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OUR REF: [REDACTED]

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FAO: [REDACTED]

I write to you on behalf of the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU), a department located within the City of London Police Economic Crime Directorate. It exists to combat a wide range of intellectual property crime and this includes online copyright theft and infringement, as well as all types of physical goods counterfeiting.

We receive referrals from intellectual property rights holders and investigate these to ascertain whether there are offences being committed. If offences are found to have been committed then prosecution action is taken. We aim to work in partnership with other law enforcement, and other partners to combat or disrupt Intellectual Property crime, Fraud and Money Laundering offences, as it manifests across legitimate services including the internet.

It has come to the attention of the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) that as a **subscriber** of [REDACTED], you are helping to facilitate the sale and distribution of copyright protected material contrary to Section 107 (1) (a) Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988. This is a criminal offence and if convicted carries a maximum sentence of 10 Years imprisonment. Therefore you are facilitating serious crime.

As you may know, Internet Protocol Television is a way of watching television without the use of a Digital television signal/satellite/cable. The service is provided via a Set Top Box (STB) / Smart TV / computers / devices and once connected to the internet, allows the user to access television content which is being 'streamed' through the use of servers. Although there are a number of legitimate IPTV providers in the marketplace (SKY using NOW TV is one example), there is an emerging trend of illegal IPTV providers who are accessing the legitimate broadcasts from the content providers then streaming the service, allowing anyone who has purchased a subscription package the ability to watch the content through the use of the internet, and the servers. It is believed that servers under your control are being utilised to distribute these broadcasts via the [REDACTED] website / subscription service. The suspension of their services will prevent further victims from suffering losses, as well as protecting your company from prosecutions for Intentionally encouraging or assisting an offence contrary to Section 44 Serious Crime Act 2007 and Money Laundering contrary to Section 328 of the



Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. A person convicted of an offence under this section is liable to imprisonment for 14 years, a fine, or both.

The City of London Police takes the violation of intellectual property rights very seriously and therefore instructs you to cease and desist in any activity which infringes the intellectual property rights of BBC / ITV / Channel 4 and others with IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THIS IS A FORMAL CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE.

This notice is NOT a notice relating to the commencement of a police investigation, legal proceedings and/or prosecution. However, it could be referenced in any future criminal or civil proceedings taken against yourself or [REDACTED] if it fails to comply with this notice.

The details of this matter will be shared by PIPCU with other law enforcement agencies. Future checks may also be conducted by the police without warning in connection to this matter. If you or [REDACTED] deliberately continue to facilitate this offending then you will receive no further warnings before any potential criminal enforcement is taken.

In the event you wish to discuss this matter in further detail, I can be contacted on the details provided within this notice.

Yours Sincerely,



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