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1	Tuesday, 16 November 2021		
2	(11.00 am)		
3	Housekeeping		
4	THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, all. I understand the		
5	technical issues have been resolved and we are good to		
6	go. Any housekeeping issues that either party would		
7	like to raise before we start?		
8	MR PARTASIDES: Not on our side, thank you, sir.		
9	THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. And the Respondent?		
10	MR TURNER: We have one, sir. Last night we had a $$ I was		
11	going to say an unexpected letter from the Claimant.		
12	I suppose in a way we were half expecting it $$ at		
13	midnight and 12 minutes we had a letter from the		
14	Claimant which enclosed a spreadsheet which purports to		
15	set out a long series of trades in Cheil which is, as		
16	you will remember, the other side of the merger that we		
17	are all talking about over this fortnight.		
18	We were told by the Claimant that counsel, as part		
19	of discussions with Mr James Smith, whom we will see		
20	later today, had come to understand that a possible		
21	interpretation $$ l'm reading from their letter, sir ,		
22	and no doubt this can be provided to you $$ of the		
23	documents disclosed for request number 15 is that they		
24	are hedging transactions.		
25	Sir, we have to go back to understand this to		

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1	exactly two years ago when we asked for a certain number
2	of documents and in particular I need to refer you to
3	requests 15 and 16 of our request for documents which
4	was sent to the Claimant on 19 November 2019 and in
5	respect of which the arbitral tribunal made an order the
6	following January, if memory serves.
7	Request number 15, which counsel referred to in
8	their letter, refers to all documents evidencing any
9	shares, swap contracts or arrangements or other
10	interests that EALP, which is the Claimant company
11	and/or the Elliott Group, may have held in Cheil between
12	26 May 2015 when the merger was formally announced and
13	17 July 2015 when the shareholders of SC&T and Cheil
14	voted on the merger and you will remember, sir, because
15	I have faith in your almost supernatural abilities in
16	this respect, that the Respondent $$ that the Claimant
17	objected to that request. The Claimant said that the
18	Respondent offered no evidential basis for speculating
19	that EALP or other entities in the Elliott Group held an
20	interest in Cheil in the stated period or at all.
21	The tribunal granted the request and a small number
22	of documents was disclosed. I will come back to that in
23	a moment because the Claimant's letter goes on. They
24	say:

"We have come to understand that a possible

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interpretation of the documents disclosed for request number 15 [that's the one that I have just read out to you] is that they are 'hedging transactions'." You will remember that Professor Dow has reached that conclusion as well and ${\sf I}'\,{\sf II}\,$ raise that in a just a moment. "As such, the documents disclosed for request number 15 would also on that interpretation fall within the terms of the tribunal's order in respect of request number 16." Which says: "All documents evidencing any hedging transactions such as short selling or transactions in derivatives other than the swap contracts \ldots " Which was a defined term and you will remember the debate about whether the original swap contracts were investments: " $\ldots \;$ conducted by EALP and/or the Elliott Group involving SC&T and/or Cheil in the period from November 2014 to the end of September 2015." That was again objected to on the basis that we had

21That was again objected to on the basis that we had22put forward no evidential basis that the Claimant had23engaged or anybody else in the Elliott Group had engaged24in undefined hedging transactions but the tribunal25granted that request as well.

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1	Sir, the Claimant goes on:		
2	"The date range for request number 16 extends to		
3	25 September 2015 and is thus broader than the date		
4	range for request number 15"		
5	I hope you're following:		
6	" the Claimant has checked the position and has		
7	identified additional transactions in Cheil swaps		
8	entered into after 24 July 2015."		
9	The Claimant has enclosed with its letter		
10	a spreadsheet, an Excel, I imagine, spreadsheet.		
11	They invite us to draw a conclusion from that		
12	spreadsheet. The conclusion they invite us to draw is		
13	that there remains no basis for the Respondent's		
14	assertion that the Claimant did not suffer a trading		
15	loss on its positions in Cheil and SC&T.		
16	Now, we will come on to that, but let me just remind		
17	the arbitral tribunal of the position.		
18	So we suspected $$ and the Claimant's disclosure		
19	proved $$ that it had taken positions in Cheil, the		
20	other side or other entities in the Elliott Group had		
21	taken positions on the other side of the merger in		
22	Cheil.		
23	You will recall that after that production in		
24	Professor Dow's second expert report, which is RER—3,		
25	dated 12 November 2020, so a year after the document		

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- 1 request, and which we also picked up, of course, in our
- 2 Rejoinder filed on the same day, in his Appendix E,
- 3 Professor Dow explained that he had on the basis of the 4
- documents that had been disclosed making reasonable 5 assumptions come to the conclusion that a profit had
- been made on the Cheil swaps of a number that was almost 6
- 7 exactly the same as we explained in our Rejoinder as the
- 8 trading loss that the Claimant accepts it made and we
- 9 accept -- the numbers are not in dispute between the
- 10 parties -- on its transactions in SC&T shares. 11 We made the point in our Rejoinder that therefore if 12 you look at both sides of the ledger, there is no 13 trading loss, and that is the reason for the Claimant's 14 request to us to accept that there remains no basis for 15 our assertion that the Claimant did not suffer a trading loss. There are a number of double negatives in all of 16 17 that, but essentially they say they suffered a trading 18 loss of something like 49 billion Korean Won and we say, 19 well, we accept on the numbers that we have seen that 2.0 that is the trading loss that the Claimant made on its 21 shares in SC&T, there was an almost exactly equivalent 22 profit on the Cheil swaps.
- 23 So -- and the tribunal will appreciate that we have 24 had little time to look at the detail of this and it's 25
 - only a spreadsheet. The Claimant goes on to say that it

- 1 will take steps to locate and disclose the underlying 2 trade confirmations from which the information in the 3 spreadsheet was drawn upon request. I don't think it's 4 up to us to make that request, but nonetheless that's 5 what they say So we have, without the underlying documents, looked 6 7 at the spreadsheet. It seems to us that the overall 8 profit by, I think, three entities within the Elliott 9 Group, one of which is the Claimant, two of which -- one 10 of which is a subsidiary of the Claimant and one of 11 which is not the Claimant -- there was an overall 12 trading profit on the Cheil swaps that the Elliott Group 13 entered into of 64.8 billion Korean Won, a much larger 14 number than the 49 billion Korean Won of the trading 15 loss on SC&T shares. 16 Now, those documents have not yet been produced. We 17 have a spreadsheet. The tribunal does not yet have that 18 spreadsheet. That is our understanding of what the 19 spreadsheet shows. If my learned friend were to make an 2.0
- application to introduce the spreadsheet and supporting 21 documents into evidence, we would not oppose that
- 2.2 application. If those documents are introduced into
- 23 evidence, we will ask for more time for the presentation
- 24 of Professor Dow to address those new documents, and we
- 25 will reserve the right to recall Mr James Smith, the

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- 1 Claimant's fact witness, if we feel that there are 2 questions that arise out of the spreadsheet and/or the 3 underlying documents that require answers from Mr Smith. That is the position, sir. I wanted to draw all of 4 that to your attention now as there may be an 5 application from my learned friend to introduce further 6 7 documents relating to the Cheil swaps into evidence. At the moment there is no such application. We are invited 8 9 to agree that there was no overall -- that there was an 10 overall trading loss and my learned friend is very 11 careful to say a trading loss suffered by the Claimant. 12 I don't know whether he is going to take the point that 13 the trading profit was in part made by other entities, 14 and therefore not for you to take into account, but that 15 will be a matter for him in due course. 16 As I say, there is no application at the moment. 17 I am not withdrawing my assertion that there was no 18 overall trading loss. Indeed, it seems apparent from 19 the document that we received late last night that there 2.0 was a trading profit overall taking the SC&T shares and 21 the Cheil swaps together, a profit of something like 22 15 billion Korean Won. 23 There we are. I have drawn that to the tribunal's 24
- attention. There may be an application from my learned 25 friend in due course.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. There is at present no 1 2 motion from the Respondent? 3 MR TURNER: No, sir. There is no -- there's nothing that we 4 intend to do. You have our position. We have had this 5 document. That is our understanding of this document. 6 We are not applying for it to be put into evidence, 7 although it's been sent to us by the Claimant. If my 8 learned friend applies to put it into evidence, we will 9 not oppose that application. 10 THE PRESIDENT: Claimant? 11 MR PARTASIDES: Thank you, Mr President, members of the 12 tribunal. Let me correct some errors in nomenclature 13 that we just heard. We're not talking about swaps in 14 Cheil. We're talking about short swaps in Cheil. That 15 is a financial instrument that was disclosed to the 16 Respondent pursuant to its category 15 request as 17 ordered by the tribunal, although your order limited the 18 request only to those held by EALP rather than other 19 Elliott entities consistent with your order in 2020. 2.0 The Respondent has had those short swap transactions 21 since disclosure at that time and indeed relied upon 2.2 those short swap transaction documents in its Rejoinder 23 submission and in the report of its expert, 2.4 Professor Dow 25 So this is not a revelation of transactions that

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1 were previously unknown and consistent with that 2 category of documents which was category 15, the 3 disclosure extended to the date range, 26 May 2015 to 4 actually a few days after 17 July 2015, which was the 5 date range identified by the Claimant in its category. As we sat with James Smith, who you will hear from 6 7 later today, on Sunday to walk through with him documents on the record in this arbitration in the 8 9 normal way, he offered a characterisation or 10 interpretation of those documents which was different 11 from our understanding. His interpretation was that 12 they could be interpreted also as hedging transactions. 13 Let me explain why, and the reason why this is 14 significant is the difference between category 15 and 16 15 of the Respondent's document production request. 16 I should say that I imagine that Mr Smith could do 17 a better job of explaining these financial instruments 18 than L can 19 These short swaps are entered into broadly on the 2.0 following basis. You agree on a certain date that you 21 will sell the swap at a price X and that you will 22 purchase the swap at a certain point in time in the 23 future. And if that price reduces, so you will see the

24 benefit of the difference. That is a short in this case 25 of a swap.

