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## BY REGISTERED POST / BY COURIER SERVICE

MTV Channels (Pvt) Ltd, No.146, Dawson Street, Colombo - 02

Dear Sirs,

## RE: DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS MADE TO "PATHIKADA" (లැదిකඩ) TELECAST ON SIRASA TV

I write on the instructions of my Client Arjun Joseph Aloysius of No.7, Queens Avenue, Colombo 03 Sri Lanka.

I have been instructed by my client to state that my client holds Bachelor's Degree in Business from Bond University, Australia and on his return to Sri Lanka he started his career as a senior consultant attached to the Free Lanka Group of Companies under the aegis of his grandfather, the Late Mr. Kattar Aloysius. He is a reputed participant in Sri Lanka's equities market. In addition, he also functions as the Chairman for Dufry Lanka Pvt. Ltd. As a founding partner and Director of the Perpetual Group of Companies, he heads several companies engaged in the businesses of equities, treasury activities, asset management. The latest additions to the group is held in the wind-power generation. He has spread his wings and now stands tall on his own heading multiple companies diversified into several strategic businesses in the country.

I have been instructed by my client to state that you are the owner of the TV Channel 'Sirasa TV' and that you maintain and operate the said TV Channel.

I have been instructed by my client to state that your said TV Channel has telecast and caused the making of defamatory statements in relation to my Client in the programme 'Pathikada' (ల్మట్లోపుట్) telecast at 6.00 a.m. on Sirasa TV on the 11th of October 2016.

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I have been instructed by my client to state that the said statements referred to my client was meant by you to refer to my client and was understood to refer to my client.

I have been instructed by my client to state that the said statements are totally defamatory and/or defamatory per se and/or defamatory by innuendo of my client and his reputation and are based on false, inaccurate and unclarified facts with malicious and malevolent intent to tarnish the unblemished reputation of my client.

I have also been instructed by my client to state that your said TV Channel has wilfully and deliberately made the aforesaid statements to create a bad impression about my client among the general public.

I have been instructed by my client to state that your said TV Channel made the aforesaid false statements against my client mala fide and with animus injuriandi.

In the said circumstances, I have been instructed that my client needs to maintain his unblemished reputation and that the spiteful and unwarranted slander that my client was subjected to due to the libellous and defamatory statements caused to be made by you have caused grave loss and damage to his reputation, particularly references to:

- My Client is the ultimate beneficiary of Perpetual Treasuries Limited;
- My Client manipulating the Bond Market for personal gain;
- Transactions carried out by My Client have resulted in the theft of public funds being; and
- Committing grave violations of Sri Lankan Laws

As you are no doubt aware that "Sirasa TV" was widely viewed not only in Sri Lanka but all over the world.

I have been specifically instructed by my client to state that your said TV Channel made the aforesaid false statements with the clear intention to defame my client and to ruin, ridicule and to humiliate my client <u>as a person</u>, <u>as a professional</u> and <u>as a business entrepreneur</u> and to mislead the public and to gain wrongful advantage and cheap popularity for your said TV Channel.

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I have been instructed by my client to state that as a result of the said defamatory statement made by your said TV Channel, my client has suffered grave harm, injury and damage to his good name, reputation, character and credibility and my client estimates the damages suffered by him as Rs.5 billion.

In the circumstances, I am instructed by my client to demand and I do hereby demand of you that you should pay the said sum of Rs.5 billion to my client with 14 days from the date hereof.

In the event of your failure to pay the said sum of Rs.5 billion within 14 days from the date hereof, I have further instructions from my client to institute legal proceedings against you, for the recovery of the said sum together with legal interest and cost of suit.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

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