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Subject: Re: Nihal Sri Ameresekere - Hilton Hotel Case

To: Ranjan Sriskantha <srislaw@gmail.com>

Mr S P Sriskantha.

This refers to your email of Jan 28, 2016.

Please be informed that Mr. Nihal Sri Ameresekere was given an opportunity to have his say before we published the news item that you refer to. His response was duly published in the same news report.

Thank you for your interest in EconomyNext.

Regards,

Asantha Sirimanne Editor EconomyNext News



Mr. Asantha Sirimanne, Editor, EconomyNext

Mr. Channa De Silva Chairman, Capital Media (Pvt) Ltd.

I write with reference to my e-mail dated 5.1.2016, a copy of which is attached.

I attach a further copy of the Statement "Truth Overcomes Falsehoods" and draw your attention to Blog: www.nihalsriameresekere-hiltonhotelcase.com for facts and documents in such regard. I reiterate my requirement for you to do so, without any further delay.

Notwithstanding my aforesaid Letter requiring you to publish the aforesaid statement "Truth Overcomes Falsehoods" in full, you have refrained from doing so, in violation of journalistic ethics and compel us to refer this matter to the Press Council.

Furthermore, having acted as aforesaid, you have mischievously published an another Article dated 27.1.2016, stating in the penultimate paragraph that the settlement 'may be illegal'. Since the Settlement Agreements given in the above Blog had been formulated by the Hon. Attorney-General and affirmed by two subsequent Hon. Attorneys-General, you by alleging that the said Settlement Agreements are illegal, you have alleged that said Hon. Attorneys-General have acted illegally.

You have caused immense damage to the name, reputation and standing of internationally recognized Professional Consultant, Mr. Nihal Sri Ameresekere, who has rendered yeoman service to the country and have exposed yourselves for damages in that behalf.

Yours truly,

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28.1.2016

Mr. Asantha Sirimanne Editor, EconomyNext

Mr. Channa De Silva Chairman, Capital Media (Pvt) Ltd.

We are a group of Lawyers, Accountants, etc, who wish to protect Mr. Nihal Sri Ameresekere, who has rendered yeoman service in fighting fraud and Corruption. No other has proven so many Cases in Court saving colossal sums of moneys for the State. Some of the instances where State moneys have been saved by his public spirited actions are:

- Tax Amnesty write-off prevented Rs.200, 000 Million
- Sri Lanka Insurance plus Lanka Hospitals Rs. 75,000 Million
- Colombo Port Bunkering Facility & Monopoly Rs.15, 000 Million
- Citi Bank Oil Hedging Claim Rs.30,000 Million

Mr. Ameresekere has given full disclosure with facts and figures supported by documents in a series of books published by him, including on the Hilton, which you should have read before questionably writing false reports. An incomplete statement, in fact and law, is a false statement.

By your such false and distorted news report you have caused damage to Mr. Ameresekere and endeavoured to bring him into public humiliation, ridicule and odium.

We attach a full Statement of Facts titled – 'TRUTH OVERCOMES FALSEHOODS' and require you to publish the same, inasmuch as your news report on your "EconomyNext" has been made known in Sri Lanka and overseas, where Mr. Ameresekere has gained international name, reputation and recognition.

You will realize that the Rs. 300 Mn., had been an offer against Rs. 2,100 Mn., due to Mr. Ameresekere in December 2014 as professional compensation at normal market rates, confirmed by the Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka Ltd.

On the other hand, Rs. 87,000 Mn., write-off on a Foreign Loan guaranteed by the Government, under and in terms of an Agreement signed by the Treasury on behalf of the Government with Mr. Ameresekere is a legally binding contractual agreement!

You having been previously notified as we understand, we put you on notice of the following:

Breaching banking secrecy is a criminal offence and possession of stolen bank documents is also a criminal offence, so too anyone who aides and abets or conspires therewith. You as publisher, who also claims such possession, is also liable under the law.

There is also the question of privity of contract, where no outside party could intermeddle or interfere with and/or aid and abet therewith, which you have condoned and tried to justify. These are offences under the law.

We reiterate that you ensure that the attached full Statement of Facts titled – 'TRUTH OVERCOMES FALSEHOODS' be made known to the public on your "EconomyNext", to mitigate the damage you have caused, both locally and internationally to Mr. Ameresekere, a person who has rendered yeomen public service at his own cost.

For further particulars refer to Blog <u>www.nihalsriameresekere-hiltonhotelcase.com</u>

Yours truly,

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5.1.2016