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1 On the assumption that the merger would not have 2 proceeded, Elliott doubled down on its expectation and 3 therefore entered into these transactions, and if the 4 merger had not proceeded, the first thing that would 5 have happened is the Cheil traded price would have dropped, and as a basis of that assumption, the swaps 6 7 would result in further trading gains that would result from the merger not proceeding. That is the 8 9 interpretation of these transactions that comes -- that 10 leads to them falling within category 15 of the document 11 production request made by the Respondents. 12 Mr Smith said that there is an additional 13 interpretation that can be placed on them, and that is 14 that they also serve the function of amounting to 15 a hedge because if the merger does proceed against 16 expectation, you might still expect something of 17 a reduction in the share price of Cheil, new Cheil, and 18 therefore these shorting transactions could somehow 19 compensate or protect you from some of that loss. 2.0 So his interpretation , when we spoke to him on 21 Sunday, is that these should also be seen as a hedging 2.2 transaction. 23 Now, the consequence of that is that they were not

24 only relevant as disclosed under category 15, but also 25 under category 16, and category 16 had a longer time

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1 period. The time period for category 16 would extend to 2 25 September rather than 17 July. 3 On receiving his view as to that alternative 4 interpretation, we made a request of our client that 5 would identify all of those transactions that took place in that additional time period. Indeed, we made 6 7 a request that our client identify all of those transactions even if they extended beyond the time 8 9 period of category 16, ie up to 25 September. 10 Our client during the course of yesterday provided 11 us with that information and as soon as we were able to 12 review it, as responsibly we had to, and put together 13 a spreadsheet, we disclosed it consistent with our 14 ongoing duty of disclosure now as responsive to category 15 16. 16 These are further examples of transactions that the 17 Respondent has been aware of since our disclosure in 18 early 2020 and the spreadsheet that we have provided them with, and we are making efforts to obtain all of

19 20 the underlying proof of transactions and we will be 21 happy to provide those to the Respondent as well, 22 confirms on our calculation indeed contrary to 23 Professor Dow's assumption that the Claimant did not 24 make a trading gain on the event of the merger not

taking place. It made a trading loss.

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1	It appears from what I have just said that there is
2	still a dispute about that with those opposite, and so
3	that will lead to my proposition at the end of my
4	remarks as to what we do with this information.
5	Let me say before I get to that question of whether
6	and who should make an application for the admission of
7	these documents on to the record $$ let me say that it
8	is our case, as you will have understood yesterday, that
9	trading losses or trading gains are not relevant to the
10	claim that we are making before this tribunal. In fact,
11	these transactions, had the merger not taken place as
12	Elliott expected would be the case, would have resulted
13	in greater return for Elliott because if the merger
14	hadn't taken place, these transactions would have
15	resulted in a greater distance in the short between the
16	sale price, fixed before the event, and the subsequent
17	purchase price identified after Elliott anticipated the
18	merger would fail.
19	We are not claiming those trading losses in the same
20	way as any trading gains would not be relevant to the
21	claim that we are making here, because our claim is
22	about the realisation of the intrinsic value of the
23	shares that we held, and by the way, these hedges
24	pertain not to the vast majority of the 11 million

shares in SC&T that we held. It only pertained to that 12

1	proportion of them that were not put shares, that would
2	benefit from the appraisal right process at that we have
3	already netted off from our claim.
4	So our case, as explained in the second round of
5	submissions, already debated with Professor Dow,
6	including by Mr Boulton, is that trading gains and
7	losses are not relevant to the claim for damages and
8	loss that we are making here.
9	That having been said, our position has been that
10	there was a trading loss. Professor Dow's position has
11	been that there was a minor trading gain. If there is
12	still a dispute about which of those propositions is
13	correct, then I suggest that the best way of dealing
14	with this, whoever has to make the application, is that
15	these documents also be admitted to the record so that
16	that debate can be definitively determined.
17	Now, the reason why we have not made an application
18	to introduce them thus far is because these are
19	documents that we are producing in response to
20	a document production request made by the Respondent.
21	It then is for the party that has requested the
22 23	documents to make the application to introduce them on to the record.
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	But I see no reason why that should interfere with
25	having them added to the record as soon as possible, and
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1	so let me say this, Mr President, members of the
2	tribunal. If the tribunal feel that these documents
3	would be of assistance, we have absolutely no objection
4	to them being introduced into the record as soon as the
5	tribunal would like.
6 7	THE PRESIDENT: Just to understand for the time being what
	has been produced is a spreadsheet listing those
8	documents but the underlying documents have not been
9 10	produced to the Respondent?
11	MR PARTASIDES: That's right, and we are making efforts to gather those underlying documents. I think it should
12	take a small number of days to do so, and as soon as
13	they are available, we will make them available to the
14	Respondent.
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16	THE PRESIDENT: Mr Turner?
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picture is available by Professor Dow, and as I say, we 1 2 ask for more time for him to deal with those in his 3 presentation, and depending upon the nature of the 4 documents, when we get them, and what Mr Smith may have said in answer to questions today and tomorrow morning, 5 we reserve the right to ask Mr Smith to return. 6 THE PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you very much. So for the time 7 8 being it looks like there is no need to take any 9 decisions. We wait for the Claimant to produce those 10 documents to the Respondent and once you have received 11 them, I suggest we have another debate about what the 12 next steps should be. Very good. 13 So then we go on back to the agenda and the 14 Respondent's opening. Mr Turner. 15 Opening submissions by MR TURNER MR TURNER: Thank you very much, sir. Good morning properly 16 17 to all members of the tribunal. 18 I will begin our closing -- our opening; I'm getting 19 too optimistic in my old age, our opening submissions. 20 My colleagues Nicholas Lingard, Jack Terceño and 21 Sanghoon Han will take over, and then I will come back 22 at the end. 23 As a preliminary matter we heard at the end of the 24 Claimant's opening submissions vesterday a series of 25 questions to the tribunal. It's obviously very kind of 15 1 the Claimant to formulate those questions. We will not 2 be taking up the challenge to answer them. We will give 3 you our case rather than simply dealing with the

4 questions put by my learned friend Mr Partasides 5 yesterday 6 What the tribunal has before it, and as we were told 7 by the Claimant yesterday, is a very serious case, or at 8 least a case that arises out of a matrix of facts, some 9 of which are very serious. 10 We all know that a number of people, including the 11 former head of State of the Republic of Korea, have gone 12 to prison, even if some appeals are pending, and that 13 events surrounding the transfer -- the inheritance of from his father and his taking over the 14 Mr 15 chairmanship and the running of the Samsung Chaebol were 16 at the heart of those events. 17 We do not deny the facts as they are presented to 18 you in relation to the convictions that have been 19 pronounced by the courts. I stress the Republic of 2.0 Korea is a State governed by the rule of law. 21 Wrongdoing was found and that wrongdoing has been dealt 2.2 with by the courts, or is being dealt with by the 23 courts 24 I should add that I deprecate the seeming attempt to

assimilate the prosecutor, the Independent Prosecution

- 1 Office of the Republic of Korea, with the Republic of
- 2 Korea as we heard from our learned friends yesterday.
- 3 The prosecutor makes allegations. Those allegations are
- 4 tested in an independent court system and the courts
- 5 will pronounce upon those allegations, having heard not
- just from the prosecutor, but obviously from thedefendant.
- 8 Once the court has made its decision, we do not deny 9 that we, the Republic of Korea, are stuck with accepting 10 that decision. We don't want not to be stuck with the 11 decisions of our own courts. We are a State governed by 12 the rule of law.
- 13 But your task, members of the arbitral tribunal, is 14 to try the Claimant's claim under the Korea-US free 15 trade agreement. You need to be satisfied that the 16 Claimant has a claim under the terms of that Treaty. 17 including dealing with all of the Republic of Korea's 18 preliminary objections, and not simply to look at the 19 very grave, to adopt my learned friend's word, events 2.0 that gave rise to the court proceedings about which we 21 will hear a lot.
- In so doing, the arbitrators will need to decide who
 did what, when. There are large numbers of disputed
 facts in this proceeding and you will hear from my
- 25 learned friend Mr Lingard about a number of those during

