls / Harriet Ellis

Dear Sirs

Leveson Inquiry - matters arising from the evidence of Mr and Mrs McCann

We refer to your letter of 25 November 2011.

We note your request for assistance in identifying those involved in the sourcing, preparation, writing and editing of the News of the World story concerning Kate McCann’s diary. We are looking into this as a matter of urgency. As you are aware, the News of the World has now ceased publication; this unfortunately makes the process of identifying the individuals involved somewhat slower than would otherwise be the case. However, we are currently pursuing enquiries, including conducting searches across the stored emails of relevant individuals using appropriate “key word” search terms. We will inform the Inquiry of the results of these investigations as soon as they are complete.

As to Daniel Sanderson and Collin Myler, they are no longer employed by News International. We understand that Mr Myler is represented by solicitors Simmons & Simmons ( ). We are also looking into possible contact details for Mr Sanderson and will revert on this point as soon as possible. Both names are being included in our electronic searches.

Yours faithfully

Linklaters LLP

28 November 2011

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EXHIBIT "WAW2"

This is the exhibit marked "WAW2" referred to in the witness statement of William Alan Walls dated the 10th day of April 2012.
Dear Sirs,

Leveson Inquiry - matters arising from the evidence of Mr and Mrs McCann

We write further to your letter of 25 November 2011 and our reply of 28 November 2011.

We are continuing our efforts to ascertain precisely how the diary of Kate McCann came to be published in the News of the World, and to identify all those involved in the sourcing, preparation, writing and editing of the story you have queried. As mentioned in our previous letter, these efforts include running searches across the stored emails of relevant individuals; this exercise has produced a large amount of material which we are reviewing in order to provide the Inquiry with the most accurate and complete answers possible. We are working through this material as quickly as possible and we expect to be in a position to provide a substantive response to the Inquiry’s queries in the course of next week.

Yours faithfully,

Linklaters LLP

2 December 2011

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EXHIBIT "WAW3"

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EXHIBIT “WAW4”

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Solihull to the Leveson Inquiry

20 January 2012

Dear Sirs,

Leveson Inquiry: Evidence of Mr Dominic Mohan

This letter concerns two points raised in Dominic Mohan’s oral evidence to the Inquiry on 5 January 2012, specifically:

(i) an explanation of the timeline of events between The Sun’s publication of two stories relating to two transgender children in 18 and 19 September 2009 and the Press Complaints Commission’s (“PCC’s”) subsequent adjudication in respect of it (the “PCC Adjudication”); and

(ii) copies of two articles referred to by Mr Mohan when speaking of his awareness of phone hacking at the time of his speech at the Princess Margaret/Blair fundas in 2009.

1 PCC Adjudication

We have reviewed The Sun’s files on the PCC Adjudication and set out below a summary of the chronology of events. We also enclose copies of the correspondence referred to:

18 September 2009 The Sun publishes the article “Boy, 12, turns into girl” on the front page, followed by the article “Our kids were told in assembly: ‘This boy is now a girl ... it was appalling’” on page 6.

19 September 2009 The Sun publishes the articles “Sex swap pupil No 2, New Boy, 8 is Girl” on the front page, followed by the article “A boy has left school, a new girl is starting” on page 5.

18 November 2009 Mermelde, the family support group for children and teenagers with gender identity issues, writes two letters to the PCC on behalf of two families setting out their respective complaints regarding the articles in The Sun.

26 November 2009 Scott Langham of the PCC writes to Dominic Mohan, Editor of The Sun (copied to Graham Duthie, Managing Editor of The Sun) enclosing the complaint from Mermelde relating to the 18 and 19

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Mr Langham asks for The Sun’s comments, which will be forwarded to the complainants.

1 December 2009

Mr Dudman writes to Mr Langham responding to the letter of 26 November 2009. He addresses each point of complaint raised by Meralda.

11 December 2009

Mr Langham emails Mr Dudman passing on the comments of one of the families concerned, and asks Mr Dudman to address a number of comments.

14 December 2009

Mr Dudman writes to Mr Langham responding to points raised in the email of 11 December 2009.

22 January 2010

Mr Langham emails Mr Dudman in response to his letter of 14 December 2009 passing on further comments from the two affected families.

Mr Langham also states that the Commission may now be in a position to come to a view on this matter.

