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Dear Ms. Peta Krost Maunder,

**RE: THE 24 ARTICLES IN THE JEWISH REPORT, CONCERNING ME, MY SON
DARREN BOBROFF AND MY FAMILY**

My wife Elaine telephoned you on the 13th August 2018 to express her concern, disappointment and anger at the ongoing attacks in the Jewish Report against my son and I, every one of which has been published under the name of Mr Ant Katz, save for that on the 19th July 2018, which purports to have been written by Ms. Tali Feinberg.

A recurring theme in every article, and which curiously follow a day or two after almost identical articles written by a Mr Tony Beamish in Moneyweb and/or the Citizen, and in most instances are in essence a republication of what he wrote, has been that:

1. My son and I have stolen “hundreds of millions” and then absurdly “over a billion” from clients of the Practice Ronald Bobroff and Partners Inc., in which we together with our partner Stephen Bezuidenhout were shareholders and directors.
2. We “face a range of civil and criminal charges in South Africa, including illegal fee agreements, tax evasion, theft, money laundering and fraud”. Mr Katz also threw in for good measure “not to mention medical aids and members of the community have enormous civil claims against the pair”.
3. Since April 2016 extradition proceedings by the National Prosecuting Authority are imminent.

Much was also made of allegations by Ms. Cora van der Merwe, who masqueraded as a whistle-blower, and who accused forensic investigator Mr Paul O’Sullivan who had uncovered her theft of confidential Practice, client and directors personal

information, including my families trust deed (one wonders how that could be remotely regarded as being suitable material with regards to a “protected disclosure”).

However, curiously not a word was published in the Jewish Report, concerning Mr O’Sullivan and his assistant Ms. Naidu’s acquittal in respect of the trumped up and malicious charges brought against them, by what is universally acknowledged to be an organisation which is riddled with corruption, and in respect of which only yesterday was confirmed, when the Constitutional Court ruled that its head be immediately removed from office.

Not a word was published as to the magistrates description of van der Merwe as an evasive liar, and her conduct in stealing material from the Practice for Mr Tony Beamish “as malicious and unlawful”, thereby making her guilty of theft, and Beamish an accessory thereto.

Extensive reference was made in many of Katz’s articles, to provisional sequestration orders obtained against us by Mr Anthony Millar, but not a word was published about the fact that these orders were dismissed by the Court on the 9th April 2018, and when the presiding judge was outspoken and forthright in his condemnation of the conduct of the acting judge, who had ignored extensive case law which made it obvious that his granting Millar the provisional sequestration orders was, to put it politely, absurd.

Nor was any word mentioned about the fact that Millar obtained the provisional sequestration orders, consequent upon a fraudulent agreement he had entered into with a Mr Rael Zimmerman to whom we had entrusted our Practice, and our partner Mr. Stephen Bezuidenhout, who both betrayed my son and I, in return for favours and “protection” by Millar, through an abuse of his office as then President of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces.

These allegations are not a figment of my imagination, but emanate from the Practices auditor, Mr Andrew Fischer, who was present at the meeting where the fraudulent agreement was concluded and who deposed to an affidavit which was filed in court in the sequestration proceedings, and a copy of which I attach for your information.

There is much more that I could say however if you are so inclined, in the interest of truth and fairness, you can read on my website - bobroffronald.com - the truth about what has really been going on, out of the mouths of our clients as to how they were harassed and attempts made to bribe them, out of the mouths of two past Presidents of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces and others, and I am sure you will be astonished.

If you have any questions arising from anything on my website, I would be more than happy to respond.

I therefore would be most obliged if you would publish the following facts – not speculation, not allegations, but facts;

1. That the allegation in the Jewish Report article 19 July 2018, that the Interpol Red notices “issued back in 2016, but it only emerged this week that they were issued” is false, as the fact that such notices had been issued was published in the Jewish Report online on the 4th April 2016, and I attach a copy of same taken off the JR website.
2. That the statement in the Jewish Report article 19 July 2018 that “The Bobroffs face a range of civil and criminal charges in South Africa, including illegal fee agreements, tax evasion, theft, money laundering and fraud” is false. In the self-same article Ms.Feinberg contradicts herself when she refers to NPA spokesman Luvuyo Mfaku telling her that the “The extradition process cannot begin until the investigation is complete”, and with a forensic report still outstanding, this may take time. “You have to ensure that when a person is extradited, they will not face any other charges than the ones on the charge sheet”. i.e. there are no charges .

Further a spokeswoman for the NPA was last week quoted as stating “that the investigation into their alleged misconduct continues, and that they had not been charged with any criminal offences”(certainly I can confirm and will be happy to do so on oath should you so require, that neither Darren, nor I have ever been charged by the NPA with any offences whatsoever, and this despite an investigation at the instance of the attorney representing a major South African Medical Aid Administrator having opened a criminal docket against the Practice and its directors in May 2013 i.e. more than five and a half years ago !).

3. That any allegations of theft of money from Practice clients, let alone the absurd allegation that these “ill-gotten gains exceeded R1 billion”, is false, as surely there would be hundreds if not thousands of former Practice clients knocking on the doors and windows of the Attorneys Fidelity Fund, demanding repayment of monies stolen from them.

4. That the court appointed curator to our Practice, issued a report in November 2016, to the effect that:

4.1 “Detailed accurate reconciled records have been maintained and is available on request. On 10 October 2016 a month end and a year ending September 2016 report was compiled and all the balances were in place. A system integrity check was also performed and all was found to be in order” i.e. The Practices Trust account balances to the cent. i.e. if any money had been stolen/misappropriated from money received on behalf of clients, the trust account would not have balanced and there would have been a shortfall to the extent of any misappropriation.

