

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**CHANCERY DIVISION**

**IN THE MIRROR NEWSPAPERS HACKING LITIGATION**

**MR JUSTICE MANN**

**25 APRIL 2017**

**BETWEEN:**

**KEVIN KEEGAN**

**Claimant**

**and**

**MGN LIMITED**

**Defendant**

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**STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT**

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**Solicitor for the Claimant, John Newell.**

1. In this action for misuse of private information, I appear for the Claimant Kevin Keegan. My [learned] friend [ ] appears for the Defendant.
2. The Claimant is a former professional football player and manager.
3. The Defendant is MGN Limited the publisher of three national newspapers, namely the Daily Mirror, the Sunday Mirror and the People.
4. On 6 October 2016 the Claimant sent a Letter Before Action to the Defendant.
5. The Claimant claimed that his voicemail messages were hacked into by MGN's former journalists and that his private information was obtained by unlawful means.
6. On 16 March 2017 the Defendant made an offer to resolve the Claimant's claim which was accepted by the Claimant.
7. As part of that agreement the Defendant agreed to provide an undertaking not to intercept the Claimant's voicemail messages, to pay compensation to him and to join in this statement to apologise to him for the misuse of his private information.

**Counsel/Solicitor for the Defendant [            ]**

8. My Lord, on behalf of the Defendant, MGN, I confirm everything that my learned friend has said.
9. MGN is here today, through me, to offer its sincere apologies to Mr Keegan for the damage and distress caused by the interception of his voicemail messages and other unlawful information gathering activities over a decade ago.

**Solicitor for the Claimant, John Newell.**

10. My Lord, the Claimant is pleased that MGN has acknowledged and apologised for the wrongdoing that I summarised a few moments ago, and in view of this statement in open court which was agreed as part of his settlement, he considers that he is vindicated and this matter is now concluded.