- the course of today. But you will have to look at the
 precise dates on which things happened. You will have
 to decide whether there is evidence, and we say there is
 none, that there was a bribe from Mr former
 President to help push the merger through.
- 6 You will have to decide whether acts complained of 7 by the Claimant were acts that are those of the Republic 8 of Korea or wholly different entities . I'm not even 9 talking here about the question of attribution that my 10 learned friends Mr Terceño and Mr Han will talk to you 11 about later, but whether it was any State owned entity 12 at all or whether, for example, the allegations of 13 manipulation of SC&T's share price, it was Samsung and 14 Mr who were responsible. 15 Sir, as you will hear from Mr Lingard, the Claimant
- has been selective in the way in which it has addressed
 you on the facts of the court decisions, the facts of
 the evidence given by individuals in those court
 proceedings, confusing those statements with those made
 to the prosecutor before the proceedings went ahead.
 You will need to look very carefully at all of those and
 Mr Lingard will draw your attention to a number of them
- 23 this morning.24 Sir L now pick
- 24 Sir, I now pick up as part of this brief 25 introduction the theme of the Claimant's loss.
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- 1 I understand my learned friend's point this morning. 2 His case is that there was a loss that greatly exceeds 3 the trading loss in SC&T shares. He seeks 707 million 4 US dollars 5 Now, I won't deal with that today, but the tribunal 6 knows that the Respondent does not accept that it should 7 be making an award, if an award it is to make at all, denominated in US dollars, but in Korean Won which is 8 9 the only currency which has any relevance to the events 10 of which the Claimant complains. 11 But taking my learned friend's dollar figures, he is 12 asking for -- and we'll come back to quite what the 13 Claimant's case is now on the numbers -- \$540 million in 14 principal and interest added on. 15 This requires the tribunal to believe that shares bought for -- again the US dollar number -- the 16 17 equivalent of 603 million US dollars were worth or would 18 have been on my learned friend's case twice that just 19 two months later. 2.0 As you heard this morning, the Claimant actually 21 made a trading loss in dollar terms of approximately 22 43 million US dollars. Professor Dow had assumed on the 23 basis of the disclosure on which he based his report
- that the investment in Cheil swaps, and I remind youthat you the Claimant itself says in paragraph 12 of its

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1 Reply that swaps, even if they are not an investment, 2 expose the holder to all of the economic gain and 3 loss -- he believed that the trading profit on the Cheil 4 swaps was almost exactly equivalent, wiping out the 5 trading loss. We now know from the spreadsheet we 6 received last night that the trading profit on the Cheil 7 swaps was actually very much greater than the trading 8 loss on the SC&T shares. 9 Furthermore, the tribunal needs to bear in mind --10 my learned friend alluded to the appraisal litigation , 11 the buy back litigation. The tribunal will recall the 12 debate about whether the Settlement Agreement between 13 the Claimant and Samsung should be disclosed. My 14 learned friend objected to it and the tribunal ordered 15 it to be disclosed. There was a proceeding in the 16 Korean courts whereby Elliott and other shareholders of 17 SC&T challenged the price at which Samsung had to buy 18 their shares back. Under the Capital Markets Act you 19 will recall there is the right for shares that were held 2.0 before the merger announcement date to be bought back, 21 and there's a statutory formula for assessing the price. 2.2 That price was challenged and the Seoul High Court 23 determined that it should be appraised -- the price of 2.4 the shares should be appraised at a date at which all 25 influence of the merger was removed, and they chose the

the expert reports before you and in the corporate

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1	period leading up to December 2014.	1	through the facts.
2	I will talk about this in more detail in due course,	2	Opening submissions by MR LINGARD
3	but as a result of that proceeding the Claimant has	3	MR LINGARD: Mr President, members of the tribunal, good
4	already received money. My learned friend Ms Snodgrass	4	morning. In the next hour or so my aim will be to
5	set the receipts out in her tables yesterday, and the	5	proceed methodically and importantly chronologically
6	Claimant has indeed given credit for what it has	6	through the facts in the record before us.
7	received .	7	I begin underscoring the importance of chronology,
8	It stands to receive, if the decision of the Seoul	8	as we proceed we would urge the members of the tribunal
9	High Court is upheld on appeal, a further, we think $$	9	respectfully to pay particular attention to the timeline
10	it's all arithmetic, but there are moving parts $$	10	of events and the interrelation or lack of interrelation
11	approximately on the Claimant's own preferred exchange	11	between events in that timeline.
12	rate 64 million US dollars more.	12	So I start with the context for the Claimant's
13	We will have to determine with you how we deal with	13	investment in Korea. That is, as the members of the
14	that potential further recovery. But you need to bear	14	tribunal well know, and as we heard at some length
15	in mind three numbers: a \$43 million trading loss,	15	yesterday, Korea's Chaebol system. That is the system
16	a profit on Cheil swaps of, we now think, something over	16	in which the Claimant made its investment.
17	\$60 million on the Claimant's exchange rate, and	17	Let me begin with a definition. You heard it
18	a potential further recovery of some \$64 million in the	18	yesterday but it's important, so I repeat it.
19	buy back litigation .	19	A Chaebol is a diversified business group comprising
20	Sir, you will also hear from us during the course of	20	companies under the control of the founder or his heirs.
21	today about the continuing changes and contradictions in	21 21	Now, that definition is the definition put forward by
22	the Claimant's case on damages. Quite how they expect	22	the Claimant's own expert on corporate governance
23	to be able to recover, to realise the so-called	23	matters from whom we will hear in the coming days,
24	intrinsic value of the $$ of SC&T.	24	Professor Curtis Milhaupt.
25	We say that is wholly unrealistic . We say because	25	The question that then arises how that founding
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1	both of the experts agree that the market was efficient,	1	family maintains control and the answer to that question
2	that the market price is the way of assessing any loss		
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25 Sir, I now turn to Mr Lingard who will talk you

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1 governance literature more generally as the wedge. 2 We'll hear more about it over the coming days. 3 So I turn from general context to the specific 4 corporate setting for the dispute before this tribunal. It is the Samsung Chaebol. It is Korea's largest, and 5 I'm now on slide 2 in our deck. 6 7 As you can see there, the Financial Times reported 8 that, and I quote: 9 "By almost any metric, the fate of Korea is closely 10 tied to that of the Samsung Group.' 11 Let me make good on that general statement with some 12 data, most of it also on the slide in front of you. 13 In 2019 Samsung's revenues accounted for 12.5% of 14 the country's entire GDP 15 Today, just one company in the group, Samsung 16 Electronics, a company about which we'll hear a great 17 deal more, accounts for about a guarter of the total 18 market capitalisation of Seoul's KOSPI index. And that 19 same single company, just one company in the group, 2.0 Samsung Electronics, Samsung Electronics alone employs 21 nearly 200,000 people. 22 We say it's hard to think of an analogue of similar 23 import in similarly advanced economies. We also say, 24 and we will come on to that, in those circumstances in 25 that context it is wholly unsurprising that a government 25 1 might want to monitor corporate developments at Samsung. 2 Let me show you the Samsung Group before the merger 3 that is our subject. That's on slide 3 in our deck, 4 setting out the structure of the Samsung Chaebol

4 setting out the structure5 premerger.

