

CIArb/IMPRESS Media Arbitration Scheme Agreement

1. The parties to this Agreement are the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (“CIArb”) and IMPRESS: The Independent Monitor for the Press, company number 09655520 (“IMPRESS”), which together are referred to as The Parties.
2. The Parties intend to set up and operate an arbitration scheme for determining civil claims against news publisher defendants as an alternative to court proceedings as recommended in the Leveson Report.
3. CIArb and IMPRESS have jointly produced a document outlining a press complaints scheme. This establishes an arbitration scheme for civil disputes concerning the press (“The Scheme”). This document provides the framework for the implementation of the Project. A copy of this document can be found at Annex 1.
4. The Scheme shall operate for 12 months from 4 January 2015 and be reviewed annually thereafter. Should one of the Parties wish to terminate the Scheme before the end of each calendar year, the Party wishing to terminate should give the other no less than 3 months’ written notice.
5. The Parties will agree a list of at least 3 and no more than 10 CIArb qualified arbitrators with relevant experience of media law, who will be available to conduct the arbitrations during the Pilot Scheme at a rate of pay which is set out in the Scheme. Once agreement has been reached by the Parties the Scheme is capable of being operated.
6. The Parties agree that they shall not enter into any agreement so as to operate the same or similar system to the Scheme from the date of signing this Agreement to the expiry of the first year of operation.
7. The Parties agree that the content of this Agreement and associated communications shall remain strictly confidential between the Parties unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.

Signed

Jonathan Heawood, Director, IMPRESS: The Independent Monitor for the Press

Date:

Anthony Abrahams, Director General, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

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