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KHOURI TO HAWATT

KHOURI **BECHARA KHOURI**
HAWATT **MICHAEL HAWATT**

HAWATT: Hey Mr Khouri.

KHOURI: [So] welcome back.

HAWATT: Yeah thanks [what (UNINTELLIGIBLE)]

KHOURI: [Listen] you've got a meeting with Spiro this afternoon [is that right]?

HAWATT: I – I haven't organized anything yet I'm not sure.

KHOURI: Well there is a meeting with Spiro. Jim [was telling me].

HAWATT: What time? I don't know I know, I have to talk to (INAUDIBLE) –

KHOURI: I'm here with Charlie discuss a few things. [Listen] eh, eh...

HAWATT: Unless – unless just Pierre's going I'm not sure. I'll ring Pierre.

KHOURI: (INAUDIBLE) but Charlie should be there there's a couple of issues you need to clarify you know what I mean?

HAWATT: Okay look –

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KHOURI: [Because he is messing up a bit] Spiro [between you and I], really [he is messing up] like ...here [speak to him, speak to him].

[Bechara Khouri gives the telephone to Charbel Demian]

DEMIAN: Hi Michael how you going?

HAWATT: I'm good how are you? How's it going?

DEMIAN: Good – good mate. Just so you know right the last four meetings I've had with Spiro since December to date I've had them in the presence of Jim –

HAWATT: Yeah.

DEMIAN: - so there's no – there's no confusion about what was said and – and all that.

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: Now this application for those twenty-one units was submitted in October 2015. When we met in February this – this year on the 12th of February we agreed that this will be going to the April meeting.

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: Last week I get a – about Wednesday of last week I think was I get a call from Jim saying oh you know Spiro's not happy with the planning wants to change and I said mate look that's fine we'll change whatever he wants, but surely he could have told

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us like a bit earlier I mean in this – in February he tells you everything's fine it's going to you know the meeting in April now you know a few days before tells us that he doesn't like it.

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: So what we did, he said he want it – so what we did we went and they're two sections we've changed them to meet the new RDG by – so we used a new architect we changed the two levels and we ch – we got a compliance statement okay like to meet the RDG –

HAWATT: Yeah.

DEMIAN: - and we sort of you know re – redone the Section 4.6 form and re-submitted it last, I think it was Thursday, last Thursday –

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: - okay. And I've al - also emailed them and – and – and you know sort of done that. (UNINTELLIGIBLE) telling me that you know he's saying that I you know said he can go and get fucked or some bullshit and I said mate I don't even fuckin swear for one, but the thing is like I haven't even seen him not even you know since December or since the last meeting when you were involved in it I've never seen (UNINTELLIGIBLE). For that very reason so there's no hearsay no - you know he said I said. I don't have a problem with it. I think every – the last four (INAUDIBLE) –

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HAWATT: Look I – I heard – I heard before I went to the Gold Coast that there were some issues that need to be resolved. And there’s things that – there’s (UNINTELLIGIBLE) Spiro wasn’t happy with. Based on what he said I said look you know what you’re saying (INAUDIBLE) –

DEMIAN: You know - yeah.

HAWATT: But – but I wasn’t sure exactly what the issues were.

DEMIAN: You know the only issue I haven’t done so you’d be fully aware –

HAWATT: Yeah.

KHOURI: He wanted me to support the twenty-one units at the top he wanted me to change the design for the six levels that we already an approval for. And I said to him, said “Spiro this application is only for level seven and eight it doesn’t include or incorporate underneath. If we have to change underneath, then it’s the whole application becomes under challenge for one. It was submitted for two levels and if you want to change it for that I’m happy to consider it –“

HAWATT: Which is – are we talking – are we talking – are we talking about Harrison’s (INAUDIBLE) –

DEMIAN: The corner (INAUDIBLE) – no – no the corner one.

HAWATT: The – the carpet place?

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DEMIAN: The carpet place.

HAWATT: Yeah that's the one there's no (INAUDIBLE) –

DEMIAN: Well we submitted – we submitted DA for level seven and eight. He's come back and said look for me to support it I want you to change all of the other levels from level one to level six. I said no that's already approved, you only approved it in December last year.

HAWATT: Wait – wait – wait – just – that's a building on its own I presume yeah?

DEMIAN: Sorry?

HAWATT: That's a building on its own or that's part of –

DEMIAN: It's part of (INAUDIBLE) –

HAWATT: - (INAUDIBLE) yeah but are you combining that as part of the whole project -

DEMIAN: No. No.

HAWATT: - or this is separate?

DEMIAN: No –no – no – no. This is separate application for the top two levels on their own which you – which you're allowed to do. That's what we did with Harrison's next door as well.

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HAWATT: No what I'm saying is the – the – the building – 'cause you know how with Harrisons you had (INAUDIBLE) –

DEMIAN: It's on top of it.

