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The Honourable Dr. Simon Busuttil Nationalist Party Leader, Nationalist Party Headquarters, Pieta.

Dear Simon,

You will recall the meeting I requested last September when it was clear that my interventional professional services were no longer considered required by the then newly politically instituted Department of Cardiology at Mater Dei Hospital. Since there is little demand in the private sector for privately insured interventional cardiological work in Malta I had already started corresponding with my old colleagues in the UK in order to find continued employment there. However, the subject of our meeting at the time resulted from my being approached by Vitals Global Healthcare (VGH) who offered me the post of Medical Director and head of Cardiology in their new venture in Malta. As you were aware VGH intended to develop St. Luke's Hospital into a private hospital specializing mainly in Cardiology, Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery as well as building a new general hospital for Gozo administered by them but staffed and run by National Health Service personnel.

We discussed any possibility of conflict of interest as the Party was not in favour of the Gozo project but we both agreed that as I was not a member of the VGH executive board I would have no say in that regard. My overriding concern, however, was the fact that in order to maintain my manual skills until the new hospital would open I would have to travel abroad on a monthly basis for a period of not less than 4 days in order to continue operating. This would at best interfere with parliamentary attendances and therefore proceedings. You generously agreed to wait and see if in fact this would occur.

Since our meeting VGH has managed to secure agreements with the States of Georgia and the Slovak republic. As you can see from the attached letter I will also be expected to advise and participate on these projects which would indeed entail a considerable amount of travel.

I am sure there is agreement on the fact that were it not for the personally motivated machination which, unfortunately, found backing from the highest quarters in Government, the circumstances of my

professional career could have remained unchanged, and the commitment I had taken when I ran as candidate for the party you lead would have been sustained. Regrettably I have had to adjust to these changed circumstances and I would be loath to see these circumstances also affect further the political contribution I would have wished to make.

The coming months are of great importance for our country which sadly is experiencing events that are eroding the fundamental principles of governance and democracy. It is being run by an 'outfit' (they don't deserve the name of government) that is totally lacking the capability, the honesty, the transparency, the moral backbone or the plain decency that is required to deserve the honour of running our national affairs. The Islands and our fellow citizens deserve much better than the people in the governing party who are supposed to be proud members of the highest institution in the land.

It saddens me to witness, as I have the past three years, the behavior of some of these people in Parliament. It saddens me further to see those who allow themselves to become accessories to these 'gross misdemeanors' by their silence and acquiescence, bar one notable – and indeed admirable – exception. These members of the ruling party have lost the right to retain the title of 'honourable' because their words and actions are anything but. It is disheartening to see those whom I know personally become tarnished with the same brush as the others, but unfortunately their silence in these grave circumstances and in the face of the crass behavior of their colleagues is nothing short of condoning.

In view of the proximity of the forthcoming election which will be so crucial for our country's future the party will need all hands to the pump in order to show a new, different, decent and honourable way of running our country again. For the reasons I have explained above I will not be in a position of putting in my all for this to happen and I think it best for the country and for the Party that someone else takes over who does not have these constraints and who can wholly dedicate resources to this important and imperative cause.

I would therefore like to submit my resignation from parliament while giving you my assurance that despite my absence from the parliamentary group, you and the Party will have my continued and unstinting support and assistance.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Albert Fenech



18th March 2016 Dr Albert Fenech Dun Manuel Zammit Street, Siggiewi, SGW 3019 Malta

Subject: VGH developments

Dear Professor. Fenech,

It is with utmost pleasure that I share with you, VGH's business development in the past few months. Since your appointment as the Head of Cardiology, VGH has progressed in securing agreements with the Government of Georgia to build and operate a 600 bed General Regional Hospital in Tbilisi and over 200 primary care centres across the Country of Georgia. VGH is also currently working with the Governments of Slovakia on a 1000 bed regional hospital in Bratislava, 400 bed hospital in Albania and a 300 bed hospital in Montenegro.

With these exciting new opportunities in five different countries within eastern and central Europe and potential business development plans in Sub Saharan and North Africa, it also comes with an increased responsibility for all of us who are involved in building the brand of VGH.

As the member of Medical Board and the head of Cardiology, it is expected of you to visit the Countries where VGH will be embarking its ventures and analyse the current healthcare systems and identify the path forward to improve such healthcare systems in the respective countries. You will be traveling frequently to Slovakia, Georgia, Albania, Montenegro and Africa at least once a month to each country.

As you are aware you will also be travelling to Dubai to work closely with Dubai Healthcare City and its teaching hospital as we have a Joint Venture agreement to share best practices and provide guidance.

Partners Healthcare International has become a critical part of the VGH system and you are also expect to travel from time to time to Boston where PHI is based.

I thank you in advance for being available for all of the travels that are required to continue to develop the opportunities for VGH. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information in regards to the various opportunities VGH is currently embarking on.

Sincerely Yours,

Ram Tumuluri