It is therefore clear that **no** money whatsoever, let alone the absurd allegation of an amount exceeding R1 billion and in respect of ill-gotten gains (stolen money) had been misappropriated, whereas in fact not a cent is missing.

4.2 That no claims had been lodged with the Attorneys Fidelity Fund. The Attorneys Fidelity Fund is a fund set up by the Attorneys profession to reimburse clients whose attorneys have stolen/misappropriated the client's funds. In anticipation of this letter, I verified with the curator yesterday, that no claims of theft or fraud whatsoever against Darren, I or the Practice exist against the Attorneys Fidelity Fund.

5. That Ms. Cora van der Merwe who confessed to forensic investigator Mr Paul O'Sullivan that she had stolen confidential Practice, client and directors personal information off the Practice server for Mr Beamish, and had fourteen months thereafter laid criminal charges against Mr O'Sullivan and his assistant Ms. M Naidu of kidnapping; was found by the magistrate who dismissed all these charges, to be an “evasive liar who kept changing her story”, and her theft of the aforesaid material for Beamish to have been “malicious and unlawful”.

6. That the provisional sequestration orders obtained against Darren and I by Mr Millar, were dismissed on the 9th April 2018 with costs against Millar's “clients”.

7. That the statement in Ms. Feinberg's article 19th July 2018 that "Ronald and Darren Bobroff and their families fled South Africa in 2016, the day before they had agreed to hand themselves over to the Hawks" is false.

Neither Darren nor I had ever been told that we were to "stand trial on charges of fraud and theft", and therefore that being the case we would not have fled the country on that account. It is a matter of public record that the only reason we left South Africa was on account of a series of escalating threats, initially emanating from an employee of a major South African Medical Aid Administrator, thereafter from anonymous and untraceable emails, and finally by way of a telephonic threat on the afternoon of March 15, 2016, that our enemy * had arranged for Darren's wife to be unlawfully arrested at any moment, and gang raped in prison by thugs hired by our enemy to do so, and that Darren and I were likewise in danger of imminent and unlawful arrest, and imprisonment, and there to be subjected to grievous assault, if not murder. I was advised by well-connected persons who were aware of a series of ongoing threats we had received, to take that threat very seriously.

*The threats followed a pattern, first commencing with a threat made by an employee of a major South African Medical Aid Administrator that "no matter what it takes, no matter what it costs, we will destroy you all", and which threat and the identity of the person who made such threat was deposed to in an affidavit filed in court by RBP director Mr Stephen Bezuidenhout, and was also made to advocate Nazeer Cassim SC whilst he was representing the Practice in Court, and was referred to in an email addressed to me by him on the 21st July 2015 – both these documents may be viewed on the website bobroffronald.com

Similarly the same person threatened Darren on the 16th June 2015, "the Hawks are onto you, and will be arresting you soon", in addition to various other statements and threats, many of which materialised. A complaint against that employee – who also happens to be an admitted attorney – to the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, was despite him being permitted an unprecedented six months – as opposed to the prescribed fourteen days - to answer the allegations against him, has never denied same.

8. That the arrest of my wife Elaine at Advocate Cassim's home where she, my daughters and sons in law had been in consultation with him, the second night after I was forced to flee, by a senior Hawks Policeman, who admitted under cross examination at my wife's bail hearing, that the only reason he had arrested her, notwithstanding that he did not have a warrant of arrest to do so, was that he had received a telephonic instruction from the attorney, who was

representing the Medical Aid Administrator which had been waging a legal and media war against me, Darren and our Practice; understandably convinced Darren and I, as well as our advisors, that our enemy had been able to improperly influence a senior member of the Hawks, and that the threats which we had received had been true. Further that after she was forced to endure repeated efforts at the instance of the Medical Aid Administrators attorney to have her bail revoked, all the trumped up allegations against her were withdrawn after her Advocate brought an application to this effect on the 1st July 2016.

(I am prepared to forward you copies of the anonymous emails, and the relevant portion of my wife's bail hearing transcript. In the meantime I attach a screenshot of an anonymous sms received by me in Sydney ten minutes prior to Elaine's arrest, and from which you will surely agree with me that we had good reason flee for our lives).

9. That whilst we desperately long to come home and confront any accusations which might be made against us (as referred to above there are presently no criminal charges, and no claims against the Attorneys Fidelity Fund to be dealt with), but having regard to the threats and events referred to above, taken together with anonymous emails received in Sydney threatening to harm us and our families, and stating that the person sending the emails is aware of where our families live and where Darren's children attend school, taken together with the power which our enemy clearly has to have my wife arrested by means of a telephone call to a senior member of the Hawks, it is clearly not safe for us to return to South Africa at this time.
10. That I wish to repeat the invitation made by our attorney on our behalf and referred to in Ms. Finebergs article 19th July 2018 that we "hereby invite any of your readers to submit, in writing to our offices, instances where they have been defrauded by them in order that they may then consider such submissions and to then, if necessary, react thereto".

Finally that all that we request of the beloved Jewish community in which we have grown up, and realise all the more now that we are in Australia, just how unique the South African community Jewish and non-Jewish is, is that they do not decide in the court of public opinion, (essentially contrived in scores of malicious and false media articles by the same reporter and a couple of his cronies since January 2014), that we are guilty of crimes of fraud or theft before knowing all the correct facts,

that the specialised commercial crimes unit (SCCU) , despite a passage of almost five and a half years is strangely not prepared to disclose to us or our attorneys.

Sincerely

Ronald Bobroff