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Sent on behalf of Lord Goldsmith

Dear Sirs

Further to our firm's letter of 19 March (copy attached for ease of reference), we would respectfully propose a meeting with you at the beginning of the week commencing 31 March. We should be grateful if you could get in touch with Karolos Seeger of this office (contact details below) to make appropriate arrangements.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir,

Arkadi Patarkatsishvili

We act for Inna Gudavadze, the wife of Arkadi Patarkatsishvili, a prominent Georgian businessman and politician who died in the United Kingdom on 12 February 2008.

Since Mr Patarkatsishvili's death a number of individuals have attempted to gain information and documents regarding his estate and business interests both in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, acting in reliance on invalid and, we believe, forged documents. These individuals appear to have embarked on a concerted attempt to gain improper and unlawful access to Mr Patarkatsishvili's worldwide assets through the use of such false and improper documents.

We bring these matters to your attention as we believe that Mr Patarkatsishvili had or may have had substantial assets within your jurisdiction at the time of his death and it is important that those assets now be preserved for Mr Patarkatsishvili's lawful heirs, namely his wife and children.

We bring this matter to your attention in the hope that you will act speedily and vigilantly in the event that any of Messrs Kay, Zeltser or Fishkin attempt to gain illegal and/or improper access to Mr Patarkatsishvili's assets in your jurisdiction by use of the above or any similar materials. In this regard we wish to point out that as of today's date neither Mr Zeltser, Mr Kay nor any other individual has applied to the Court in any jurisdiction for validation either of any of the above-mentioned documents nor for recognition of Mr Kay as Mr Patarkatsishvili's authorised representative. Accordingly, as of today neither Mr Kay, Mr Zeltser nor Mr Fishkin has any authority as regards Mr Patarkatsishvili's estate and in fact no-one has as yet been granted power to administer Mr Patarkatsishvili's estate.

If you wish to discuss any of the above or require any further information regarding Messrs Kay, Zeltser or Fishkin please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Duncan, solicitor for Inna Gudavadze, by email to michelle.duncan@cwt-uk.com or by telephone on +44 (0) 20 7170 8734. In any event we would be grateful if you would immediately inform us in the event that you become aware of any action taken by any of Messrs Kay, Zeltser or Fishkin to obtain access to any of Mr Patarkatsishvili's assets in your jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Duncan

cc: Mr. Vladimir Naumov
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Estate of Badri Patarkatsishvili

Dear Sir:

We act for Inna Gudavadze and her two daughters, Liana Zhmotova and Iya Patarkatsishvili. Mrs. Gudavadze is the widow of Badri Patarkatsishvili, a prominent Georgian businessman and politician who died in the United Kingdom on 12 February 2008. Our clients are heirs and beneficiaries of Mr. Patarkatsishvili's estate

Our clients are concerned that they may be the victims of attempted fraud. We are aware of the letter sent to you on 3 March 2008 by Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, then acting for Mrs. Gudavadze, regarding the actions of a number of individuals.

We understand that Mr. Emmanuel Zeltser, a New York lawyer, is currently in custody in Minsk and that you are investigating whether he may have attempted to defraud by relying on invalid or forged documentation purporting to give him authority to act on behalf of the estate of Mr. Patarkatsishvili. We can confirm that our clients do not accept that Mr. Zeltser has such authority to act.

Given the seriousness of this matter and the importance of it to our clients, we can confirm that our clients support the continuation of your investigation. Moreover, we are interested in cooperating with your investigation on behalf of our clients. We understand that a member of your office is today meeting with Mrs. Michelle Duncan of Cadwalader in connection with this matter, which we hope will be productive for you. We too would be happy to answer such questions as you may have and provide you with further information that is or becomes available to us. At the same time, we would be interested to understand what evidence you have gathered to date regarding Mr. Zeltser and also of a Mr. Joseph Kay for whom he may have claimed to be acting. In addition, we would respectfully ask you to keep us informed of any further

If you wish to discuss any of the above, or to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time, please do not hesitate to contact Lord Goldsmith of this office on +44 207 786 9000 or at phgoldsmith@debevoise.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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