27 January 2010

Mr Dudman writes to Mr Langham in response to his letter of 22 January 2010 stating that he does not have anything further to add to his comments in his letters of 1 and 14 December 2009. Mr Dudman also includes suggested wording for a private apology to one of the affected families.

2 March 2010

Mr Langham writes to Mr Mohan (copied to Mr Dudman) informing him that the complaints raised by the two families will be considered by the Commission at its next meeting on 10 March 2010 with a view to adjudication.

4 March 2010

Mr Dudman responds to Mr Langham’s letter of 2 March 2010 stating that he has re-read the file and wishes to make it absolutely clear that The Sun are happy to offer a suitably worded correction and apology for any issues the Commission feel warrant such edition.

6 March 2010

Mr Langham emails Mr Dudman informing him of one point of clarification from one of the affected families.

10 March 2010

The PCC Commission considers the complaint at a meeting.

23 March 2010

Mr Langham emails Mr Dudman attaching a letter addressed to Mr Mohan and Mr Dudman. The letter encloses a copy of the adjudication.

In an email the following day, Mr Dudman states that the complainants and The Sun have until 30 March 2010 to revert on any disputed points of fact.

26 March 2010

Mr Dudman emails Mr Langham attaching a letter requesting language to be inserted in the adjudication decision that would clarify that certain alleged breaches of the Editors’ Code of Practice
had not been upheld.

26 March 2010  
Mr Langham and Mr Dudman exchange emails regarding Mr Dudman's alternative contact at The Sun (Justin Walford, Deputy Legal Counsel at News Group Newspapers at that time) whilst Mr Dudman is away.

30 March 2010  
Mr Langham emails Mr Walford and Mr Dudman attaching the final version of the adjudication decision and stating "I believe that there is an agreement in principle for the adjudication to appear on page 6 in Friday's edition of the newspaper".

1 April 2010  
Mr Langham emails Mr Walford again, reattaching the decision and stating "You said that this will appear on page 6 in tomorrow's paper with the headline 'PCC Ruling'".

2 April 2010  
The PCC publishes the adjudication decision on its website. The Sun publishes the article "PCC ruling" on page 6.

In response to the query raised by Counsel to the Inquiry as to why the ruling was published on page 6, you will see that the prominence of this ruling was agreed between Mr Dudman of The Sun and Mr Langham of the PCC.

Should the Inquiry wish to publish or otherwise circulate any of the correspondence enclosed relating to this adjudication, NJ would wish to make redactions to it given the sensitive personal information contained within it concerning the families.

2 Princess Margaret/Shafta Awards

During the afternoon hearing on 9 January 2012, Counsel to the Inquiry asked Mr Mohan about a comment Mr Mohan had made during a speech given at the Princess Margaret/Shafta Awards on 30 April 2002 in which he made a joke thanking Vodafone's lack of security for the Mirror's showbusiness exclusives. Counsel to the Inquiry asked if it meant that Mr Mohan knew at the time that it was possible to hack into voicemail. Mr Mohan responded that he was well known then and that a number of articles had been published on the issue. This exchange can be found at pages 93 to 65 of the transcript of the afternoon session of 9 January 2012.

Mr Mohan referred in that context to two articles, specifically:

(a) a Daily Mirror article regarding the Irish cabinet's mobile phones — "MIRROR TAPS: BERTIE'S MOBILE: We listen to his message in Cabinet phone scandal" (18 April 1998);

(b) an article in The Independent on Sunday — "Revealed: how to hack into a mobile phone" (26 July 1999).

Copies of both articles are enclosed.
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We hope this material is of assistance to the inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Linklaters LLP

Enc.
Correspondence between The Sun and the PCC not included
MIRROR TAPS BERTIE'S MOBILE;
WE LISTEN TO HIS MESSAGE IN CABINET PHONE SCANDAL;
MIRROR PROVES PHONES CAN BE TAPPED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

BYLINE: Karl Brophy
SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 1
LENGTH: 417 words

GOVERNMENT phones can be tapped by any member of the public. The Irish Mirror can reveal today.

Phones in every Government Department can easily be monitored by anyone with a phone of their own.

A technological loophole means that eavesdroppers can listen into communication from top Ministers.

Yesterday, the Irish Mirror was able to listen to Taoiseach Bertie Ahern requesting his advisers for a "GAA speech" for a function tonight.

We also tuned in on messages from Cabinet Ministers, including ones from sensitive Departments such as Justice and Defence.

