

P Boardman

28 September 2011

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

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF PHIL BOARDMAN

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I, Phil Boardman, of Guardian Media Group, Kings Place, 90 York Way London, N1 9GU, WILL SAY as follows:

1. I am the Company Secretary of Guardian Media Group PLC (GMG). I have been the Company Secretary of GMG since 2001. I am also the Company Secretary of The Scott Trust Ltd (the Scott Trust). I was appointed to this position in 2004. Unless stated otherwise, the facts stated in this witness statement are within my own knowledge and belief. In this witness statement I refer to documents that are exhibited to this statement in an exhibit marked PB1.
2. I make this statement in response to a Notice dated 5 August 2011 served on me under section 21(2) of the Inquiries Act 2005 and the Inquiry Rules 2006, by Lord Justice Leveson, as Chairman of the Inquiry. These require me to provide documents as requested in the Notice.
3. GMG has carefully considered the Inquiry's request to waive privilege and have decided not to do so as a matter of principle. Accordingly anything I say in this witness statement is not intended to waive privilege and should not be read as doing so. We have otherwise done our best to assist the Inquiry.
4. **I have been asked to provide to the Inquiry Panel documents relating to the following:**
  - (a) ***Any current training materials, guidance, practices, codes of practice, code of conduct, handbooks or policies on, or bearing upon, any of the following: sources, use of sources, use of private detectives, checking of sources, payment of sources, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, Data Protection Act 1998, Computer Misuse Act 1990, editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), oversight of editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), editorial guidance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), editorial decision making (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), compliance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), risk register (limited to matters within the***

**scope of the inquiry, internal inquiries into phone hacking and/or computer hacking and/or "blagging" and/or bribery and/or corruption**

I confirm that I have no such documents within my custody or under my control.

**(b) Any past training materials, guidance, practices, codes of practice, codes of conduct, handbooks or policies on, or bearing upon, any of the following (you need not go back before 1 January 2005): sources, use of sources, use of private detectives, checking of sources, payment of sources, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, Data Protection Act 1998, Computer Misuse Act 1990, editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), oversight of editorial policy (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), editorial guidance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), editorial decision making (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), compliance (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry), risk register (limited to matters within the scope of the inquiry, internal inquiries into phone hacking and/or computer hacking and/or "blagging" and/or bribery and/or corruption**

I confirm that I have no such documents within my custody or under my control.

**(c) Any disciplinary action taken by or on behalf of the company in the period 1 January 2005 to the date of this notice to enforce the company's ethical and/or professional standards in relation to journalism and/or editing and/or use of sources of information**

I confirm that I have no such documents within my custody or under my control.

**(d) Any documents recording or relating to fees or expenses paid to private investigators, police, public officials, mobile phone companies or others with access to the same (you may exclude official sources such as the Associated Press but must state which official sources you are excluding) in the period from 1 January 2005 up to the date of this notice**

I confirm that I have no such documents within my custody or under my control.

**(e) Any documents recording or relating to the payment of bonuses or other performance incentives to editors, sub-editors or**

**journalists and/or the qualifying requirement/s for such payments**

I confirm that I have no such documents within my custody or under my control.

**(f) Any minutes of board meetings at which matters within the scope of this inquiry were discussed in the period from 1 January 2005 up to the date of this notice**

I have reviewed the board minutes of meetings of GMG from the period 1 January 2005 to the date of this notice and attach as exhibit PB1 certified copies of extracts which relate to matters within the scope of this inquiry, from the minutes of those meetings.

I have also reviewed the board minutes of meetings of the Scott Trust from the period 1 January 2005 to October 2008 when the Trust was determined. There were no relevant extracts.

I have reviewed the board minutes of meetings of the Scott Trust Ltd from 1 October 2008, when it was incorporated through to the date of this notice and attach as exhibit PB1 certified copies of extracts which relate to matters within the scope of this inquiry, from the minutes of those meetings.

**5. Add anything else want to add.**

I believe that the contents of this witness statement are true.



Phil Boardman

28 SEPTEMBER 2011

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Date