

16 September 2026

By email: danny@dehek.com

Danny De Hek
Director
Danny : De Hek Limited
Christchurch

Dear Mr De Hek

Playglobal SA and Playglobal Digital Limited: Your defamation of PLAYGLOBAL and its management

- 1 We act for Playglobal SA and its subsidiary Playglobal Digital Limited (together, **Playglobal**).
- 2 Since late June 2026, you have published a series of articles, a report, a podcast, and videos that portray Playglobal as a cryptocurrency scam tied to the so-called “MHT” fraud. Those publications are false and defamatory. This letter requires you to remove them, to undertake not to repeat them, and to publish a retraction and apology. The alternative is proceedings under the Defamation Act 1992.

The publications complained of

- 3 The publications are listed in the **Schedule** to this letter. They include:
 - 3.1 your article “PLAYGLOBAL Exposed? Following The MHT Recovery Story And The Questions That Still Need Answers” on dehek.com, republished on Substack;
 - 3.2 your document titled “PlayGlobal Digital – Preliminary Investigative Report” and parallel posts on Patreon;
 - 3.3 a podcast episode; and
 - 3.4 five videos on YouTube.
- 4 We note that, as you have stated in one of those videos, you broadcast on six different platforms, you publish a blog which is republished in six different places, and your podcast is broadcast on 18 platforms. So, as you note in that video, when people search for “Playglobal,” they will become aware of your publications and their allegations.

The defamatory meanings

- 5 The publications, in their natural and ordinary meaning and by innuendo, convey to readers, listeners or viewers the following defamatory allegations:
 - 5.1 Playglobal is part of, or is a vehicle for, a cryptocurrency scam or fraud;

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- 5.2 Playglobal is knowingly connected with, or complicit in, the MHT Trade / MHT Trading Bot scheme by which European investors are said to have lost about €9 million;
 - 5.3 Playglobal Digital's proposed token offering is a fraudulent or sham scheme that will defraud those who invest in it;
 - 5.4 Playglobal's stated business, assets and project portfolio, and its proposed asset fund, are fabricated or a sham;
 - 5.5 Daniel Baumgartner and Playglobal's management are dishonest and are running a scam; and
 - 5.6 the public should not deal or invest with Playglobal because it is dishonest and its offering is a fraud.
- 6 Playglobal says that each meaning is false. Playglobal is a legitimate commercial enterprise and has no corporate connection to MHT Trade, the MHT Trading Bot, or the persons said to be responsible for that scheme. Its business is genuine, and its proposed token offering is lawful.
 - 7 Playglobal told you this both before and after you published. You published regardless and have not only kept the material online but also re-uploaded it after removing it, which shows the publication is deliberate.
 - 8 You describe yourself as an investigative journalist. That description confers no licence to publish untruths. Nor does framing the allegations as "questions that still need answers" save them: a defamatory imputation carried by insinuation or question is as actionable as one stated outright. The sting is plain, and readers take it.

Harm

- 9 The publications have caused Playglobal serious harm, including the resignation of three board members and the loss of business and investment, and they continue to cause loss for as long as they remain available. Playglobal will particularise its pecuniary loss in any proceedings, if those prove necessary.

What Playglobal requires

- 10 Playglobal and its management take their reputation seriously.
- 11 While reserving all their rights, Playglobal and its management are prepared not to take any action against you if you sign the undertakings **enclosed** with this letter and return them by 5pm on 28 September 2026 that you will:
 - 11.1 immediately remove and permanently delete every publication listed in the Schedule, together with every copy, mirror, repost, download and derivative within your possession or control, from every platform on which you have placed it;
 - 11.2 identify every platform, channel and URL on which you have published the material;

- 11.3 cease and desist from any further publication of the same or substantially similar allegations concerning Playglobal, its subsidiaries, or their officers; and
- 11.4 publish a retraction and apology in terms to be approved by Playglobal, with equal prominence and in the same locations as the original publications, and keep it published for no less than six months;
- 12 If you fail to provide these undertakings, Playglobal reserves its rights to issue proceedings for damages and injunctive relief under the Defamation Act 1992, and to rely on this letter for costs purposes. Playglobal has instructed Tom Cleary as counsel, should proceedings be required.

Litigation hold

- 13 Pending resolution of this matter, please confirm you will preserve all documents and materials relating to the publications, republications including viewership figures and your supposed sources for the false allegations.

Next steps

- 14 We look forward to receiving the signed undertakings by 5pm on 28 September 2026. For completeness, this letter is written openly and is not without prejudice. If you have instructed lawyers, please have them contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to: Tom Cleary
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Undertakings

I, Danny James De Hek, personally and on behalf of Danny : De Hek Limited give the undertakings set out in paragraph 11 of this letter:

Danny James De Hek
Director

Date:

Schedule: Publications

- 1 Article, “PLAYGLOBAL Exposed? Following The MHT Recovery Story And The Questions That Still Need Answers: www.dehek.com/general/scam-fraud-investigations/playglobal-exposed-following-the-mht-recovery-story-and-the-questions-that-still-need-answers/
- 2 The same article republished at dehek.substack.com/p/playglobal-exposed-following-the.
- 3 Document, “PlayGlobal Digital – Preliminary Investigative Report”: www.dehek.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/PlayGlobal-Digital-Preliminary-Investigative-Report.pdf
- 4 Patreon post: www.patreon.com/dehek/posts/playglobal-mht-162862941
- 5 Buy Me a Coffee post: buymeacoffee.com/dehek/playglobal-exposed-following-the-mht-recovery-story-and-the-questions-that-still-need-answers
- 6 Podcast episode, “PLAYGLOBAL Exposed following the MHT recovery:8www.iheart.com/podcast/269-danny-de-hek-53194510/episode/playglobal-exposed-following-the-mht-recovery-338188226/
- 7 YouTube video: youtu.be/cU-3vcLr2KY
- 8 YouTube video: youtu.be/RCz_y9AlOlC
- 9 YouTube video: youtu.be/PBnxfUkL9H0
- 10 YouTube video: youtu.be/D0Dori0t51U