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Sent: 22 December 2010 12:00
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Subject: Northern & Shell plc - PressBoF/PCC

Dear Mr Ellice,

Thank you for yesterday's e-mail.

You refer to the editors of Northern & Shell publications "taking account of the Code of Practice." However, I would draw your attention to the fact that the Code itself makes clear that it is the PCC which is charged with enforcing it. Without the jurisdiction of the PCC there is therefore no Code. The relevant part of the preamble is:

The Press Complaints Commission is charged with enforcing the following Code of Practice which was framed by the newspaper and periodical industry and was ratified by the PCC in September 2009."

I can only reiterate that PressBoF's position in this matter remains unchanged and that unless Northern & Shell fully commits to the industry's system of self-regulation, then the industry will automatically take the action outlined in Lord Black's letter to Mr Desmond following the expiry of the company's subscription on 31 December.

It would be helpful in picking up e-mails over the festive period if any further communications could be addressed to me at

Kind regards

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