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31 October 2014

Dear Sir,

Re: 1. Programme "Leve Moris" of 30 May 2014 at around 07h26 and 07h34.
2. Programme Koze do mo Pep of 05, 12 and 19 October 2014

I am directed to inform you as follows:

1. that the opinions of Mr Jimmy Jean Louis broadcast by TOP FM potentially breach Section 2.3 of the Code of Ethics, to wit:

"Presenters of phone-in programmes are expected to moderate discussions and not to vehicle their personal opinion(s) on air and must always treat their callers fairly"(Emphasis added).

The opinions of Mr Jimmy Jean Louis are as indicated below:

- (i) At around 07h26

Jimmy Jean Louis

« Voila certainement enn jour pou bizin guet enn coup osi boku ban euh distribution de ban terre de l'état a ban agents politiques, c'est enn grand dossier ki hier fine soulever et ban agents politiques petits copains kine gagn terre de l'état enn ti peu partout »

- (ii) At around 07h34

Jimmy Jean Louis

« Et vous aviez raison ce matin de dire Kee Chong, que Kee Chong Li kwong Wing le tigre du numéro 20 est biensure l'une de euh personnalité politik les plus compétant surtout en matière d'économie et nou ena enn pensée spéciale ce matin pou Kee Chong Li Kwong Wing ki certainement finn euh contribuer boucou pou ce pays. Nou ena euh Santa ki avek nou ».

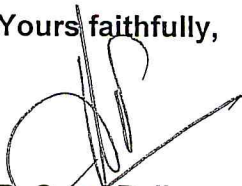
Pursuant to its powers under Section 5(1) of the IBA Act 2000, you are hereby being directed to ask Mr Jimmy Jean Louis to refrain from airing his personal opinions, failing which necessary action will be initiated against your Radio Station.

2. This Office wishes to draw your attention that on 05, 12 and 19 October 2014 in the Programme "Koze do mo pep" TOP FM has further breached Section 2.3 of the Code of Ethics in that this office has observed a serious imbalance in the range of views broadcast to wit:

"Live phone-in programmes are an accepted and very popular way of broadcasting individual points of view. However, care must be taken to maintain the principles of fairness, integrity, objectivity and balance by securing a broad range of views" (Emphasis Added).

The IBA, without preempting its rights, and without prejudice to its further actions, has the firm intention of taking the strictest of sanctions including but not limited to a writ in the nature of an injunction if further and persistent breaches are committed.

Yours faithfully,



D. Suraj Bali
Director

cc: Mr. Kevin Venkiah – Chairman Top FM Ltd