

Today, the 26th of September 2025

Strictly Without Prejudice

To whom it may concern,

We act on behalf of our Client, **Alkagesta Ltd** (C85915), with registered address at Piazzetta Business Plaza, Office 6, Level 6, Triq it-Torri, Sliema Malta. This correspondence is issued to address recent unfounded publications by The Maltese Herald (formerly www.markcamilleri.org) and this to protect our Client's reputation and standing with its commercial partners.

As one would have expected from any journalist, media house, or blog, any claims based on "sources" should, at the very least, be verified for authenticity, veracity and accuracy. Moreover, it is common practice in such cases to seek a comment from the subject of the story prior to publication. The undersigned, after verification with our Client, can confirm that neither Alkagesta Ltd nor this office, acting on behalf of our Client, have ever been approached by Mr Mark Camilleri or The Maltese Herald to provide a comment neither before nor after the publication of these allegations. With respect, the failure to provide the most basic of practices to provide a comment in this case unfortunately demonstrates the lack of professional standard being applied by the author and the publication.

Furthermore, and strictly without prejudice to the above, it should be noted that the author of these publications has in the past been challenged in Malta, including through judicial proceedings, due to potentially defamatory claims. An example of such challenge in judicial proceedings has been attached to this letter whereby the court had deemed the publication to be defamatory towards the subject of the respective publication. For the purpose of reference, such judgement (*Prof. Simon Mercieca vs Mark Camilleri (Court of Magistrates Civil Jurisdiction Ref: 121/2023 per Honourable Magistrate Dr Rachel Montebello LL.D., decided on the 24th of April 2025)*¹ can be downloaded from the online court system (<https://ecourts.gov.mt/onlineservices/Judgements>). Specifically, in the quoted case, the Court held the following: ***"...is defamatory to the plaintiff and consequently condemns the defendant Mark Camilleri to pay the plaintiff moral damages in the amount of two thousand and five hundred euro (€2,500) with the expenses being paid by the defendant."***²

¹ <https://ecourts.gov.mt/onlineservices/Judgements/Details?JudgementId=0&CaseJudgementId=152947>

² Informal translation of the final part of the judgement from Maltese language to English provided by the undersigned.



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Such judgement must therefore be considered in view of the fact that the author of such publication has in the past been held responsible for defamatory publications, thereby placing serious doubt on certain publications and the style used by the author, which continues to emphasise our Client's claim that these allegations are entirely unfounded.

It is to be noted that the undersigned and the respective legal office have been in correspondence with Alkagesta Ltd and, together with our Client, have assisted with the drafting of the right of reply which was issued on The Maltese Herald. This correspondence and right of reply were transmitted directly to The Maltese Herald on behalf of, and in the interest of, our Client. Unfortunately, while the right of reply is a legally protected remedy, the publication nonetheless included additional unfounded commentary alongside the reply, thereby undermining and tarnishing the very essence of this legal right.

Our Client strongly reiterates that the allegations published are entirely baseless and unfounded in law and in fact. They are based solely on unverified "sources" with seemingly ulterior motives. Importantly, despite unfounded references to alleged "investigations", our Client confirms that they have not been contacted by any investigative or judicial authority, nor has it been subjected to any inquiry or proceedings. The undersigned has also independently verified on the publicly available court system that there are currently no active proceedings or judicial claims against Alkagesta Ltd in Malta at the time of writing.

Alkagesta Ltd continues to conduct its operations in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, and upholds the highest ethical and professional standards in its industry.

Accordingly, our Client rejects the misleading and unfounded publications, which are solely intended to harm their reputation. Alkagesta Ltd is actively pursuing appropriate legal remedies and strictly reserves all its rights at law to take judicial action, if and when necessary, in order to safeguard its name, reputation and commercial interests.

We remain at your disposal should further information or clarification be requested.

Cordially,

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