

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

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF NIGEL REGAN**

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I, Nigel Regan, Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') of Big Pictures UK, 50-54 Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1M 5PS, will say as follows: -

1. I have received a section 21 notice from the Leveson Inquiry, dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012, requiring me to provide evidence to the Inquiry in the form of a Witness Statement, and to provide certain documents if in my custody or under my control. This is my response to that notice. I am responding in a corporate capacity, as CEO of Big Pictures UK Ltd. ('Big'). My response has been approved by Darryn Lyons, the owner of Big and sole shareholder, who has previously made a Statement and provided documents to the Inquiry, and given oral evidence.
2. In the notice dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 I was invited to waive privilege in relation to any documents or evidence which I may not otherwise be required to give, produce or provide in light of section 22 of the Inquiries Act 2005. I confirm that I am not willing to waive any such privilege.
3. I am first asked to provide details of who I am, and a brief summary of my career history. I have recently joined Big in the capacity as CEO. Prior to this appointment I have worked with Big and Darryn Lyons in other capacities: I have worked as a consultant to Mr Paparazzi ([www.mrpaparazzi.com](http://www.mrpaparazzi.com)); and in the lead-up to my official start as CEO I

spent some time in Big's London offices, getting to know the business, operations, and staff. However I am new to my current role as CEO and this necessarily means that I am still in the process of learning details about its practices and operations.

4. I previously worked as CEO and Director of Randicoot, an online media billing company ([www.randicoot.com](http://www.randicoot.com)). I am a director of two other companies, Digital Cognisense Ltd (owner of Randicoot) and Sentor Limited, a company through which I previously provided consultancy services to online companies.
5. On 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 *The Guardian* newspaper published a number of articles, alleging that "a senior employee at Virgin Atlantic" had "passed private flight details of celebrities" to Big; that the employee denied the allegations, but she had resigned; and that internal investigations were being launched in response to The Guardian's story by both Virgin Atlantic and Big.
6. I am asked to give a full account of what occurred, and to answer a number of specific questions regarding the allegations made in *The Guardian* articles. For legal reasons I am not in a position to answer these questions or say more than is contained in the summary of the allegations above.

7. I am also asked what is, or has been, Big's reaction to these allegations. Big takes its legal and ethical obligations seriously, and wishes to ensure responsible sourcing of images and stories. It is in the process of conducting detailed internal inquiries regarding the allegations and I have taken steps to ensure that relevant documents are preserved. Coupled with its investigation Big is taking expert legal advice on how best to ensure compliance with legal requirements in the publication of images which it receives, and the management of information which it receives.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

**I confirm that I believe the contents of this Witness Statement to be true.**



**Nigel Regan**

.....*7<sup>th</sup> June 2012*.....

**Date**