

NI Group Limited
T. Mockridge
Fifth Statement
24 July 2012

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

**FIFTH WITNESS STATEMENT
OF
THOMAS MOCKRIDGE**

I, Thomas Mockridge, of 3 Thomas More Square, London, E98 1XY will say as follows:

- 1 I am the Chief Executive Officer of NI Group Limited. This is my fifth witness statement to the Inquiry.
- 2 At paragraph 2.4 of my first witness statement, I referred to the composition of the board of directors of NI Group Limited. I make this statement to the Inquiry to update it on some recent changes to the position since October last year. As has been widely reported in recent days, Rupert Murdoch has stepped down from the board of NI Group Limited. In addition, Janet Nova, Deputy Group General Counsel of News Corporation, has stepped down from the board.
- 3 I am satisfied that notwithstanding these changes to the board, the appropriate oversight of the News International business is being maintained both at the local division and group levels and the board of directors of NI Group Limited continues to play a key role in ensuring the appropriate corporate governance standards of the company and its subsidiaries.

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

Signed



Dated

29/7/2012