You might, gentlemen, call it a spaghetti diagram 6 7 or, if you've had the opportunity to travel to Korea, 8 you might call it the Seoul subway map. Whatever 9 metaphor you are inclined to adopt, you understand 10 immediately this is a complex picture. This is not 11 a simple corporate hierarchy. You see immediately 12 arrows run in both directions, up and down. In other 13 words, circular shareholdings,

14 At this point, at the point of the structure chart 15 on slide 3, Chairman was at the helm. He was 16 described by counsel opposite yesterday as the 17 family patriarch. He was at the helm at this point. 18 But we also know that succession issues are inherent 19 in every Chaebol, and I have that again from the 2.0 Claimant's own expert. Professor Milhaupt, on slide 4. 21 He tells us that what he characterises as dynastic 2.2 succession is a key characteristic of the Chaebol. 23 Now, for Samsung in particular those long standing

24 succession issues took on a new importance, a new 25 immediacy in the spring of 2014. And that's because

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1 as we also heard yesterday, in May of 2014 Chairman 2 suffered a heart attack and was hospitalised. 3 Let me note parenthetically, although importantly, 4 and it's a point I'll return to as we proceed, at this point in our chronology, the Claimant still owned no 5 6 shares and no swaps referencing SC&T, none at all. 7 So as would be expected, the chairman's ailing 8 health promptly triggered media analysis of an 9 acceleration of a restructuring of the group in order to 10 pass control to the chairman's son. That is, as we 11 know. or 12 I have an example of that analysis on slide 5 from 13 just days after the chairman's heart attack. 14 As we look at this extract on the slide, let me note 15 that the company we all have gotten to know in these 16 proceedings as Cheil Industries was at this time, before 17 its public listing, known as Samsung Everland. 18 We can see the reporting was that Samsung Everland 19 would be listed and that Samsung Everland might 2.0 thereafter merge with another company in the Samsung 21 Group. This, gentlemen, may well be starting to sound 22 familiar 23 Less than four months later, and I'm now in 24 September of 2014 and slide 6, Korean media reported 25 that Samsung C&T was that other company at the centre of 27

1 the Samsung group's restructuring, and that was because 2 of its significant ownership of shares in Samsung 3 Electronics. 4 The report describes a growing possibility of 5 Samsung C&T merging with Cheil. You will see a theme 6 emerging here. At this point the Claimant still owned 7 no shares in nor any swaps referencing SC&T. None at 8 all. 9 Predictions of the merger between Samsung C&T and 10 Cheil only intensified thereafter. I don't propose to 11 take you to each of the many examples in the record 12 before you, but I do want to show you just one more 13 because of the significance of its timing. It's exhibit 14 R-74. It's a report from a leading Korean business 15 paper dated November 26, 2014. I have it on slide 7. 16 It's consistent with the reporting we've already 17 seen and it is unambiguous. Rumours of a merger between 18 Samsung C&T and Cheil, two companies described there as 19 important in the Samsung Group's governance structure, 2.0 and you can see the merger supported by the securities 21 analyst there quoted. 2.2 Now, I call up this particular report not because 23 it's unique. To the contrary, it's wholly consistent. 2.4 But this one, as I have said, is interesting for its

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timing. Recall once again that at this point in time

November 16, 2021

1	the Claimant still owned no shares and no swaps		
2	referencing SC&T, none at all.		
3	But the very next day, November 27 of 2014, the		
4	Elliott Group entered into its first swap contracts		
5	referencing Samsung C&T.		
6	By that date, the date of its first swap contract,		
7	Elliott was, perhaps unsurprisingly, running		
8	a spreadsheet model on its investment. I have an		
9	extract from that model on slide 8. It's exhibit C -365		
10	in your record.		
11	That model, from the day of Elliott's very first		
12	swap contract referencing Samsung C&T, included		
13	a dedicated tab labelled "Merger" with what it called,		
14	and I quote, potential restructuring scenarios		
15	involving, and again I'm quoting from the Elliott		
16	Group's own model from the day of its first swap		
17	contract, merger between SCT and Everland.		
18	Recall that Everland was at the time the name of the		
19	company that became Cheil Industries.		
20	This Elliott model, again from the day of its very		
21	first swap contract in SC&T, went so far as predicting		
22	a new de facto holding company for Samsung, resulting		
23	from that modelled merger of Cheil and SC&T.		
24	So having begun with that model, what did the		
25	Claimant group then do? The answer is a surprisingly		
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1	simple one. Every single trading day from November 27
2	of 2014 through January of 2015, Elliott entered into
3	more swap contracts and still more swap contracts
4	referencing Samsung C&T.
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	It's all set out in the Appendix to Mr Smith's
6	second witness statement and I have it extracted on
7	slide 9.
8	Now, as Elliott built up this interest in Samsung
9	C&T by way of swap contracts, coverage of the long
10	projected merger between Samsung C&T and Cheil, the
11	merger that is our subject in this arbitration, further
12	intensified in late 2014 and early 2015.
13	It was in that period that the projected merger $$
14	excuse me, projected IPO of Cheil Industries, its
15	listing on the Korea Exchange took place. That listing
16	was on December 18, 2014.
17	I'll take you to just one of the press reports from
18	shortly after the IPO. It's a report dated January 6,
19	2015, and I have it on slide 10.
20	You can see that Korea's Business Post reported that
21	there had been what is described as a predominant view
22	that there would be a merger between Cheil Industries
23	and Samsung C&T so that could gain control over
24	Samsung Electronics.

25 Now, I keep returning to this as I work through our

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1	chronology because of its importance. At this point the		
2	Claimant still owned no shares in Samsung C&T, none at		
3	all . But Elliott did continue to enter swap contracts		
4	on the back of this predominant view. In fact, as we		
5	see then on slide 11, again, extracting from the		
6	Appendix to Mr Smith's second statement, Elliott entered		
7	into swap contracts each and every trading day until		
8	January 29, 2015.		
9	Now, as we move then to slide 12, we see		
10	a significant event on that date, January 29, 2015.		
11	That is the date of the Claimant's first purchase of		
12	shares in Samsung C&T, January 29, 2015.		
13	It was able to buy that first parcel of shares at		
14	what it calculated as a substantial discount to its own		
15	net asset value of Samsung C&T. Less than a week after		
16	that purchase, it memorialised its calculation of the		
17	discount. It wrote to the directors of Samsung C&T,		
18	setting out its calculation of the discount at which it		
19	was able to buy in, and with that I'm on slide 13.		
20	In this same letter, it's exhibit C -11 , Elliott		
21	explained what it saw as the reason for the discount.		
22	The discount at this point on Elliott 's calculation you		
23	will see was 41%. The reason being the possibility of		
24	the merger between Samsung C&T and Cheil.		
25	In fact, in this letter to Samsung C&T, Elliott		

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1	described that merger as a widespread concern.
2	You will note that in this extract from its
3	February 4, 2015 letter to the company, Elliott went so
4	far as to refer to the merger ratio for any such merger
5	transaction. We will return to the law on the merger
6	ratio in due course. But let me note here, less than
7	a week after its first share purchase the Claimant is
8	rightly describing that merger ratio as, and I quote
9	Elliott 's own words, mandatorily applicable.
10	Now, at this time the record evidence shows us that
11	Elliott began an extensive research process. That
12	research extended to Samsung's succession process. It
13	looked at relationships among Chaebol senior management,
14	their controlling families, and the Korean Government.
15	And it also looked at the National Pension Service or
16	the NPS, which held about 11% of the stock in Samsung
17	C&T.
18	We know from the record now before us that Elliott's
19	internal research efforts were extensive indeed. And
20	I want over the next couple of slides to show you some
21	extracts from the Claimant's own contemporaneous
22	research. I'm now on slide 14.
23	This is an internal Elliott research note from
24	February 18, 2015, shortly after that first purchase of
25	shares in SC&T. We can see that Elliott held the view

