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Dear Member

I'd hoped that the next time I wrote to you that it would be with just positive content, but I feel I have to write to members to counter rumour and incorrect allegations that are currently circulating on social media and also which you may have received directly by email.

On the 20th August the President and I, after taking legal advice, wrote to three directors suspending them for an act that was considered both unjustified and unsanctioned by the Board and which flew in the face of documented evidence which they ignored. This act resulted in a number of serious complaints against the three Directors and the threat of legal action against the EKF. That threat still remains.

On Saturday 3rd September a Board meeting was convened to deal specifically with the suspension issue at which the Board directors voted in favour of confirming that the original suspension was justified and secondly voted to confirm that the suspension stood, there being a case to answer, and that the suspended Directors had 28 days in which to submit a defence. This was in compliance with our Articles of Association and the Companies Act 2006.

Separate to this, but associated, I understand you have received an email from a David Wilson who has resigned as a Director. He resigned on Friday the day before the Saturday Board meeting and specifically before having to attend a second Board meeting, at which he knew he was to face scrutiny and questioning from Board members over a number of issues that had given serious cause for concern, including being elected as a Director on the back of his assertion that he was 'a lawyer by profession'. This is untrue as he is not a qualified lawyer. His email to you all is factually incorrect, prejudiced and attempts to be a justification for a number of issues at which he has put the EKF at reputational risk.

I put myself forward for election to the Board and those who know me well or know of me hopefully associate me with absolute integrity and I can assure you that there is no conspiracy at work, no personal issues involved in the suspension and that with the advice of the Board's legal team we have acted appropriately, proportionately and in the best interests of the EKF at all times.

I will report back about the suspension issue in the fullness of time when the matter concludes, but will, in the meantime come back to you with more positive information. One project we have on the stocks is 'Tapping-in to Talent.' This is a project being managed by Willie Thomas and Board member Paul Simmons and which is looking at a complete revision of the Regional training and selection structure, with the main goal of making access to training and squad events better for everyone and reviving what has in the past been a very successful aspect of the EKF's sporting operations. This will be presented to members over the next few months for a 2017 launch.

Kind Regards

Peter Consterdine  
Vice President