

News Corporation
K.R. Murdoch
Second Statement
22 May 2012

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LEVESON INQUIRY INTO THE CULTURE, PRACTICES AND ETHICS OF
THE PRESS**

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF KEITH RUPERT MURDOCH

I, Keith Rupert Murdoch, will say as follows:

- 1 I have made one statement dated 12 April 2012 (my "**First Statement**").
- 2 When I gave oral evidence on 26 April 2012, I was asked about the *Mosley* litigation. I make this second statement in response to this and to supplement my First Statement.
- 3 Having kindly been given the opportunity to reflect on the judgment in the *Mosley* case, I now understand why Justice Eady found that Neville Thurlbeck's treatment of his potential source was unacceptable. As I tried to suggest in my testimony, journalists routinely negotiate with sources; the classic example is promising confidentiality. But under the circumstances that were before Justice Eady, I understand and of course accept the court's judgment that Mr. Thurlbeck's conduct in that case was inappropriate. In answer to the specific question that was asked of me by Sir Brian Leveson, I do not believe that this sort of behaviour has been widespread at News International titles.
- 4 As I testified, Max Mosley's March 2011 letter was forwarded by my assistant to Rebekah Brooks, who was then responsible for News International. Mrs. Brooks was consumed with the emerging facts about phone-hacking. Within a few months, she was gone as was Mr. Thurlbeck, the subject of Mr. Mosley's letter. When Tom Mockridge, the CEO of News International, realized that Mr. Mosley had not received the courtesy of a reply, he sent him an apology and undertook to provide him with a substantive response.
- 5 I also indicated that the allegations of bullying were news to me. I can say unequivocally that the type of conduct which has been found to have occurred in the Driscoll case has no place in our newsrooms.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

Dated

22nd May, 2012