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Subject  
Your letter dated 5 November 2018

From  
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Dear Mr Farmaner,

We refer to your letter dated 5 November 2018 concerning a "Dirty List" your company plans on distributing which would include companies involved with the Burmese military and with violation of human rights and environmental abuses.

We understand that you plan on including Newtec Cy N.V. (hereinafter Newtec) on your "Dirty List".  
Your letter shocked us.

It seems that you have based this decision on incorrect information as Newtec's (limited) business in Myanmar has nothing to do with the Burmese military or any violation of human rights or environmental abuses.

Newtec is working together in Myanmar with a partner named Com&Com (Communications & Commerce). Com &Com won a public tender issued by Mytel SA. In this respect, Com &Com and Newtec are presently working together for the expansion of a satellite mobile backhaul network based on a Newtec Platform. When this project is completed Mytel SA will be able to deliver 2G, 3G and 4G services across Myanmar, increasing internet coverage for the local people of Myanmar, on top of the Enterprise connectivity they are already offering.



The only link with the Burmese government is that Mytel SA – which is one of the four mobile telecom operators in Myanmar – is 28% owned by the government.

It is however very clear that Newtec

- (i) is only active in Myanmar with the aim of enabling access to the internet for the local community, and
- (ii) is in no way involved with the Burmese military.

Your allegations are therefore slanderous. We urge you to undertake a more in dept due diligence in the future before outing such severe, untrue allegations.

Please confirm that you will not include Newtec on your “Dirty List”.

If you would decide on including Newtec on your “Dirty List”, we reserve all rights and will hold you liable for any damages that Newtec might suffer from such actions.

In case your organization has precise and objective information that our equipment is used for other purposes than we know, we will very much appreciate that you provide that information to us such that we can act upon it. Our satellite communication equipment closes the digital divide in the world enabling amongst others higher transparency across the planet which helps in bringing public abuses of a.o. human rights.

This letter is sent to you without any detrimental acknowledgements and with reservation of all rights.

Yours sincerely



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