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24 December 2003

Mr Alex Money
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Dear Mr Money

Re Motorcycle Riders' Association of Australia Inc ("the Association")

I refer to the meeting I had with you, John Kamouche and Antonio Lange on 24 September 2003. Two issues, among others, discussed were the disputed debt involving Damien Codognotto and the pending legal bills pertaining to an action brought by you against Damien Codognotto.

The financial statements pertaining to the year ended 30 June 2003 filed with this Office have not indicated clearly how these issues were dealt with. As regards D Codognotto's claim please advise whether a Court determination has been made in favour of the Association and if not, whether a Court case is pending regarding this matter. With regard to legal fees payable you mentioned that you were disputing the legal fees charged by your solicitor. Please advise whether this matter has now been resolved and if so how the legal fee payable (if any) was treated in the books.

Furthermore, two accounts that appeared in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2002 viz. Inventory (\$10,768) and Equipment (\$3,764.62) are not appearing in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2003. Please explain why these items have not been disclosed in the latest balance sheet.

The profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 2003 indicates that the Association has received donations totalling \$20,000 compared to only \$355 in the previous year and membership subscription has increased to \$33,502 as against \$ 24,977 in the previous year. Please indicate the reason for these large variances.

Please contact me on (03) 9627 6502 if you require any other information.

Yours sincerely

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Senior Compliance Officer

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Attention: Mr. Joe Gunaratnam
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Dear Mr. Gunaratnam,

Re: Motorcycle Riders Association of Australia (Your ref: A0000694W)

I am pleased to be able to confirm the current situation involving the two major issues referred to in your letter of 24 December 2003.

- The claim of D. Codognotto has not been ratified as at this date. Mr. Codognotto has still failed to provide any evidence to justify his claim of a debt and on legal advice, the Association is prepared to defend any action instituted by Mr. Codognotto, should it arise. At this time, the Association has not been advised of any notice of Court proceedings. A letter of demand has been received by the Association but this has been rejected following legal advice due to the failure of Mr. Codognotto to furnish proof of any debt.
- The legal costs resulting from the successful application for the Intervention Order against Damien Codognotto have resulted in a legal action against the MRA President for payment of legal fees and are the subject of a telephone mention set down for 5 February 2004, failing any compromise the matter will be heard sometime in early or mid February. The President, through his legal representative, has advised the Association that failing any agreement by the MRA to pay the legal fees, third party proceedings will be instituted on 7 January 2004. It should be noted that all efforts are being made to negotiate a suitable settlement of the legal fees prior to 5 February.
- It would appear that the omission of a value of Inventory and Equipment are the subject of an oversight by the Treasurer. The June 2003 Balance Sheet will be adjusted to include these two items and a full explanation can be submitted for your consideration if required.
- The amount of \$20,000 shown as a donation in the 2003 profit and loss refers to a donation made to the MRA by TAC. This sponsorship arrangement was not in place in 2002 and was made available as a result of a request put forward by the current Board.
- The increase in membership subscriptions is as a direct result of the promotional efforts of the current Board during the year.

I trust that the above information is sufficient to allow for your investigations to proceed to a mutually acceptable conclusion in this matter.

I thank you for your interest and assistance and assure you of our prompt attention to any further queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Money
President MRAA