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- 1. THE EDITOR
 THE NEW CRUSADING GUIDE
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- 2. THE EDITOR
 SUPREME NEWSPAPER
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Dear Sir/Madam

YOUR PUBLICATIONS VARIOUSLY CAPTIONED "Exposed: Mahama Plans To "Sell" Ghana's Oil To Russian Oligarchs" and "Leaked Document Exposes Mahama"

I act for His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, a Former President of Ghana and the current leader and flagbearer of the National Democratic Party (NDC).

His attention has been drawn to your articles in the November 25, 2024 editions of your respective newspapers with the titles mentioned above. In the articles, you stated that you have intercepted a document which shows that my client has signed an MOU with "Oilgarchs", Dimitri Khordorkov and Alexey Vasiliev, in which in exchange for their financial assistance and logistical support to interfere in Ghana's pending Presidential and Parliamentary elections in favour of NDC, he has promised them access to contracts and Ghana's resources in future transactions that are detrimental to the country. These articles have widely circulated on social media.

My client has instructed me to say that he does not know and has never met the named persons or signed any MOU with them to do the acts alleged by you in the publications. The allegations are either the product of a bad dream or you simply fabricated them at your whim in order to disparage him for the singular purpose of damaging his political fortunes in the pending Presidential elections. While my client acknowledges that in this political season the media is required to hold candidates accountable for their actions (past, present and future), nothing excuses the fabrication and publication of such vile and blatant untruth. Worse still, you did not even have the decency or, at the very least, take the time-honoured and good journalistic step, of referring any information to him for his comment.

My instructions are therefore to demand that within two days of the date of this letter, you retract the respective defamatory publications and render an unqualified apology to my client for defaming him. The retraction and apology must be rendered on the front pages of your respective newspapers, giving it the same prominence you gave the publications.

I do not intend to notify you before taking any further steps on behalf of my client in order to protect his reputation.

Yours faithfully

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Cc His Excellency John Dramani Mahama Former President of Ghana

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