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The Editor-In-Chief/General Manager,
Network Printing and Publishing Company,
N0.6 Kalabari (Udi) Street,
Mile 1, Diobu,
Port Harcourt.

Dear Sir,

RE: DEFAMATORY STATEMENT PUBLISHED AGAINST **PRINCE TONYE PRINCEWILL**

We are Solicitors to Prince Tonye Princewill, hereinafter referred to as "the Prince", and we write this letter to you on his behalf and instruction.

Our attention has been drawn to the publication which appeared in your Newspaper, the "NATIONAL NETWORK" Vol. 7 NO.7 of February 24 - March, 2010 with the front page bold caption of "N5B SCAM - PRINCE TONYE PRINCEWILL ARRESTED IN P.H. The inside story is contained at page 2 of the said Newspaper.

It is rather distressing that your Newspaper which has its unique selling proposition and indeed, an underlying philosophy of "perfect truth" could recklessly publish false and malicious material concerning the Prince without taking pains to cross-check yours facts. Your said publication is false and malicious in the following respect: -

1. The Police did not at any time arrest/apprehend and detain the Prince on Monday, February 22, 2010 or at any other date on account of any credit facility granted to him by the United Bank for Africa Plc upon fraudulent misrepresentation.
2. The Prince or any of his business interest did not obtain any bank facility for any amount let alone the staggering sum of N530,000,000.00 (five hundred and thirty million Naira) and

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his account frozen for his failure to discharge his obligation.

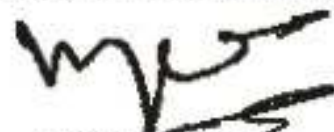
3. There was no time that the Prince met his Waterloo cooling off in a hotel in Port Harcourt and was arrested by the Police on a tip-off in his hide-out.
4. There was no time that the Prince approached the Hospital Road Branch of the United Bank for Africa PLC with fake documents to deceive the Bank Manager, Mrs. Sotonye Nwabuokwu or anybody else into granting him a loan.
5. The Prince has never been associated with any non-existent company.

It is rather pathetic that in your haste to malign and associate the Prince with criminal activity, you never carried out any investigation to ascertain the veracity of your story. A little bit of caution and discretion on your part would have necessitated your calling on either the Bank or the Police to obtain accurate and reliable information on the matter.

We wish to inform you that by your false, malicious and mischievous publication, sensationalized to achieve maximum sale of your Newspaper considering the status of the Prince, you have exposed the Prince to hatred, ridicule, scandal, public odium and lowered him in the estimation of right thinking members of society generally but in particular, his political/business associates and his teaming supporters. Consequently, we hereby DEMAND that you publish a retraction of the odious publication and an UNRESERVED APOLOGY to the Prince in the next issue of Newspaper with the same prominence that you gave the offending publication not later than 7 days upon the service of this letter on you.

TAKE NOTICE that if you fail to adhere to the demand made above, we shall have no alternative but to effect out further instruction to institute legal action against you for defamation.

Yours faithfully,
Pp: **OBAYE-EKINE & CO.**


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