

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

**BETWEEN:**

**LILY ALLEN**

Claimant

- and -

**(1) NEWS GROUP NEWSPAPERS LTD**

**(2) SO PRESS S.A.R.L.**

Defendants

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**STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT**

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Solicitor for the Claimant

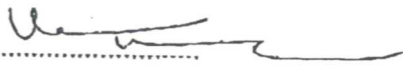
1. In this matter I appear for the Claimant. My friend, Mr Patrick, appears for the First Defendant.
2. The Claimant is an internationally recognised and respected singer and songwriter who was born and lives in London. She has had two best-selling albums both in this country and abroad. The First Defendant is the publisher of, amongst other titles, The Sun newspaper. The Second Defendant is the publisher of So Foot, a French language football magazine.
3. On 7 May 2009 the First Defendant published an article in The Sun newspaper under the headline "*Ranting Lily*". The article suggested that the Claimant had made various offensive remarks about David and Victoria Beckham and Ashley and Cheryl Cole in an interview which she supposedly gave to So Foot, this French football magazine published by the Second Defendant. The article in the Sun was published in both the print and online versions of the newspaper.
4. Following the publication of these articles, the Claimant commenced proceedings.
5. The First Defendant now accepts that the Claimant was never interviewed by or on behalf of So Foot magazine and that she did not make these statements attributed to her by So Foot magazine.
6. The First Defendant has now agreed to apologise for and withdraw the allegations complained of. It has also agreed not to republish the article or the words complained

of, as well as to pay the Claimant damages and reimburse her for the legal costs she has incurred in this claim.

7. In those circumstances, the Claimant has agreed not to pursue her legal claims against the First Defendant.

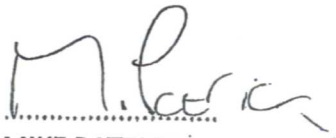
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8. My Lord, on behalf of the First Defendant, I can confirm everything that my Friend, Mr Thomson, has said.
9. The First Defendant offers its sincere apologies to the Claimant for the damage, as well as the upset and embarrassment caused to her by the publication of the article.



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MIKE PATRICK

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