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Sir:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 20th, 2010, referencing the above file, which we received July 29, 2010.

If you haven't already done so, we would respectfully suggest that you review the first few lines of commentary presented on our home page located at <http://www.firetechs.net>.

We have very carefully reviewed the article you've specifically cited located at <http://www.firetechs.net/library/ActiveFireEXTRA060110.asp> both before it was published in the form you see it (in anticipation of just such a response) and again following receipt of your correspondence. In fact, you may be interested to know that we provided Mr. Sangha with a copy of the article for his review fully a week BEFORE it made its appearance on our website in early June, 2010.

As with a previously published story (located at <http://www.firetechs.net/library/newsupdate091709.asp>), we have only reported on the FACTS as they were investigated by ASTTBC (which we were also privileged to have had firsthand knowledge of) and for which the two technicians involved in the case were individually sanctioned by the Practice Review Board. It is not normally our practice to report on investigations in progress or provide "disparaging and defamatory imputations" with intentions to "interfere (sic) with the economic relations of Active's (sic) clients". If Mr. Sangha has concerns regarding specific wording within the articles mentioned, he has had more than sufficient time (over two months) to bring them forward and discuss them with us. His lack of response in and of itself could be interpreted in a manner that is as unflattering as the information presented in the articles we've published.

We believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that the public is aware of the unprofessional practices that are being carried out by agencies like Active Fire and Mr. Harjit Sangha. This belief is shared by the organization that has been responsible for technician certification in the Lower Mainland for fourteen years as well. At one point in time, ASTTBC used to publish the names of those of their membership that had undergone a formal complaint (and sanction) process, but this practice was stopped when they realized that some unscrupulous individuals started using this information to leverage business unfairly for their own benefit. The reports on the PRB's activities have since been stripped of any reference to the individuals under investigation but continue to detail the balance of the process and the sanctions imposed on the technicians in generic terms.

So why then, do you suppose, would WE take the extraordinary step of actually naming YOUR clients? Do we believe that the public is in serious danger from the inspection and service "activities" of

technicians in your clients direct control and employ? Most assuredly so! Should Harjit Sangha be stripped of his ASTTBC professional designation as a Registered Fire Protection Technician (RFPT)? Indeed, should he also be struck from the Vancouver List of Approved Verification Agencies? Nothing that we have seen in the many years that we have been engaged in this business in the Lower Mainland even approaches the level of incompetence, acts of misfeasance, and unprofessional practice that has been (and continues to be) demonstrated by your client. In our considered opinion, Mr. Sangha's customers would be better served by almost any other agency in the Lower Mainland you care to name including the SPCA (yes, even a "dog catcher" would do better).

In closing, our whole industry would certainly benefit if we are afforded the opportunity of presenting documentary evidence and testimonials from many former customers and employees of Active Fire and Safety Services Ltd. (as well as first hand witness commentary from a number of professional practitioners and jurisdictional authorities) in open Court. To that end, we wish to encourage you to commence these proceedings as soon as your clients are able. We believe that not only will the rights of the press and freedom of expression triumph, public safety and the standard of practice will take a significant leap forward which, in the end, dovetails nicely with our own mission (and, coincidentally, that of ASTTBC and CFAA).

In the interim, we will be publishing your letter (and this response) to the page you have cited in your letter as an "update".

Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully,

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