1 that SC&T was controlled by the family and that 1 the slide, but for your note, it's exhibit C-151. It 2 Samsung might get government support for the merger if 2 repays close study. 3 only Samsung lobbied for it, given Samsung's size and 3 On Elliott's instruction, IRC studied the voting 4 status 4 pattern of the NPS on previous Chaebol mergers; and IRC 5 Again, to bring this back to the Claimant's 5 advised Elliott that without exception, without purchases of shares in SC&T, at this point in time it exception, the NPS had objected to a Chaebol merger and 6 6 7 held less than 2 million of the 11 million SC&T shares 7 instead taken its buy back right, appraisal right, if 8 it would come to own. 8 the buy back price was higher than the stock price on 9 The next month, so I'm now in March 2015, Elliott 9 the market. 10 10 consolidated its own research on Samsung's relationship Now, I'll come on to this too in more detail in due 11 with the Government and also on how the NPS managed its 11 course. That's the law on the appraisal right. But as 12 12 investments. I have an extract from that updated we know, in short, it is a put right for shareholders 13 internal research note on slide 15. 13 who object to a particular merger instead of supporting 14 We see that Elliott's view as reported in this 14 the merger, they can exercise a statutory right to be 15 internal note was that the Korean Government viewed 15 paid a statutorily fixed buy back price. Samsung's performance as a proxy -- that's the word 16 16 The advice from IRC to Elliott was simple. Based on 17 Elliott used, a proxy -- for the performance of the 17 past practice, without exception, the NPS would oppose 18 wider Korean economy. 18 a merger if the appraisal price was higher than the 19 As I foreshadowed, Elliott was at this time also 19 stock price on the market. 2.0 looking at how the NPS made its investment decisions. 2.0 The converse was also true: the NPS would support 21 I have some extracts on that over on slide 16 that's now 21 a merger if the stock price exceeded the buy back price. 22 on the screen. 22 That's IRC's unambiguous advice to Elliott from the As we can see, Elliott noted at the time, March of 23 23 earliest days of its investment. 24 2015, that the NPS tends to consider its portfolio in 24 I have been focused on IRC, but as I have said, 25 the aggregate rather than as investments in single 25 there's a whole range of other advisers' reports 33 35 specific companies. Elliott got that wholly correct, as 1 1 referenced. I use the word "referenced" advisedly in 2 we'll come on to see. 2 the record before you. 3 In the final part of this extract on slide 16, 3 Now, until we received the Claimant's privilege log, 4 Elliott describes its understanding of the NPS as 4 we knew nothing of Elliott's work with the consultancy 5 various decision-making committees. It got some of 5 called Spectrum Asia. No mention of that at all in the 6 these details wrong, but one point on the screen in this 6 written testimony of Mr Smith or in the Claimant's 7 7 extract is right, and it concerns lawyers serving on the written submissions. 8 The members of the tribunal will recall that we 8 so-called Special Committee, or as the Claimant 9 9 describes it the Experts Voting Committee. objected to the Claimant's withholding of the reports 10 You can see that Elliott described the lawyers on 10 produced by this consultancy, Spectrum Asia, and indeed 11 that committee as the swing votes, and you, gentlemen, 11 to hundreds of other documents listed on that privilege 12 will hear from the lawyer on the committee, the Special 12 log. For my part, I think the longest and yet the 13 13 Committee at the time of this merger vote in the coming barest privilege log l've ever seen in arbitration days. He is the ROK's fact witness in these 14 14 practice 15 proceedings, Mr It is his testimony 15 In the event of an extensive correspondence, the 16 before you in these proceedings that he simply does not 16 Claimant eventually produced one of the Spectrum Asia 17 know how the Special Committee would have voted had the 17 reports. It is another report that repays close study. 18 18 It is another report that evidences immediately why the matter come to it. 19 We have been looking at Elliott's internal research 19 Claimant went to such lengths to withhold it from this 2.0 2.0 efforts, but that was not where Elliott stopped, as one tribunal. 21 21 would expect, it also engaged a whole raft of external It's in the record before you at exhibit R-255. 2.2 advisers to assist it with this investment. 2.2 It's dated March 19, 2015, but we know from that 23 23 One of those external advisers was a company called privilege log I have already referenced that the first 24 Investor Resources Counselors, or IRC. It issued 2.4 version of the report came even earlier. The first 25 a report to Elliott in March 2015. I don't have it on 25 version evidently was dated February 27, 2015. For your

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1 note, in deliberation, gentlemen, that's entry 1050 on 2 page 178 of the Claimant's privilege log. 3 But perhaps the date is not that important. Whether 4 one takes the date of the first Spectrum Asia report or 5 the version that is now available to us, at this point in time, early 2015, the Claimant had barely dipped its 6 7 proverbial toe in SC&T shares. Recall that the first 8 share parcel was bought on January 29. 9 So with that introduction, let's look briefly at the 10 Spectrum Asia report that we do have available to us, 11 and I'm now on slide 17. 12 Elliott's advisers at Spectrum Asia noted that the 13 merger between Samsung C&T and Cheil was, and I quote, "the only feasible possibility to manage Samsung's 14 15 succession issues". They went on to advise Elliott that a merger between Samsung C&T and Cheil was inevitable, 16 17 "inevitable" is the word used. They also advised that 18 shareholders in Samsung C&T may not necessarily benefit 19 from this inevitable merger. But that was not the 2.0 point. The overriding purpose in this advice to Elliott 21 from the earliest days of its investment was keeping the 22 Samsung Group under family control. 23 So armed with this comprehensive and we say 24 altogether unambiguous advice, what did the Claimant do? 25 It made a gamble and it bought up big. It continued 37 1 to increase its shareholding and its total interest in 2 Samsung C&T every single trading day through March with 3 the exception of just two days. It's on slide 18 again 4 from Mr Smith's second statement. 5 As we turn then to slide 19, we see that the 6 Claimant kept going. It continued to increase its 7 shareholding and its total interest in Samsung C&T each 8 and every single trading day until the formal 9 announcement of the merger that it had been told was 10 inevitable 11 So we come to the formal announcement of this

inevitable merger. That announcement was made on
 May 26, 2015, and I have the announcement extracted on
 slide 20.
 We see that the boards of both companies announced

16that they had approved a proposal for Cheil to acquire17and merge with Samsung C&T. The proposal was for the18new merged company to be named "Samsung C&T19Corporation". The merger ratio was set at 1:0.35 which20meant that shareholders in the old SC&T would get 0.3521shares in the new entity for every one share they held22in the old SC&T.

Now, I'll come on shortly to the reactions in the
 market to this announcement, but I first need to step
 briefly, off our chronology to introduce several relevant

25 briefly off our chronology to introduce several relevant

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1 provisions of the Korean law on public company mergers. 2 We've already seen Elliott's knowledge of the 3 mandatorily applicable formula for the merger ratio. 4 Let's look at that formula just a little more closely. It's summarised on slide 21 in an extract from one of 5 the proxy advisory firm reports on which the Claimant 6 7 relies . This is the report of Glass Lewis. It's fair 8 to say that the underlying statute is somewhat harder to 9 follow, but none of this is contested so ${\sf I}$ hope that the 10 summary on this slide will suffice . 11 The formula uses, as you heard yesterday, the 12 merging companies' average closing prices on the 13 securities market for the most recent month, week and 14 day. And because this mandatory statutory formula is 15 based on recent trading prices, it follows obviously 16 enough that timing of a merger announcement is critical. 17 That timing is wholly up to the merging companies. 18 So we've seen by way of the announcement I showed 19 you just a moment ago that the merger had been approved 2.0 by the boards of the two companies, SC&T and Cheil. The 21 next step of course is shareholder approval. 22 So with that I turn to the Korean law setting out 23 the hurdles for the merger to pass. I have it extracted 24 on slide 22 from Korea's Commercial Act. There are two 25 relevant thresholds for the merger to pass the

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1 shareholder vote 2 The first relates to shareholders actually present 3 at the extraordinary general meeting. That is those 4 actually voting. Of that group, of those actually 5 voting, two-thirds had to vote in favour in order for 6 the transaction to be passed. 7 The second threshold relates to all shareholders. 8 Of that group, of the entire shareholder population, 9 one-third had to vote in favour in order for the merger 10 to be passed. 11 I have already referred a couple of times to the buy 12 back option available to shareholders who opposed the 13 merger. Let me say a few more words on that to make 14 good on the statements of principle I have offered 15 already. 16 The basic point is this. If the shareholder 17 objected to the merger, it could exercise a statutory 18 right to require the company to buy back its shares at 19 a fixed price. That right is the appraisal right and 2.0 the price is the appraisal price. 21 Again, the legal regime on this is summarised neatly 2.2 in one of the proxy advisory reports on which counsel 23 opposite relies. This is a report from ISS and I have

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For this particular merger the buy back price was

it extracted on slide 23.

