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Mr. Stelios Orphanides

**By email: stelios@occrp.org**


Dear Sir,

In response to your email dated 3 April 2019 , we attach a Statement prepared by our clients Dr. K. Chrysostomides and Dr K. Chrysostomides & Co LLC. The said Statement speaks of itself.

In any article you prepare on the subject, please ensure that the Statement of our clients will be reproduced in full.

Needless to say, all my clients' rights are fully reserved.

Kind Regards



George Triantafyllides

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## STATEMENT

We are a Law Office established in Cyprus since 1981, working in full compliance with our country's laws and regulations and supervised by the appropriate professional body and other Authorities, including the Cyprus Bar Association. Like all major law firms in Cyprus, we provide alongside the legal advisory and litigation work, corporate administration services to our local and foreign clients. In doing so we perform all necessary checks in accordance with current laws and regulations applicable throughout the EU. In this respect we are bound by strict professional rules of confidentiality and etiquette, modelled on those of the English Bar.

Understandably, because of our professional rules we are also bound by absolute confidentiality as to our client's affairs and disclosure may only be made either with the consent of our clients or pursuant to a court or other similar orders in the context of investigations or court proceedings, which is not the case in the present matter. Any such disclosure would also be against the Data Protection Rules.

Of course, I should state most categorically that neither I nor any member or associate of our firm have ever advised any client to commit any breach of any rules of national or international law. Any such insinuation is nothing but a malicious statement, without any support whatsoever. Indicative is the fact that a number of the names mentioned as our firm's clients are names not known to us.

As regards "the law suit" you mentioned in the penultimate paragraph of your email, please note that this was not an action at law but merely a proceeding for disclosure of documents. The said proceeding has been concluded since a couple of years.


As regards certain "political activities and/or matters" you touched upon, please note that it is the right of every citizen of the Republic of Cyprus to engage in such political or related activities, always within the Law. In any event, for a considerable amount of time, I have long retired from political activity and have not sought any political post. .

Nor do I understand the point you make about my being a member of the team advising the Negotiator for the solution of the Cyprus problem. This team consists of a number of about 10 lawyers and others, who advise the Negotiator and the President as the latter may deem fit. I believe it is my duty to assist and support my country and community, needless to say without any remuneration monetary or otherwise.



Finally, the way matters have been presented in some of the press coverage recently tends to generalise and demonise the role of Cyprus and completely ignores the reality of the strict anti-money-laundering measures which are and/or have been effectively implemented, as repeatedly stated by official sources reflecting Cyprus' high rankings in international anti-money laundering reviews.

We hope that the above answers, to the extent possible, the questions put to me and naturally all my rights and those of my firm are fully reserved.

  
Dr. Kypros Chrysostomides  
Dr. K. Chrysostomides & Co. LLC  
8 April 2019

Nicosia, Cyprus