Dear Roger,

Many thanks for your letter dated the 15th March about the status and progress of an investigation by the Overseas Anti-Corruption Unit.

I can confirm that this complex investigation is still ongoing, and the force continues working in close cooperation with the authorities from the countries mentioned in your letter (Norway and Nigeria).

In answer to your questions raised, please see as follows:-

1. What is the status of the investigation into the three British Nationals?

   As stated above, this remains a live ongoing investigation.

2. Have the three British Nationals been indicted of any crimes and, if so, when were the indictments laid and for what crimes?

   No, however it is anticipated that a charging advice file will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service later in 2017.

3. If the British nationals have not been indicted, can the City of London Police confirm why this had not yet happened and whether or not it intends to lay said indictments in the near future?

   This is a complex investigation, requiring evidence to be sought from two overseas jurisdictions under legal protocols. This takes time to obtain.
4. Whether, in addition to the three British Nationals, any company or companies with whom they are associated have also been investigated and if the City of London Police is contemplating laying charges against the company or companies.

Separate investigations and court proceedings are currently ongoing in both Norway and Nigeria.

5. If the City of London Police have consulted the export license application filed by CAS-Global Ltd on the 1st April 2014 through the SPIRE system operated by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills for the export of KNM Horten, which my office has been led to believe may contain material inaccuracies that could constitute violations of Section 37 of the Export Control Order 2008?

For your information Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC) have their own separate investigation into the export license applications, which they are also progressing with the Crown Prosecution Service.

I hope this helps to clarify the position.

Yours sincerely

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