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1	set by statute. We can see it a little over	1	making purchase of SC&T shares, which is the question
2	57,000 Korean Won per share.	2	that the trading plans principally answered, was
3	We can also see in this extract from the ISS report,	3	displaced by the more exigent: what loss are we facing
4	the trading price, the market price of SC&T shares was	4	and what can we do to avoid it?
5	consistently above the appraisal price. At the time of	5	If in fact, members of the tribunal, that was the
6	the ISS report, it was a little over 66,000 Won a share.	6	question animating the Claimant at this point in time,
7	That, as I have already suggested, is one simple way	7	the Claimant's approach after the merger was announced
8	a shareholder might decide whether to support a deal.	8	could have been a very simple one indeed. It could have
9	The rational choice may well be the simple choice.	9	sold and in doing that it would have made a handsome
10	Support the deal if the stock price is above the buy	10	profit .
11	back price, but oppose the merger and take the buy back	11	But instead it piled in . The Claimant kept buying
12	price if the buy back price is higher.	12	until, as we now know, and accumulated a little over
13	Indeed, as we've seen, Elliott knew that that was	13	11 million shares in Samsung C&T. With that, a 7.12%
14	the NPS's usual assessment. Elliott knew in the words	14	interest in the company.
15	of the advisers at IRC that that, without exception, is	15	Let me put that 7.12% stake in the context of the
16	what the NPS had done on other Chaebol mergers.	16	overall shareholder landscape. As I do that, recall
17	So with that background set, let me turn, as	17	once again that for the merger to pass required the
18	I presaged, to the market reactions to this announcement	18	support of one-third of all shareholders and two-thirds
19	of the inevitable merger.	19	of those shareholders actually voting, actually present
20	As I do that, I want to take us to four	20	at the extraordinary general meeting.
21	perspectives, four reactions to the merger announcement.	21	There's a helpful doughnut chart one might call it
22	The first is to look at what happened to the share price	22	from one of the press reports setting out the overall
23	of Samsung C&T. I show that on slide 24.	23	shareholder landscape, and I have that extracted on
24	Its share price jumped by 14.83%, and at one point	24	slide 28.
25	in the days after the announcement peaked at 38% above	25	We see Elliott there to the left in green with its
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1	the pre-announcement price. That's SC&T.	1	7.12% holding. There's also a significant slice of
2	Let's then as our second perspective come to Cheil.	2	other foreign investors totalling nearly 27%. That's
3	That's to slide 25, and Cheil is the blue line there.	3	the blue portion towards the bottom of the circle.
4	Its price similarly surged. The Cheil stock price	4	And over to the right of the circle in grey you see
5	jumped by 14.98%.	5	domestic institutions identified as holding 10.19% of
6	So those are the two merging companies. Let me come	6	the stock. We come then to Samsung and its affiliates.
7	to a third perspective. Our third perspective on the	7	They're shown at the top of the circle in blue with
8	announcement is that of the merging companies'	8	13.82%. And then just under that a company called KCC
9	competitors. I have that on slide 26. Quite unlike the	9	is identified separately in orange with a stake of
10	shares of SC&T and Cheil, the stock prices of their	10	5.96%.
11	competitors in the construction sector fell on the day	11	KCC is identified separately here because it was
12	of the announcement.	12	said to be aligned with Samsung, and that was a fact
13	I turn then to our fourth perspective on the formal	13	that Elliott knew.
14	announcement of the merger. It is of course the	14	We come then to the NPS, to the bottom right in
15	Claimant's own perspective. It's on slide 27, once	15	yellow. We see it had 11.21% of SC&T stock.
16	again from Mr Smith's second witness statement.	16	So before we leave this overview of Samsung C&T
17	The Claimant's reaction was to buy still more shares	17	shareholders, just a little arithmetic territory into
18	and enter still more swap contracts referencing SC&T.	18	which I wade with trepidation, but the arithmetic is
19	Now, obviously enough it could at this point have made	19	simple.
20	a different choice. It could have sold and in doing	20	Recall that for the vote to pass required the
21	that, cashed in on the plum increase in the share price.	20	support of 33.3% of all shareholders. So we see
22	On this counsel opposite yesterday told us, and I'm	22	immediately that Samsung, KCC and the NPS, if one
23	quoting from page 194 of the transcript, once that	23	assumes the NPS was to vote in favour, were not enough.
24	proposal $$ that is the merger $$ was on the table, the	24	That would get you to just 31%.
25	question of what rules of thumb should be followed for	25	That's before we even come to the second voting
-		20	some to the second folling

1 threshold. That is the requirement of the support of 2 two-thirds of those shareholders actually voting at the 2 3 extraordinary general meeting. The arithmetic on that 3 4 is somewhat more complicated, but again, relatively 4 5 simple, and the result is clear. If we assume for these 5 purposes a voter turnout of between 75% and 85%, Samsung 6 6 7 C&T would require an additional 19 to 25% of all 7 8 shareholders to support the merger in order for it to 8 9 pass. That's beyond the affirmative votes of Samsung, 9 10 10 KCC and the NPS. 11 So we've seen the NPS's shareholding in Samsung C&T. 11 12 Let me step once again briefly off our chronology to 12 13 describe the process by which the NPS was to decide how 13 14 14 to vote its shares in this merger. 15 The starting point is this. The NPS's investment 15 16 16 decisions, including how to vote shares, were made by 17 a committee comprised of the Chief Investment Officer of 17 18 the NPS and 11 other senior members of the investment 18 management division of the NPS. That, as we well know, 19 19 2.0 is the Investment Committee of the NPS. 2.0 21 Let me take you to the NPS's Voting Guidelines. In 21 22 doing that, I'm on slide 29. 22 23 23 We've heard a great deal about another committee, 24 24 the Special Committee or the Experts Voting Committee. 25 What do the guidelines have to say about that? They 25 45 1 tell us that the Investment Committee found that if it 1 2 was difficult to decide on how to vote on a particular 2 3 matter, it could refer that decision to the external 3 4 committee, the Special Committee. 4 5 That's set out in both the Voting Guidelines of the 5 NPS and the Fund Operational Guidelines, and relevant 6 6 7 7 extracts are on this slide 29. 8 8 We can see that if the Investment Committee finds --9 that's the word used, "finds" -- a matter difficult to 9 10 decide, it has the right, and note again in the blue 10 11 highlighting in the second row in the top extract, the 11 12 permissive "may", it may refer the matter to the Special 12 13 13 Committee 14 14 So those are the regulations on the decision-making 15 15 process. 16 Let me come next to a point I foreshadowed earlier 16 17 17 this morning, coming out of Elliott's own research on 18 the NPS's investment practices. It's this. It's the 18 19 NPS's practice of viewing its portfolio in the aggregate 19 in an holistic fashion before making any investment 2.0 2.0 21 21 decision 2.2 On this point, the record shows that the NPS held 2.2

extensive holdings right across the Samsung Group.

- 24 I have it on slide 30, showing the NPS's shares at the 25 time in various Samsung Group entities
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1 So at the time of this merger, the NPS was an investor in both Samsung C&T and Cheil. But the NPS also, as the slide shows us, had material stakes in some 15 other Samsung Group companies. As we'll come on to discuss, the proposed merger between SC&T and Cheil was to affect not just those two companies, but the entire group. That's because it would have the effect of making the merged entity the de facto holding company for the group. So, as Elliott knew, the merger was relevant to the NPS's entire portfolio of investments in the Samsung Group. And as Elliott also knew, that's exactly how the NPS would look at the matter. In fact, NPS research that's in the record before this tribunal showed that similar deals involving other Chaebol in the past which had moved similarly to a holding company structure had increased the value of equities right across the relevant Chaebol group by more than 15%. I don't have that on the slide, but for your note, it's at exhibit R-61 at page 10. That's NPS research from May of 2014. I turn then to other views on the merger that concerns us. It's fair to say that views in the market were diverse, among the leading domestic Korean securities analysts views the record shows were strongly

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positive. I have a summary of those on slide 31. We can see that 21 of the 22 analysts polled for this report viewed the merger positively and held an optimistic view of the growth potential and future corporate value of SC&T. Now, it's worth noting that a year later $\,--$ I'm now on slide 32 -- after a special prosecutor had been appointed to investigate President , these analysts' answers were consistent. 21 out of the 22 Korean securities analysts still maintained their approval of this merger. But of course, as we know, the merger also had its detractors and Elliott was prime among them. Having then increased its stake in Samsung C&T to 7.12%. Elliott set about seeking to convince everyone. analysts included, to side with it . In particular, the record shows, and I don't have this on the slide, but it's at exhibit R-262, that Elliott sought to garner the support of proxy advisory firms to join Elliott's opposition to the merger. So I want briefly to look at the report of one of those proxy advisory firms. It's ISS. You heard it 23 referenced yesterday by Claimant's counsel, and I have 2.4 it extracted on slide 33 25 We can see despite, as ISS describes it , the very

1	positive market reaction to the merger, ISS, as was said	1
2	yesterday, recommended that $SC\&T$ shareholders vote	2
3	against the transaction. But there's an important note	3
4	of nuance and it's in the final extract on the slide .	4
5	ISS also recognised that SC&T share price could fall by	5
6	as much as in its calculation 22.6% in the short-term if	6
7	the merger vote failed.	7
8	So having engaged with the proxy advisory firms, the	8
9	results of one of which we see on this slide, the	9
10	Claimant then turned next to the Korean courts.	10
11	I have on slide 34 an extract from its application	11
12	to the court for an injunction to restrain the merger	12
13	vote. The gravamen of that application was the	13
14	Claimant's objection to the merger ratio.	14
15	The claim there was that although the ratio complied	15
16	with the statute, it was, according to the Claimant,	16
17	substantively unfair as compared to what it at the time	17
18	called fair value derived by one of the big four	18
19	accounting firms at Elliott 's request. Elliott at that	19
20	time did not disclose the identity of that big four	20
21	accounting firm and it does not disclose it before this	21
22	tribunal .	22
23	In the event, the Korean court dismissed the	23
24	injunction application. I have the court's decision	24
25	extracted on slide 35. It represents, we would say,	25
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1	a return to economic orthodoxy. The court observed that	1
2	the merger ratio was set by mandatory statutory formula,	2
3	pegged to market prices, because such prices, and I'm	3
4	quoting from the court, reflect an objective value of	4
5	the shares.	5
6	That was July 1, 2015. Elliott next took its	6
7	campaign to the Korean Government. In doing that, it	7
8	wrote to the Financial Services Commission. It wrote to	8
9	the Korean Fair Trade Commission. It wrote to the	9
10	Ministry of Health and Welfare. And it wrote to the	10
11	Chief of Staff of President	11
12	Now, the first letter of those I need to show you is	12
13	from July 7 of 2015. It's on slide 36 and it's to the	13
14	Ministry of Health and Welfare.	14
15	In this letter Elliott urged the Ministry to,	15
16	and I quote, properly discharge its responsibilities	16
17	with regard to NPS by which Elliott evidently meant to	17
18	force NPS to have the Special Committee take	18
19	jurisdiction over how the NPS would vote on the proposed	19
20	merger.	20
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- 20 merger. 21 The next day, July 8, Elliott dispatched some five 22 letters to the Korean Government, and I'm going to show
- 23 you just one of them. It's on slide 37 and it's 24
 - Elliott 's letter to the Chief of Staff to
- 25 President

