

I have today settled my claim against News International in relation to the hacking of my phone.

I have settled because I am completely satisfied that the evidence which currently exists in relation to my case has been disclosed to or is being made available to my lawyers.

I want to make clear that in my settlement there is no confidentiality clause.

News International will be obliged to continue to disclose any relevant documents to me, and will be open to further action if further information is uncovered.

The evidence in my case clearly demonstrates that the practice of hacking was widespread and went much further up the chain than Clive Goodman and Glenn Mulcaire. It was criminal behaviour on an industrial scale.

Sadly, the deficiencies of the original police enquiries, which failed to investigate the clear evidence of much of the criminal behaviour at one of the most important businesses in our country, are also all too apparent.

We must now make sure that nothing like this can ever happen again.

Anyone involved in criminal activity at the 'News of the World' must be brought to justice, and all those who allowed a large company to behave in this way must be held to account.

There must also be answers to the serious questions about how the police managed to fail so badly in their original investigation.

I will now pursue this matter through my participation in the Leveson Enquiry, an enquiry which I fully support.