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Data Subject Access Request (DSAR)/ Credit Reference File Access

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2012.

I confirm that I am both the Risk and Compliance Partner and the Data Protection Officer for the firm.

The letter of 30 April advising that I was the Risk and Compliance partner was written in response to your communications regarding access to your credit reference file. It indicated that your Data Subject Access Request (DSAR) would be dealt with separately. The letter of 4 May advising that I am the Data Protection Officer for the firm, was written in answer to your DSAR.

I accept that you were not a Client of this firm and that you did not give Weightmans permission to access your credit reference file.

My letter of 30 April explained the reasons for our having accessed your credit reference file. It was accessed against the background of litigation to which you and our Clients were parties. It was described in the following terms:

"We subscribe to a business service supplied by Dunn & Bradstreet. We used that service to obtain a credit report from Call Credit. The report was required in the context of the legal proceedings referred to above. Specifically, the search was conducted to ascertain your ability to meet any costs order which might be made against you in favour of our client in those proceedings.

Dunn & Bradstreet report that Call Credit have removed the footprint regarding the search from your record. "

The underlying Client file has been re-examined in the light of your letter of 5 July.

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It appears that the Credit Reference search dated 28 January 2011 was omitted from our letter of 4 May in error. It was located separately from the correspondence file and was simply overlooked. I apologise for that oversight. I enclose a redacted copy of the search in answer to your Data Subject Access Request.

I regret that you remain unhappy about members of this firm having accessed your Credit Reference file in the circumstances already described, namely in connection with legal proceedings.

Yours sincerely



James Holman

Partner and Head of Compliance

For and on behalf of Weightmans LLP

ENC: Redacted Credit reference search dated 28 January 2011

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