

## RETRACTION AND APOLOGY

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, the High Court presided over by her Ladyship **Georgina Mensah-Datsa** entered Judgment in favour of **Mr. Ibrahim Mahama** (Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor) against myself and Despite Group of Companies Ltd (the Defendants/Judgment Debtors) and the following orders were made against the Judgements Debtors jointly and severally;

- i. An order directed at the 1st Defendant, compelling him to publish in the Daily Graphic and on UTV an unqualified apology to the Plaintiff and a retraction of the said statements with the same prominence as the defamatory statement;
- ii. An order compelling 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant to remove from its archives, be it electronic or of whatever form, the said defamatory statements;
- iii. Damages of Three Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis [GH300,000.00];
- iv. Cost of Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis [GH10,000.00];

That in furtherance and in fulfilment of the above Court Order (i),  
**I Ernest Owusu Bempah** on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021 state as follows that:


1. While partaking in a political discussion on UTV's "Adekye Nsoroma" morning show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2018, I made the statement that *"...because krono na w'abo, krono na w'abo" to wit 'he (Ibrahim Mahama) has stolen'*;
2. By the said statement I made I published to the world at large that Mr. Ibrahim Mahama has stolen and that he Mr. Ibrahim Mahama is rich or wealthy because he has stolen.
3. The statement which I made then was made without any basis and was made without due regard to the hard earned reputation of Mr. Ibrahim Mahama and I ought not to have made same.
4. That the statement I made about Mr. Ibrahim Mahama was not true then and is not true now and can never be true and that I had no reason to make that statement.
5. Irrespective of how it happened, the fact remains that I should never have made such a statement of Mr. Ibrahim Mahama. The statement was clearly



derogatory and defamatory of the person and the enviable achievements of Mr. Ibrahim Mahama. I sincerely regret making that statement about him.

6. I sincerely and humbly apologize to Mr. Ibrahim Mahama for my unjustified and unfortunate statement about him. I am sincerely sorry and humbly ask for his forgiveness and I also apologize to his family and all persons who were affected by my denigration of the person and standing of Mr. Ibrahim Mahama in society.
7. I further render an unqualified apology to Mr. Ibrahim Mahama and his business associates who have been affected by my statements.
8. Prior to the issuance of this statement, I called Mr. Ibrahim Mahama on phone to render an unqualified apology to him and to my surprise he received me warmly as a brother and referred to me as a younger brother and even invited me to his home. These acts of his make me regret more my conduct and I say without reservation that I am sincerely sorry for what is said about him.
9. I hereby unreservedly apologize for the statement I made and accordingly retract the statement I made about Mr. Ibrahim Mahama on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018 for which reason the Court gave judgment against me.

That the above retraction and apology is made by me without any reservation or qualification.



ERNEST OWUSU BEMPAH

Witnessed by:

Isaac Adu Braham