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	Elliott sought the attention of the
de la factoria de la Colo	ent, given what Elliott described as
ne importance of th	is merger to the Korean securities
market and the broa	der Korean economy.
So we've seen E	lliott 's efforts to engage various
agencies of the Gove	ernment, including the office of the
President with respe	ct to the merger. And so I turn to
look at the Governm	nent's consideration of this merger.
For its part, th	e Ministry of Health and Welfare
monitored progress o	of the NPS's preparations for making
a decision on the m	erger. I have an example of that on
slide 38. It's a rej	port from June 8, 2015, and we will
see that having expl	ained the background to the merger,
there is a record th	ere of the NPS's voting mechanism.
The report notes	s that
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We also know fr	om the record in this arbitration
that the Ministry ke	pt the office of the President $$
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respect to this merg	ger. I have an example of that on
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In particular, on June 17 of 2015, the Investment Committee of the NPS met to decide a whole host of issues, including, as they related to the SK Chaebol, as agenda item 1 for that meeting, the SK merger. We see

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1	that on slide 41.	1
2	As we also see on this slide , it was proposed that	2
3	that merger, the SK merger, be submitted to the Special	3
4	Committee.	4
5	As we turn to slide 42, we have the minutes from the	5
6	Investment Committee meeting where that matter was	6
7	considered, and we see immediately that they record no	7
8	more than that the IC members present at the meeting	8
9	agreed to submit the SK merger to the Special Committee.	9
10	And that's what happened.	10
11	It went to the Special Committee and the Special	11
12	Committee decided by a majority that the NPS should	12
13	oppose that other again wholly unrelated merger.	13
14	In the meantime we now know that the research	14
15	team ——	15
16	MR GARIBALDI: Can I ask a question?	16
17	Mr Lingard, do you happen to know what the price of	17
18	the SK shares were at the time? In other words, does	18
19	the SK merger vote bear the theory that you have	19
20	espoused that the NPS follows that particular policy you	20
21	described?	21
22	MR LINGARD: Thank you, Mr Garibaldi. I have the question.	22
23	Let me revert to you, if I may, after the lunch break	23
24	with evidence, lest I misquote it before you now. We	24
25	will have an answer to you after the break if that's	25
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1	acceptable, sir .	1
2	So that was the SK merger.	2
3	THE PRESIDENT: Just to understand, the question is about	3
4	the relationship between the appraisal price of SK and	4
5	the market price at the time?	5
6	MR LINGARD: That is how I have understood the question,	6
7	sir .	7
8	MR GARIBALDI: Yes, thank you.	8
9	MR LINGARD: That's the SK merger. Let me return to our	9
10	merger of SCT and Cheil.	10
11	It's in this period of time that the research team	11
12	within the NPS's domestic equity office began preparing	12

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7	sir .
8	MR GARIBALDI: Yes, thank you.
9	MR LINGARD: That's the SK merger. Let me return to our
10	merger of SCT and Cheil.
11	It's in this period of time that the research team
12	within the NPS's domestic equity office began preparing
13	its analyses of this merger, of the SCT Cheil merger,
14	and that was its role, to perform analyses to support
15	the IC's decision-making.
16	Let me say plainly, as we heard from counsel
17	opposite yesterday, some of the central issues in the
18	criminal proceedings ongoing in the Korean courts
19	concern the analyses conducted at this time by the NPS
20	research team.
21	You heard this at some length yesterday, but there
22	are questions about whether the research team
23	manipulated its analyses or prepared them with a view to
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- 24 achieving certain outcomes on instructions from figures
- 25 of authority within the NPS itself or from the Ministry

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of Health and Welfare, figures who were abusing their positions Again, let me say it plainly . Those are serious questions and they are of importance in the ongoing Korean criminal proceedings. But we say the relevant question in these international proceedings before this arbitral tribunal is how the Investment Committee in fact decided, whether the Investment Committee in fact relied on that work, that research work, that we understand to have been problematic. Indeed, that work may well have been flawed, and it may very well give rise to liability in the Korean proceedings. But the actual decision on the vote as taken, we say, the relevant question before this $\ensuremath{\mathsf{tribunal}}$, shows that that analysis, that analysis of the research team, was not relied upon by the members of the Investment Committee. So to make good on that statement, let me come first to the agenda of the NPS Investment Committee meeting. The meeting took place on July 10, 2015, and I have the agenda on slide 43. You will note right away that in contrast with the agenda for the SK merger that I showed you a moment ago, the agenda prepared for the SCT Cheil merger did not

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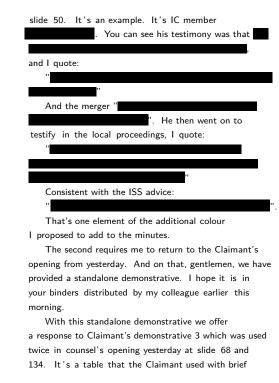
1	contain any recommendation as to how the members of the
2	IC should vote. You see the blank squares where in
3	contradistinction for the SK merger the proposal was
4	direct passage to the Special Committee.
5	Here for our merger we see instead, as we return to
6	slide 44, that members of the IC were presented with
7	four options. Those were: affirmative, that is to vote
8	in support of the merger; dissenting, that is to oppose
9	the merger; so-called shadow voting, that is to follow
10	the result of the majority of other shareholders but not
11	affirmatively take a position; and fourth, abstention.
12	Now, this so-called open voting system, presentation
13	before the members of a full array of options, differed
14	from what the IC members had been presented with in the
15	context of the SK merger.
16	And so as we turn to slide 45, now extracted from
17	the minutes of the IC meeting, we see that members of
18	the Investment Committee initially questioned this
19	approach by which they were presented with this full
20	array of options.
21	In particular, we see here in the minutes
22	questioning whether the committee was being asked to
23	consider the merger in substance or merely pass it along
24	to the Special Committee. As we turn over to slide 46,
25	we see the substantial discussion that follows.

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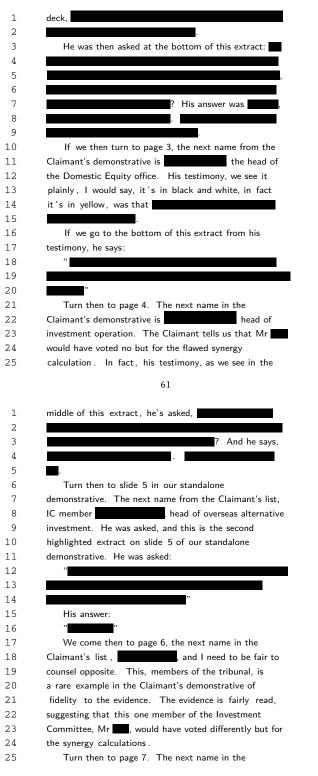
1	The head of the management strategy office explained	
2	that on this occasion, and I'm quoting from the minutes,	
3	the Voting Guidelines are being more faithfully adhered	
4	to. Evidently it was further explained that, and again	
5	I'm quoting, if it is difficult to determine whether to	
6	agree or disagree based on the voting results, the	
7	agenda may be submitted to the Special Committee.	
8	If we go to the next extract in the minutes, over on	
9	slide 47, we see the precise mechanism for determination	
10	of whether the matter was difficult. It's this: if none	
11	of the four options garnered a majority of votes of	
12	Investment Committee members, the committee would then	
13	have found the matter difficult and it would exercise	
14	its right to refer it to the Special Committee.	
15	I have been focused on the process for the	
16	Investment Committee's deliberations. I come then to	
17	the substance of those deliberations in this next	
18	extract from the IC minutes on slide 48.	
19	We see questions being debated about the merger	
20	ratio and also about the recommendations of various	
21	securities advisory firms with respect to the merger.	
22	You see an acknowledgment here in this extract that	
23	shareholders on each side of the merger might take	
24	different views. There's a reference there again to the	
25	advisory report of ISS, the firm with which Elliott had	
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1	engaged, noting that the merger is positive from the	
2	perspective of anybody with an interest in	

