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### **Open Letter to Ukrainian National Police**

Sinclair & Wilde categorically denies the false and baseless claims made in the recently released video by the National Police Force of Ukraine. It is clear that the release of this story is an attempt by the National Police Force to cover up their own internal corruption and the corruption of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine in its continued attempts to deny payment to Sinclair & Wilde after it repeatedly refused to pay bribes requested of it.

Here are the facts:

- Sinclair & Wilde, a US company, had five contracts to supply the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine with military uniforms and textiles.
- Sinclair & Wilde agreed to defer payment of the fifth contract – amounting to \$12.5 million – until after delivery, even though the contract required payment up front, to accommodate internal budgetary issues within the Ministry of Defense.
- Despite receiving all goods – including goods under contract five which originally called for 100% prepayment – the Ministry of Defense has steadfastly refused to pay the \$12.5 million under Contract 5 and the remaining 50% owed under the First Contract. Sinclair & Wilde therefore has not been paid \$14.5 million out of the \$35 million contracts, despite delivering all goods and making significant payments to the Turkish manufacturer.
- Sinclair & Wilde handled all logistics and delivery, at great expense to it, for the goods and subcontracted the manufacturing to a Turkish entity. Sinclair & Wilde's expenses were exacerbated by the facts that the MOD continuously changed the contracted delivery location and that MOD unloading facilities were experiencing week-long delays due to mismanagement. The costs released by the National Police do not account for a single dollar of Sinclair & Wilde's delivery and logistics expenses, including the unexpected expense of leasing its own warehouse in Ukraine because the MOD facilities were so backed up.
- Throughout 2023, multiple individuals – including subjects of US and Ukrainian investigations – solicited bribes from Sinclair & Wilde to secure payment of the remaining \$14.5 million owed to it. Sinclair & Wilde refused and reported these solicitations to US and Ukrainian authorities.
- Law enforcement organizations and defense officials have examined the uniforms and found the prices charged by Sinclair & Wilde to be BELOW fair market value, particularly when you account for the costs associated with shipping and logistics.

In an attempt to obey the laws of both the United States and Ukraine, Sinclair & Wilde brought the solicitation of bribes and apparent MOD corruption to the attention of US Embassy in Kyiv, US law enforcement, and Ukrainian law enforcement authorities over one year ago.

Sinclair & Wilde and US authorities brought sensitive information, including witnesses and evidence, that refutes the allegations against Sinclair & Wilde to the National Police Force of Ukraine. The response of the National Police Force of Ukraine was to leak the details of the investigation to Maksim Hrytsenko, former Head of Procurement for the Ministry of Defense, and others, putting the lives of cooperating witnesses at risk in the process, one of whom is an American Citizen. And within days of a confidential meeting with the National Police, Roman Balykin – a supposed target of the current investigation – knew all of the details of the meeting. As a result, US authorities have refused to continue working with the National Police.

We remain committed to vindicating Sinclair & Wilde's rights and clearing it of the recent false accusations from the corrupt National Police, who appear more interested in avoiding payment and covering up their own mismanagement, incompetence, and outright corruption embedded deep within the National Police of Ukraine.

Sincerely,

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