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Department for Business, Innovation
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Received in
Central Sorting Unit
31 AUG 2012

Dear Sir,

RE: **OUR CLIENT ANNE NIELD (DOB**
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We refer to our above named client.

Our client is currently subject to ongoing Proceedings before Liverpool Crown Court in relation to an allegation of false accounting arising from her previous employment with the Post Office Limited. During the course of our client's employment she was required to utilize Horizon, the Post Office Ltd's computer system. Our client has instructed us that as soon as the Horizon system was installed, apparent cash shortfalls arose. Initially our client and her colleague, Angela Sefton, who is also co-accused in this matter, covered these alleged shortfalls in cash from their own funds. However, after a certain period of time our client and Miss Sefton were unable to afford to do this and were therefore compelled to attempt to conceal the shortfalls of cash. They did this by means of temporarily delaying the entering of cash deposits on the Horizon system. Our client asserts that any cash received was immediately placed into the Post Office till and at no time was a loss caused to any individual or company concerned. Our client maintains that she did not steal any money from Post Office Ltd and that the apparent shortfalls appeared as a result of an error on the Horizon computer system.

We have been informed that a number of MP's have been consulted by other employees of Post Office Limited who appear to have also been wrongly accused of offences of theft, fraud and false accounting. We understand that accordingly said MP's are now actively involved in calling for a formal

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investigation into the issues surrounding the Horizon System and have contacted you requesting your assistance with same.

- In these circumstances we would be obliged if you would be so kind as to confirm what progress, if any, has been made to date in respect of the investigation into the Horizon System and whether there are any other Authorities that we may contact to assist us in actively pursuing our client's defence.

We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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