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PRESS STATEMENT

Lanka Realty Leisure Pvt Ltd

Our attention has been drawn to certain documents being widely circulated in the electronic media publicly where reference is drawn to an Order of the District Court of Colombo dated 19th February 2021 in Action bearing Number DSP 84/20 where an allegation of Contempt of Court has been made against the Sri Lanka Tourism Board and some of its Principal Officers.

We are shocked to see the wide publicity given to such documents and matters bearing the Official Seal of Court on the very day the Honourable Court has made Order issuing summons to the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Board and its Officers.

It appears that Lanka Realty Leisure Pvt Ltd or its agents have circulated these documents in public even prior to the said documents being issued and served to us through Court process.

We confirm that as of now we have not received any summons or documents from Court and will act on the advice of our Lawyers upon receipt of documents from Court.

We state that the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority or any of its Officers are not guilty of any act amounting to Contempt of Court and will appropriately satisfy Court of that matter. The Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority has at all times abided by Orders of Court.

We note however from the documents made available publicly that Lanka Realty Leisure Pvt by its application has misrepresented and suppressed vital material facts to Court and we will, by way of an appropriate application, draw the attention of Court to these matters and seek relief and defend ourselves from the spurious allegation of Lanka Realty Leisure Pvt Ltd.

Though these matters are *sub judice* we make this limited statement for the time being as the press has been inquiring regarding these matters due to the undue publicity given as stated above. As these matters are *sub judice* Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority will not be making any further public statements on these matters and will represent ourselves before Court and act according to our rights.