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Re: Minutes from meeting - Outlook ...

Re: Minutes from meeting Shafinaz Suhaimi [shafinaz.s@tenaganita.net] Du svarede den 12-10-2010 09:40. Sendt:12. oktober 2010 02:20 Til: <u>Ole Emmik Sørensen</u> Cc: <u>Irene Fernandez [irene.f@tenaganita.net]; Anette Norling; Anton Beck</u> Dear Ole,

Thank you for your call yesterday evening. Our apologies for not being able to provide the letter to you on Monday as we were travelling to United Plantations Jenderata Estate for a meeting in the afternoon to deliver the letter.

In light of the urgency in finalising your report of our meeting at the Danish Embassy, below is the content of the letter for your further perusal.

United Plantations Berhad

Jendarata Estate

Teluk Intan, Perak

Dato Carl Bek - Nielsen

We refer to your letter of 29th September , 2010.

Tenaganita has reviewed the events and circumstances leading to the production of video / s and publication of articles in various fora by Politiken. It has , in particular , examined the interview of Dr Ravindran Naidu by Politiken.

In this context, it has further verified the abovementioned interview with its own recording of the said event.

We are now amenable to say that the statement attributed to Dr Ravindran Naidu in respect of pesticide poisoning cases from United Plantation is erroneous, given the general context of the interview. We believe that it was made in the context of plantations in general. As in all cases of ambiguity, there could be 2 interpretations of the disputed facts. Dr Ravindran Naidu should be given the benefit of doubt.

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Thank you

DR IRENE FERNANDEZ

DIRECTOR

TENAGANITA SDN BHD

I trust this meets your needs...

Best regards,

Shafinaz

On Mon, Oct 11, 2010 at 11:05 PM, Ole Emmik Sørensen <<u>oes@ens.dk</u>> wrote:

Dear Irene

It is now Monday afternoon and I have not received any notice from your side. At the meeting we had at the Danish Embassy you told us that Tenaganita were present at the meeting between Politiken and Dr. Naidu and that Tenaganita could confirm that the doctor had been misquoted by Politiken.

We have hereafter received a letter from Dr. Naidu that confirms your statement.

We have to deliver our report by 14.00 tomorrow Malaysia time, so if we haven't got any official statement from you before then, we will quote your statement as of the above.

Best regards

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Ole Emmik Sørensen

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Sendt: 7. oktober 2010 00:23 Til: Ole Emmik Sørensen Cc: <u>shafinaz.s@tenaganita.net</u>; Anette Norling; Henrik F. Brødsgaard Emne: Re: Minutes from meeting

Dear Ole,

Please do not quote us in relation to what Dr. Ravindran has said to us. We will be handing over a letter to Carl Bek Nielsen on Monday October 11, 2010. Once we have given that letter, we can then give you our statement in relation to treatment of workers and pesticide usage. Hope you understand. irene

On Mon, Oct 4, 2010 at 11:10 PM, Ole Emmik Sørensen <<u>oes@ens.dk</u>> wrote:

Dear Irene and Shafi

Thank you very much for a good meeting at the Royal Danish Embassy last week. It was very interesting to hear about your work and we appreciated your view on the general working conditions in the Malaysian palmoil sector.

At the meeting you mentioned that you were present the day when Politiken interviewed the doctor (Ravindran R. Naidu) and that the doctor in your opinion have been misquoted in the interview. According to Politiken the doctor told them that he treated 5-10 pesticide poisonings every month from United Plantations – but you told us at the meeting that this was wrong and that the doctor talked about 5-10 patients from Plantations in general – and that he therefore have been misquoted.

Could we quote you for this statement in our report to our ministry? Or could you do us a favor and send us a statement that we can quote you on?

Once again thank you for meeting us, I hope to see you again on my future visits to Malaysia.

Best regards

Ole

Ole Emmik Sørensen

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