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Dear Sirs

Alisher Usmanov

We act for Alisher Usmanov, a prominent and respected Russian businessman.

We understand that you host the website www.pickledbushman.com ("the website") and we write to you in that capacity.

We refer to a recent posting appearing on the Website entitled:

"Arsenal football club bought out with blood money" ("the Posting"). The Posting reproduces an article originally written by Craig Murray. The Posting can be found via the link:

http://www.pickledbushman.com/index.php/2007/09/27/arsenal_football_club_bought_out_with_blood_money

The posting is false, indefensible and grossly defamatory of our client. Our client views this matter extremely seriously.

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As the host for the Website you are liable, along with the author, for the publication of the defamatory material. Pursuant to the ruling in *Laurence Godfrey v demon Internet Limited [1999] 4 All ER 342*, once an internet service provider has notice that it is hosting or publishing a defamatory publication, it has no defence under s1 (1) Defamation Act 1996.

Now that you are on notice of the defamatory material you are enabling to be published, our client requires that the following action be taken as a matter of urgency:

1. That you immediately and permanently delete the defamatory content from your server, and effect the removal of the Posting from the Website; and
2. Your undertaking in writing not to allow the same or similar allegations contained within the Posting to be held on your server.

We take this opportunity to point out that we are requesting only that the defamatory content mentioned above be removed from the Website. We are not asking for the Website to be taken down.

In anticipation of your co-operation we await your confirmation via return e-mail to temp3@schillings.co.uk that you have complied with the requests set out above.

Pending confirmation of the above we must reserve all of our client's rights, including his right to issue legal proceedings.

We trust this will not be necessary and look forward to your prompt response.

Yours faithfully

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