Ironically, one of the messages we were able to monitor was from a senior Department of Justice official concerned the revelation that RTÉ journalists were being spied upon.

The phone tap can be operated by anyone who knows the number of the mobile phone they wish to listen in to.

In a hugely embarrassing breach of Government security we discovered that nearly all of the Fianna Fail Ministers and their huge teams of advisers have not changed the security passwords on their mobile phones.

All Eircell mobile phones start off with the same factory setting password for their electronic mailbox answering machine when they are sold.

Customers are advised to change the password as soon as they begin using the phone.

But tens of thousands of mobile phone users all over the country never change their security code.

That means that anyone can listen in to another person's messages by simply phoning into the their electronic mailbox and dialling the digits '0000'.

For six digit '087' numbers, amateur hackers simply place the digit '7' after the prefix and dial as normal to go directly into the mailbox.
With the new seven digit numbers, the 'spy' adds '1' onto the first digit of the phone number. Therefore if the phone number is usually 087 2345678, they dial 087 3345678.

Once there they press the pound 'hash' button when they hear the phone owner's message and then dial the factory setting password of '0000' followed again by the 'hash' button, which is underneath the '9' key on most phones.

Once they have done this the hacker has unlimited access to all the messages.

Yesterday, the Irish Mirror was able to covertly monitor communications from EVERY Government Department.

Last night a Government spokesman, when told of the Irish Mirror expose, immediately announced they would be issuing a circular to all Government departments to tighten phone security.
HERE IS some important advice for people having illicit affairs or negotiating lucrative new jobs. Don’t leave any messages on a mobile phone. And make sure no one leaves you any.

In an astonishing breach of security BT Cellnet has handed out, over the telephone, a confidential pin number allowing the recipient to listen in to the confidential messages of any of the five million customers on their network.

The Independent on Sunday has that pin number and yesterday was able to hack into the message systems of 15 people. Their permission was obtained in advance.

Having done this we contacted BT Cellnet to inform them of the breach of security. Despite repeated requests it proved impossible to speak to anyone in authority although we explained the seriousness of our request. We were told to phone back on Monday.

Our Informant obtained the vital password by informing the company that she had lost her phone but was expecting an important message.

Once given the pin number all she had to do was to phone, tap in the secret code and listen to the messages. But because the code is non-specific it also enables her to retrieve the messages of everyone else on the Cellnet network. All she needs to know is their number.

This is done by calling the person’s mobile phone number when the phone is switched off and then entering the magic pin number followed by two other numbers.

This violation of personal security can potentially affect all of the company’s five million customers. The last security breach to affect mobile phone companies was criminals “cloning” phones to make calls for free; it cost the mobile phone companies millions of pounds. It was to tighten security that old-style analogue phones were replaced with digital phones which are supposedly hacker and criminal-proof.

But the ease with which message systems can be broken into indicates that digital phones are no more secure than the older version if staff are giving out sensitive information so easily.

The National Consumer Council said it was "astonishing" that the information was available to consumers and said it raised enormous questions about security and privacy.

"People could access all sorts of sensitive information this way," added a spokeswoman.

"Given the number of people who now have mobile phones, this really is very worrying and would make people think twice about relying on them."

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/revealed-how-to-hack-into-a-mobile-phone-1108... 11/01/2012
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EXHIBIT “WAWS”

This is the exhibit marked “WAWS” referred to in the witness statement of William Alan Walls dated the 10th day of April 2012.
Dear Sirs

Leveson Inquiry into the culture, practices and ethics of the press

Please find enclosed a schedule of factual corrections relating to the written evidence of a number of individual core participants ("ICPs"). In this schedule NR has sought to clarify the position in relation to certain factual assertions made by these ICPs where NR understands these assertions to be incorrect.

We note that although some of the points raised in this schedule were addressed when the ICPs gave oral evidence, others were not. We have included both in the schedule for completeness. We hope this will be of assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours faithfully

Linklaters LLP

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### Schedule of factual corrections from written evidence of individual core participants

