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From: Jim Raeburn [mailto: Sent: 25 January 2008 14:05 To: Clive Milner; David Newell (E-mail); Guy Black Locks, Ian; Nicholas Coleridge Burgess Simon Fairclough Fim Bowdler Subject: Express Newspapers
Private and confidential
Dear Member,
I am writing to advise you of the position of Express Newspapers on payment of registration fees to PressBoF following last month's decision of the NPA Council to terminate the company's membership of the NPA.
Even though the reasons for termination were not connected with self-regulation, the company is using its exclusion from membership as grounds for not paying PressBoF fees of which it would otherwise have been expected o contribute via the NPA for 2008. This represents close to f PressBoF revenues.
The Chairman and I are in regular contact with Christopher Meyer and Tim Toulmin as efforts are made to obtain a meeting with Richard Desmond. Clearly, it is of the highest importance that we find a resolution and for that reason, we believe that for the short term it is appropriate that the PCC should continue to deal with complaints against the company's titles.
Either the Chairman or I will keep you advised of developments but if in the meantime you wish to discuss the matter further please do give Tim or I a call.
Regards
Jim Raeburn
Secretary & Treasurer, PressBoF

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