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Subject: Project Pineapple - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Dear All,

Nick confirmed he had sent the confidential note to the Independent NEDs entitled Project Pineapple to Ben and Martin amongst others. This note contained the private comments of our Post Master NED colleagues inter alia on Ben and Martin.

I have suggested he immediately apologised to Elliot and Saf as this was a very serious incident as far as they and other NEDs were concerned. Elliot and Saf were now exposed to further investigations from these two individuals particularly in view of the fact that Investigations were "untouchable" (to use Nick's words). I suggested he apologised to all the NEDs at our private meeting before the Board which he is happy to do.

Nick said it was an accident resulting from the huge pressures on him. There is a lot on his mind including the Investigation on him. He understands it was a serious lapse and was very apologetic.

Best, Henry

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