HAWATT: - one master project with – that included everything in there, correct? And that –

DEMIAN: (INAUDIBLE)

HAWATT: - included part of that carpet area is that the same or did you –

DEMIAN: The carpet – just – just – so (UNINTELLIGIBLE) as explained to you. We – la – late last year the Council approved the first six levels for the two buildings (INAUDIBLE) –

HAWATT: Correct, but that included the carpet area?

DEMIAN: That's right.

HAWATT: It included in the carpet area?

DEMIAN: Yeah but separate application again, separate from Harrison and separate from what we have now. So there's an application –

HAWATT: Yeah I know- I know – I – yeah but I know you had the issue there (UNINTELLIGIBLE) where you had the sixth level approved and then you have to –

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DEMIAN: Yeah.

HAWATT: - go up an extra two levels make some changes blah – blah – blah.

DEMIAN: Yeah (INAUDIBLE)

HAWATT: That – that thing included – ‘cause I wasn’t sure whether that was included the carpet place or not, for the six (INAUDIBLE) –

DEMIAN: No – no the carpet place and the three houses on the western side of the carpet place so let me tell you the steps we put a six – the development application in December ‘14 for the six levels I think was approved late last year I think it was December ‘15 we got it approved.

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: Then - or no – no was – was sort of late last year I can't remember the date of the approval. Now following that – (UNINTELLIGIBLE) Council in 2015 in May 2015 increased the height of the calculations of the three houses twenty-five metres, okay in May 2015 knew the Council increased the height to fif - to twenty-five metres from eighteen. In about October – so after that we designed an extra two levels in October after a few meetings with Spiro, we submitted an application for the two levels at the top, okay. Now he’s come back and said well you know sort of for me to support a 4.6 and I said well it is a 4.6, but still in – in – it meets the objectives of the Council, the Council’s already voted unanimously from recollection or almost (UNINTELLIGIBLE) unanimously on increasing the heights, so the 4.6 is only a formality so we don’t have to wait for the planning

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proposals to be finalized over the next year, right. And what I said to him I said look we'll – we'll re-design the Section 96 to meet the (UNINTELLIGIBLE) 'cause when we designed it was under the old SEP65, I said happy to do it (UNINTELLIGIBLE) he wants the rest of the others, I said but they're not part of this application you can't change (UNINTELLIGIBLE) this application. I'm happy to put a Section 96 at a later stage and change it. Okay and that's where we left, that was before we submitted in October. Now there was nothing 30th October and up to the meeting in February where we met (UNINTELLIGIBLE) and he told us in the presence of Jim which project's going to which Council meeting and this one he said it'll be going to the acor – to the April meeting. Now nothing has happened since October up until Wednesday of last week when he called, when Jim called not him. Jim called and said look I think we might have a bit of problem with – with this twenty-one units. So I said look tell me what the problem is and then I'll go and (UNINTELLIGIBLE) you know solve, you know do whatever needs to be done. And he asked for a further, what's it called, RDG design statement from an architect and (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I said fine. I went and gave it to a new architect to do a peer review and the peer review who made certain changes to the two levels and while the RDG design compliance statement. I submitted – I incorporated those in the plans and we submitted them Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

HAWATT: Yep.

DEMIAN: And I said to him what annoys me a lot of the times like if you got a problem tell us earlier don't leave it to the last minute and tell us you don't like it. And I said to you the last four meetings I've had with them each and every one of them was – was – was in Jim's office in Jim's presence, for the simple reason like since our

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last meeting when you were present I haven't had a single meeting with Spiro on his own at all. It was always in the presence of Jim, so that way Jim is chairing the meeting not him, not me you know what I mean?

HAWATT: Yep – yep – yep. Alright so –

DEMIAN: I think – I think they're going to have a meeting, it pays for me to have that 'cause I have all this evidence and plans and information, because look I'm not saying anything against them but sometimes he changes the story to suit his – his criteria.

HAWATT: Hmm.

DEMIAN: And listen I don't know – Bechara's saying that I swore at him mate, I don't swear at people. And I don't even discuss my plans with anyone, you know god's sake and I said to you I don't even meet with him on his own so I have no issue with him.

HAWATT: Alright then let – let's – let me find out – is there a meeting on today (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I wasn't even aware of that meeting.

DEMIAN: Well Bechara spoke to Jim, and Jim's saying that there's a meeting you've organized a meeting for today.

HAWATT: I think there might have been yeah, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) I have to ring him up now (INAUDIBLE).

DEMIAN: Well do you think I should come if you – if there's a meeting today or tell them

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make it tomorrow –

HAWATT: No – no let – let’s sort it out find out what the issues are. No let’s – let’s (UNINTELLIGIBLE) making things (UNINTELLIGIBLE) comfortable and talk about it (UNINTELLIGIBLE).

DEMIAN: Look why don’t you do that and re-schedule a further meeting if need be for tomorrow?

HAWATT: Okay let’s – well we’ll work something out. Let – let’s just see what the issues are –

DEMIAN: Alright.

HAWATT: - ‘cause I really don’t know exactly what the issue – I knew there was some problems let me sort out what the issues are alright.

DEMIAN: Okay no problems, okay mate.

HAWATT: Thanks –

DEMIAN: Thanks bye.

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