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STATEMENT FROM STEVEN P BONG

Recent media reports have drawn attention to alleged “exaggerations” in the CV of President and CEO Steven P Bong. We wish to set the record straight.

The Spiro Agnew Foundation and Vice Presidential Library, 1995 Director of Digital Development

CLARIFICATION: There was no such position at the organisation in 1995. Mr Bong interned at the Foundation during this period. This temporary position was arranged by his father, the financier Gilbert de Bong, a generous patron of the Foundation.

The Lobotomy Room, Shoreditch 2008-

CLARIFICATION: Mr Bong has never been an owner or partner in this establishment

Woodstock Capital Partners 1999 to 2001 Partner

CLARIFICATION: Media reports that Mr.Bong lost £3.51 billion on Woodstock Capital’s internet investments are incorrect. He lost £35.1bn. Woodstock Capital filed for bankruptcy protection in 2002.

Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and ATOS 2011 to 2012

BongVentures’ team helped develop the Mobile Community Moderators app, which enabled the [rapid relocation](#) of homeless people from the Games site. Mr Bong never held a formal position on the Organising Committee, nor was he ever an employee of ATOS.

لدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام (aka “Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant”) 2013 Social Media Strategy Consultant

CLARIFICATION: As Mr Bong [has explained](#), no formal relationship ever existed between Mr Bong and the self-styled caliphate, Islamic State, aka

'ISIS' or 'Daesh'. Mr Bong stresses that that he finds the behaviour of the group repugnant and deplors its use of Comic Sans font.

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Mentor

CLARIFICATION: Mr Bong was a founding mentor to this dynamic Shoreditch digital media agency, and owns a small amount of equity (ie, under 90 per cent) via various offshore trusts.

Book: 'Capitalism without Profits' (Harper Collins) 2011
Co-author with Mr Rohan Silva and Mr Steve Hilton

CLARIFICATION: Early editions wrongly credit Mr Bong both as co-author and for providing "spiritual and pharmaceutical motivation" to the authors. We regret that these were not removed from Mr Bong's LinkedIn profile until they were brought to our attention this week.

United Kingdom Special Forces (UKSF) 2001 -
Digital Operations Directorate

Due to the obligations under the Official Secret Act we can only comment on the operations:

[REDACTED] modernising copyright [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Neelie Kroes [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] hallucinogenic [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hammersley [REDACTED] FCO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] testicle(s) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] emergency airlift.

Mr Bong was also seconded to guarantee the safe passage of [a consignment of Amstrad PCW motherboards](#) to the DPRK regime, North Korea, a technology not deemed to break the UN embargo on high technology sales to the Republic.

“ Satoshi Nakamoto ” 2008 -
Inventor

CLARIFICATION: Various media reports have suggested that Mr Bong is the originator of the identity “Satoshi Nakamoto”, and therefore the inventor of the digital currency Bitcoin.

Media including [My Six Months With Bitcoin Bong](#) by Andrew O’Hagan, (The London Review of Books), [ZOMG! Bitcoin really was invented at Silicon Roundabout!](#) by Rory Cellan-Jones (BBC News Online), and the entire issue of *The Economist* magazine purportedly guest-edited by “Satoshi Nakamoto aka Steve Bong” may all give the false impression that Mr Bong played a key role in devising the currency.

In fact Mr Bong played no part at all in the creation of Bitcorin. He does, however, market “Bitsongs”, a disruptive Bitcoin-ledger based digital asset managment platform for heritage music acts including A Flock Of Seagulls and Seal. ~~40 per cent discount for first consultancy [delete from final draft -~~
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Mr Bong will not be making any further comment.