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KEVIN WALLS SUCCEEDS IN CHALLENGING INTERPOL RED NOTICE

Miami, Florida, U.S.A.- 27 September, 2012- Kevin Walls, president of Aircraft Portfolio Management Limited (“[APM London](#)”), has prevailed in his challenge to the INTERPOL Red Notice issued in his name. INTERPOL’s decision to remove the Red Notice is the welcomed culmination of Mr. Walls’ two-year effort to clear his name of a bogus charge filed against him by the corruption-plagued nation of Cameroon.

From the outset, Mr. Walls and others realized that the allegation was politically motivated. Several years earlier, APM’s subsidiary, Asset Portfolio Management (“APM Cameroon”), conducted an audit that was critical of Cameroonian President Biya’s VIP aircraft fleet leasing arrangements and the national airline “CamAir” (now defunct). Mr. Walls discussed solutions to his audit findings with then- Secretary General of the Presidency, Mr. Atangana Mebara. Subsequently, Mr. Atangana Mebara became a political threat to President Biya and he, along with Mr. Walls and other co-defendants, were charged with “crimes” against the government.

In 2010, seven years after Mr. Walls had stopped doing business in Cameroon, authorities in Cameroon requested and received a Red Notice from INTERPOL, the international law enforcement information sharing organization. The Red Notice was based on allegations by the government of Cameroon that Mr. Walls and several co-defendants “attempted to embezzle” government funds.

Mr. Walls only learned about his status as a Red Notice subject when he travelled on a business trip to Lebanon in 2010 and was detained by Lebanese officials as a result of the Red Notice. He was held in Lebanon for six months before he was released based on the work of his Lebanese attorney, [Joe Karam](#). Mr. Walls always maintained his innocence, and offered proof of his innocence to Cameroonian authorities. Despite his efforts, the charges and the Red Notice were maintained.

Once his detention in Lebanon ended, Mr. Walls returned to London and began his campaign to remove the Red Notice. Focusing on the political motivation of the underlying charges, he and his U.S.-based attorney [Michelle Estlund](#) prepared a challenge to the Red Notice. They filed the challenge in October of 2011. Based on the information that they provided to the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL’s Files (“CCF”), INTERPOL reviewed the case. After the review, the CCF recommended that the information in Mr. Walls’ name be deleted from INTERPOL’s files. The recommendation was accepted and Ms. Estlund and Mr. Walls received notice of the decision to remove the Red Notice on September 9, 2012.

While awaiting news from INTERPOL, Mr. Walls was also acquitted by a court in Cameroon. However, even in light of his national and international victories and his professional vindication, Mr. Walls' relief is limited. His representative, Hubert Patrick Marie Otele Essomba, remains jailed in Cameroon, despite having been acquitted of the charges. Mr. Walls says, "I can't stop thinking about him. He's an innocent man who has been in prison for no reason. He has a wife and children. This is not justice." Mr. Walls continues to monitor his representative's situation and make efforts at resolving it.

With his name finally cleared, Mr. Walls is looking forward to continuing the international growth and productivity of Aircraft Portfolio Management. Regarding whether he would change any of APM's actions during the airline fleet audit, Mr. Walls recalls his thoughts from his 2011 interview with Pan-African Visions:

"We did bring to the attention of the Minister of State that the Government of Cameroon had a large financial exposure to Oregon-based front company GIA International, and should they get into financial distress, the Government of Cameroon could lose their money. As the official aviation advisor to the Minister of Transport we felt it was our duty to recommend to the Minister of State that he try and protect the funds. That was our only involvement with the Presidential aircraft affair. On hindsight, our advice was proven absolutely correct; GIA went bankrupt and Cameroon did indeed lose everything."

Had the government of Cameroon heeded his advice, Mr. Walls would never have been criminally accused and Cameroon would have safeguarded its funds.

Mr. Walls' INTERPOL attorney remarked on her client's strength during the lengthy process of responding to the allegations against him. Ms. Estlund says, "Kevin showed incredible grace under pressure, and he never once considered not fighting to clear his name. This is a well-deserved victory for him."