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England

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Dear Gareth,

I'm sorry that I find it necessary to have to write to you yet again about the potential breach of Microsoft's intellectual property, and in particular our copyright trade names.

We value your contribution to our website development and corporate strategy but this continual abuse of our trade names is frustrating, and I have no option left open to me but to involve our lawyers again.

The latest abuse relates to our Internet Explorer software (IE) and in particular to the multi window features seen in IE 2003 and beyond. Our software monitoring experts have noticed increasing traffic from your associates who open Internet Explorer and continually press CTRL+ T, slowing our corporate systems down to an unusable level much like a trojan virus would; and indeed some of my staff consider your actions (especially those of Mr Steve Dixon) to be those of a malicious hacker. As you know, these key strokes create new Tabs, and although I do have sympathy with your village rugby team, I do not understand why they need so many Tabs. Our lawyers were particularly upset with your response when they asked why you wanted so many Tabs open at once and think your explanation that sometimes you **"don't want tabs open you want tabs "Blind""** is deliberately confusing – please explain.

The attacks on our software are not only electronic – they are also libellous ; Your webpage of last month clearly stated that the crowd were pleased to use tabs browsing around the field, and this is good because tabbed browsing what we invented this feature to do, but your suggestion that **"everyone has difficulty shutting tabs down"** is clearly defamation of our excellent software. You have been involved with developing this feature and know all too well that tabs start up quickly and shut down quickly with minimal CPU use or delay. Why would you suggest otherwise ? But really the final straw came when you (who I consider a friend) openly stated you **"loved to see tabs crash a drive"**. I mean come on Gareth, you know Microsoft have to take action against anyone suggesting our operating systems damage PC hardware.

Anyway our legal counsel have been in touch with your Chairman and once we have had Mr Steen's voice message translated into English I'll be in touch again.

Bill

P.S. Thanks for your work on our new Windows 7 operating system – I'm sure the super quick environmentally friendly power off programme will be a great success. As it cuts power to the PC whenever a threat is detected we are going to call it Pow Pow (Power up, Power down). Even you won't be able to make up a fanciful rugby story about Pow Pow detecting threats and quickly shutting things down !!

Love to Sarah and the kids and hope to see you in Seattle soon.