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<td>&quot;I asked the papers to each make a £5000 contribution to a charity I support... The Sun fought hard but eventually gave £1500&quot;</td>
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<td>Ray Singh worked for the Sun from 14 December 1998 to 1 June 2001. He worked for the News of the World from 2 June 2001 until 2 December 2008. He was therefore not working for the Sun at the time Steve Coogan alleges.</td>
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<td>In 2009, Sheryl Gascoigne also appeared in the Channel 4 documentary: &quot;Surviving Gazza&quot; and made supporting television appearances, for example her appearance on the &quot;This Morning&quot; show: <a href="http://www.mirror.co.uk/celebs/news/2009/01/05/sheryl-gascoigne-says-gazza-is-beyond-help-as-she-and-her-children-appear-on-this-morning-115875-21017841/">http://www.mirror.co.uk/celebs/news/2009/01/05/sheryl-gascoigne-says-gazza-is-beyond-help-as-she-and-her-children-appear-on-this-morning-115875-21017841/</a> She has failed to mention these as exceptions to keeping out of the public eye.</td>
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<td>Simon Greenberg left the Evening Standard to join Chelsea Football Club in July 2004, several months before the conversation referred to by Mark Lewis was recorded. Simon Greenberg worked for Chelsea from July 2004 until November 2009 and then for the England 2018 World Cup bid from December 2009 until December 2010. During</td>
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"Ryle" (who I now know to be Raoul Simons) was working as a sports journalist reporting to Simon Greenberg at the Evening Standard, which was then owned by Associated Newspapers Limited. Nevertheless for reasons known only to it, the News of the World did not want that to come out. Simon Greenberg went on to work for News International and recruited Raoul Simons who is employed by Times Newspapers Limited." (para 22)

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this period Raoul Simons moved to The Times.
Simon Greenberg did not join News International until January 2011.
He therefore could not have recruited Raoul Simons for The Times. He was informed of the conversation referred to by Mark Lewis some time after he joined the company.

The Sun's story, which appeared on page 25 not page 21, was not an apology or a correction. It was merely an article reporting the settlement reached between the McCanns' friends and Express Newspapers.

An article was published by the Sunday Times on 14 August 2011. The journalist was attempting to obtain information about the species of trees planned for JK Rowling's garden for this article, which was about the invasion of "non-native species".

Charlotte Church was asked to perform at Rupert Murdoch's wedding as a surprise for Mr Murdoch - he was unaware of the arrangements in advance of the performance.

At the time of the interview for the article referred to by Charlotte Church, she was three months short of 16. Her date of birth is 21 February 1986 and the interview was published on 18 November 2001.
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Sheryl Gascoigne says Gazza is 'beyond help' as she and her children appear on This Morning

Paul 'Gazza' Gascoigne's ex-wife Sheryl has appeared on This Morning with their children ahead of tonight's Surviving Gazza documentary - and says she'll never take the troubled footballer back.

She was backed by their 12-year-old son Regan, who said he didn't care about his alcoholic father anymore.

The family were on the ITV1 show with Fern Britton and Phillip Schofield ahead of the harrowing documentary which is screened on Channel 4 tonight at 10pm.

Regan said on this morning's chat show of his dad: "If he's carrying on doing what he's doing I don't really care. I know it sounds bad but I don't really care."

He's in the documentary along with his mum, together with brother Mason and step-sister Bianca - but Sheryl denied she'd made the film to make money and said it had originally been Paul's idea and they had no choice in the matter.

However, she told Phil and Fern that making it had been therapeutic - and she had realized there was nothing more she could do to help the former soccer star.

She explained: "We are so much calmer now and it has definitely brought us so much closer together."

"What I'd like other people to get from this is for people to understand that it's not just as easy as saying he just needs a mate - someone to help him..."

"But at some point the only person who can stop is Paul and that is where the documentary has made us all realize that. Especially for me, for the children to realize that has been the biggest thing."

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News International appoints Simon Greenberg as director of corporate affairs

Alec Mattinson, prweek.com, Tuesday, 11 January 2011, 4:06pm, Be the first to comment

News International has stepped up its public relations capabilities with the high profile appointment of ex-2018 bid and Chelsea comms chief Simon Greenberg.

Corporate affairs director at News International: Simon Greenberg

Greenberg joins as director of corporate affairs and will report directly to Rebekah Brooks, chief executive.

The appointment marks the first time News International has had a dedicated comms head, with its individual titles and parent News Corp formerly handling PR.

He will be pitched into the middle of the ongoing News of the World phone hacking saga. Reporter Clive Goodman and detective Glenn Mulcaire were jailed in January 2007, but recent reports have implicated more staffers, including then editor and current Conservative comms head Andy Coulson.

Greenberg was most recently chief of staff on the England 2018 World Cup bid, where he managed the comms, International relations, PR, marketing and public affairs for the bid.

