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Media General Ghana 59 Presidential Dr, Adesa We, Kanda Ave, Accra.

Attention: General Manager, Onua TV

Dear Madam,

Demand Notice: Retract, Apologise and Delete Defamatory Publication made

against MR. BERNARD ALLOTEY JACOBS

We write as Solicitors for and on behalf of MR. BERNARD ALLOTEY JACOBS [hereinafter referred to as "Our Client"]. We hold our client's firm instruction to write to you in respect of the aforementioned subject matter.

- That your company is the owner and operator of Onua FM and Onua TV and the various digital platforms of Onua brand including YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and www.onuaonline.com. That the morning show on these platform is referred to as "Maakye" and same is hosted by Mr. Blessed Godsbrain Smart, popularly referred to as "Captain Smart", [hereinafter referred to as "Captain Smart"].
- 2. That on or about the 11th of December 2024 your media outlet negligently and/or recklessly permitted the publication and broadcast of defamatory statements by Captain Smart on your morning program "Maakye" against our client. The said false and damaging statements, included, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) That our client maintains a romantic relationship with an individual residing near Christ the King Church, as well as purchasing vehicles for young women.
 - b) Furthermore, that our client received and utilized funds from Dr. Bawumia, the Presidential Candidate of the New Patriotic Party. That our client misappropriated a sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) intended for distribution to NPP party communicators, and instead utilized these funds for the illicit purchase and sale of marijuana (weed) and cocaine at his hotel.
 - c) That our client's hotel, situated in Cape Coast, is a venue where illegal substances, specifically marijuana (weed) and cocaine, are sold. Moreover,

it was falsely claimed that our client is cognizant of these alleged activities, yet prioritizes financial gain over the well-being and safety of young individuals.

- 3. Our Client instructs us to say that your statements are clearly untrue and same is an attempt to destroy his hard-earned reputation and to bring his image into disrepute and court public opprobrium for him. The dissemination of these defamatory statements has caused, and continues to cause, significant harm and damage to our client's reputation, businesses, and livelihood.
- 4. That the aforementioned defamatory statements have been extensively disseminated and published to a wide audience, having been recklessly and/or negligently shared, reposted, and circulated across various social media platforms, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, and other online forums, thereby reaching a vast and diverse segment of the general public, and causing further harm and damage to our client's reputation, character, and business interests.
- 5. We accordingly have our client's further instructions to demand the following;
 - a) A formal retraction and apology of the false and defamatory statements made about our client, to be published within <u>Forty-Eight Hours</u>, with the same level of prominence and publicity as the original statements, immediately upon receipt of this letter.
 - b) The retraction and apology should be unequivocal, unqualified, and should clearly state that the allegations made against our client were entirely false and without foundation.
 - c) An immediate deletion of the defamatory video and audio from the digital platforms of the Onua brand.

Be advised that our Client intends to exercise his full rights under law, should you fail, refuse and/or neglect to act or perform as requested.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dennis Adjei Dwomoh, Esq.

Solicitor for Mr. Bernard Allotey Jacobs

Cc: Bernard Allotey Jacobs