Previously he was comms and public affairs director for Chelsea Football Club and has also worked as a journalist for The Evening Standard, the News of the World and The Mail on Sunday.

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News International appoints Simon Greenberg as corporate affairs director

News International today announces that it has appointed Simon Greenberg as Director of Corporate Affairs.

In this new role, Greenberg will report to Rebekah Brooks, Chief Executive. He will become a member of the Executive team and will lead a dedicated corporate affairs function at News International.

Simon Greenberg said: “News International is one of the most dynamic companies in Britain and is at the forefront of the dramatic changes and challenges facing the media industry globally. To be invited to play a senior role in that is a great honour and I look forward to working with all the team in meeting those challenges.”

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Mr Greenberg’s appointment now gives News International distinct leadership of a dedicated team entirely focused on its UK publishing business. News International’s parent company, News Corporation, will continue to maintain a corporate affairs and public policy team, based in London, Brussels and Hong Kong, which will support the wider company’s activities in the UK, Europe and Asia.

Greenberg has most recently been the Chief of Staff on the England 2018 World Cup bid. In this role he was responsible for the strategic co-ordination of the bid’s campaign covering communications, international relations, PR, marketing and public affairs. From 2004-2009 he was Communications and Public Affairs Director, Chelsea Football Club. Prior to that, he worked in various roles as a journalist for The Evening Standard, the News of the World and The Mail on Sunday rising to become Assistant Editor on The Evening Standard.

Greenberg will join News International at the end of January.

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The council have slapped £375k in a rush to clear graffiti from public spaces, including the Wallace Way near the railway station. The council said the vandalism was "reprehensible" and had caused "enormous distress" to the community. They added that the vandalism would be "tackled vigorously".

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The new wave of invaders is being investigated to determine the behavior of every plant in its collection and concerns over a dozen species may pose a threat to biodiversity. Scientists are examining 15,000 plant species to weed out those that show invasive potential.

Gardeners, the New Zealand wind grass, has already been removed and about a dozen other varieties have been identified as possible threats.

The idea by the garden, which is home to the annual exhibition of plant species, is to promote it as a way to combat climate change, pollution, and habitat destruction.

Unlikely invasive varieties, non-native plants often have flowers, if any, predators and eat rapidly, choking other plants by competing for food and light.

The fight will involve government officials on the threat of non-native species. It is taking place across the four cities in Edinburgh, Inverness, Angus, and Glasgow.

The Edinburgh-based garden has been an important player in the battle against invasive species. It is leading the way in plant species avoidance and management.

Flora & Flora, the architecture firm helping to design Edinburgh’s garden, said “The council is planning department is happy with the design and adoption of species.”

*Figure 1: New Zealand wind grass*
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DATED the 29th day of July 2011

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN’S BENCH DIVISION
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BEFORE THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF ENGLAND AND WALES
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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER SCHEDULE 1 CPR RSC ORDER 52

BETWEEN
HER MAJESTY’S ATTORNEY GENERAL
Claimant

and

MGN LIMITED
First Defendant

and

NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LIMITED
Second Defendant
UPON READING a claim form dated the 15th day of May 2011 on behalf of the Claimant for an order of Committal against the Defendants for their contempt of the Court in publishing articles on the 31st day of December 2010 and the 1st January 2011

AND UPON READING the written evidence submitted on behalf of the Claimant and the Defendants

AND UPON HEARING Mr D. Grieve QC, Her Majesty’s Attorney-General with Ms M. Cumberland of Counsel on behalf of the Claimant, Mr J. Caplan QC on behalf of the First Defendant and Ms A. Page QC with Mr A. Hudson of Counsel on behalf of the Second Defendant

IT IS ORDERED that:-

1. The application for Committal be granted in respect of both Defendants;
2. The First Defendant, MGN Limited, shall pay a fine of £50,000.00;
3. The Second Defendant, News Group Newspapers Limited, shall pay a fine of £18,000.00;
4. The Defendants shall pay the Claimant’s costs, on a standard basis, to be subject to detailed assessment if not agreed, and the amount to be divided equally between the Defendants;
5. Leave to appeal to the Supreme Court be refused;

6. The time within which an application may be made for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court be extended to 16 September 2011.

(This matter occupied the time of the Court from 10.30am to 1.00pm and from 1.00pm to 4.15pm on the 5th day of July 2011 and from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on the 29th day of July 2011)

By the Court
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