1	engaged, noting that the merger is positive from the
2	perspective of anybody with an interest in
3	Cheil Industries. We know of course that the NPS had
4	such an interest.
5	We turn then to the next extract from the minutes on
6	slide 49. And here we see recorded a sustained debate
7	about the synergies that could be expected from this
8	merger. Note immediately the express recognition that
9	synergies are difficult to calculate. We see
10	noting, rightly, that in his words there are limits to
11	evaluating future synergies and they are difficult , he
12	says, to specify or verify.
13	Evidently, we say, no reliance on a single
14	calculation of synergies, flawed or otherwise. That
15	calculation, we say, was plainly not central to the
16	decisions of the Investment Committee.
17	Now, we've been looking at the minutes of the
18	Investment Committee, and I have showed you just a few
19	extracts. It's an important document. Again, it's
20	exhibit R -128 and we would respectfully ask you to study
21	it closely in its entirety.
22	But given the importance of this meeting, I want to
23	add two additional elements of colour. The first comes
24	from testimony given by at least one IC member in

25 subsequent proceedings. I have that extract on



1	submissions to suggest that, as is seen in the column
2	with the red nos, that many members of the Investment
3	Committee would have voted against the merger on the
4	Claimant's case had they known that the synergy analysis
5	was flawed.
6	Regrettably, the citations to the evidence in that
7	demonstrative from the Claimant, we say, misleadingly
8	selective , and so what we have sought to do in this
9	standalone demonstrative is correct the record with the
10	necessary context, with the necessary additional
11	extracts from the testimony of members of the Investment
12	Committee, and given the centrality of this point at the
13	risk of belabouring it, I will propose, if I may,
14	gentlemen, to take you through just a few examples.
15	The first is on slide 2 of our standalone
16	demonstrative. The first of the IC members that the
17	Claimant tells us would have voted no, but for the
18	flawed synergy calculations, that's We
19	see that in fact what he said was that
20	. You see that in the first
21	extract of the testimony there.
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24	We also see he then clarifies that
25	, and we have already shown you this in our slide



1	Claimant's list , head of risk
2	management. His testimony, like that of many others
3	we've seen, was that
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5	If I could invite you to turn back with me then to
6	the first page of this standalone demonstrative where we
7	have the Claimant's slide extracted to the left , we see
8	four individuals listed as having abstained or shadow
9	voted towards the end of Claimant's table. And to the
10	right, under the "Evidence" column of the Claimant's
11	table, it is noted that, as to three of those
12	individuals , they would have voted no $$ likely would
13	have voted no had they known of the issues with the
14	synergy calculations because, according to the
15	Claimant's table, they were told they could rely on
16	those calculations.
17	That assertion, gentlemen, is not supported by the
18	evidence the Claimant there cites. I don't have this in
19	the extracts before you, but for your note, again it's
20	exhibit R -128 . It's the Investment Committee minutes at
21	page 11.
22	That is the cite offered by the Claimant. In fact,
23	if we go to those minutes, we see no more than Mr
24	describing the calculation in some detail. He
25	references businesses in China. He references trading
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1	and fashion businesses. There are no representations
2	made as to the reliability or otherwise of those
3	calculations .
4	In any event, if one continues to work through the
5	IC minutes thereafter and again, we respectfully urge
6	you so to do $$ we see at least IC member
7	asking again about over—estimation of synergy effects.
8	No suggestion whatsoever that those synergy calculations
9	were relied upon.
10	Now, the tribunal is being told by the Claimant that
11	IC members would have voted differently but for those
12	synergy calculations. That evidently is the point of
13	the Claimant's slide 68 and 134. But, as ever, the
14	evidence is more complicated and we urge you, gentlemen,
15	to study that evidence in its entirety.
16	I have gone through it rather painstakingly, for
17	which I apologise, but it is a point of some importance.
18	We offer further observations on this evidence in our
19	Rejoinder at paragraphs 231 to 234 and 250 to 252.
20	So that's the Investment Committee. I need to turn
21	next to the Special Committee. As I do that, I am
22	conscious of the time, and in particular conscious of
23	the stenographers' time, and I wonder if this might be
24	an appropriate moment to break. I'm conscious we're

15 minutes behind our already delayed schedule.

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1	THE PRESIDENT: I think this would be a good time. We
2	agreed that we would break around 12.30. But given the
3	time it took to go through the housekeeping issues, we
4	have some flexibility . But let's break now and we
5	continue at 1.50.
6	(12.48 pm)
7	(The short adjournment)
8	(1.46 pm)
9	THE PRESIDENT: Mr Lingard.
10	MR LINGARD: Thank you, Mr President.
11	We left before the break on the Investment Committee
12	deliberation of this merger. I'm also acutely aware
13	that I have Mr Garibaldi's question to answer. So on
14	that question, if I may, I propose to return to it
15	slightly later this afternoon when I address the merits
16	of the case against us. I will return there to the SK $% \mathcal{A}$
17	merger and seek to address your question head on there,
18	Mr Garibaldi, if I may.
19	Having then looked at the deliberations of the
20	Investment Committee members before we broke, I turn
21	briefly to the Special Committee and as we return to the
22	slide deck, I have an extract from the second witness
23	statement of Mr again you will recall he was the
24	lawyer member of the Special Committee at the time of
25	this vote and he testifies that in fact he expected the
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1	merger to be referred to his Special Committee. That is
2	his testimony.
3	But if we turn to slide 52, we see that Mr
4	expresses no view on the process by which matters got
5	from the NPS to his committee, the Special Committee.
6	Instead, he explains that he only ever saw the
7	agenda that had come to the Special Committee, matters

- 8 that had been referred to his committee. He was never 9 privy to the perspective of the Investment Committee on 10 how matters were or were not referred to the Special 11 Committee 12 So let me now take a step back from the NPS. The
- 13 NPS was of course just one shareholder, one shareholder 14 among tens of thousands of others. 15 The shareholder vote in our merger took place on
- 16 July 17, 2015. And I have on slide 53 a diagrammatic 17 representation of how the voting panned out. 18 Start with me, if you would, members of the
- 19 tribunal, in reviewing this diagrammatic at the far
- 2.0 right of the horizonal axis at the bottom. We see there
- 21 that Samsung C&T had a little over 156 million issued
- 2.2 shares. Moving then to the left of that, we see that 23 nearly 85% of those shares in fact actually voted at the
- 24 extraordinary general meeting.
- 25 If we stay on that bottom horizonal axis, we see the

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1 first voting threshold in the red bubble furthest to the 2 left. That's the requirement of one-third of all 3 shareholders to vote in favour. That would require 4 a little over 52 million votes in support. 5 Jumping then to the top of this schematic, we see 6 the second threshold in the red bubble at the top. 7 That's the requirement for two-thirds of those actually 8 voting to vote in favour. Given the 85% turnout, that 9 would require more than 88 million votes in support. 10 So how in fact did the vote go? In the middle at 11 the bottom we see that the first threshold was readily 12 satisfied. Support was required from 33.3% of all 13 shareholders. In fact, as we see there, nearly 60% of 14 all shareholders voted in favour. 15 On the second threshold, the requirement for the 16 support of two-thirds of those actually voting. if we 17 look to the top, to the right, we see that 69.53% of 18 voting shareholders were in favour, and so our second 19 threshold was also satisfied . 2.0 So who voted in favour? Obviously Samsung 21 affiliates did. And as I foreshadowed already, so too did KCC and we know now that the NPS also voted its 22 23 shares in favour. 24 So too did a sizeable contingent of other foreign 25 and domestic shareholders. We see them represented in 67 1 the key at the bottom of this schematic on slide 53. 2 To run the numbers here, even if we put aside the

3 Samsung affiliates, KCC and the NPS, other domestic and 4 foreign shareholders holding a total of almost 28% of 5 the stock voted in favour. 6 Now, to situate us once again in our chronology, 7 this shareholder vote took place on July 17 of 2015. 8 We've heard yesterday and in written submissions from 9 counsel opposite a great deal that we would characterise 10 as hyperbole. The Claimant's Rejoinder on preliminary 11 objections went so far as describing these proceedings 12 as distressing; that's the word used, "distressing" for 13 Korea. That characterisation, hyperbolic though we say 14 it is in general terms, is at least accurate as to the 15 next event to which we come in our chronology, and as 16 counsel for the Republic, I come to it with a heavy 17 heart. 18 I have on slide 54 an extract from the local 19 judgment in the case against former President 2.0 confidante.

We see a week after the shareholder vote in favour of the merger, a week after that vote, the President's confidant. Ms , returned to Korea from a trip to Europe. And we can see the court's finding that upon her return, again a week after the shareholder vote,

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1	this confidante, the Ms, facilitated a meeting	1	Again, let me say plainly that does not stop it from
2	between the then President, then President	2	being deeply troubling, indeed distressing, to use
3	Samsung heir apparent second .	3	counsel opposite's words, which is precisely why the
4	We can also see the court's finding that at this	4	Republic so vigorously has investigated and prosecuted
5	point then President decided to exchange her	5	the underlying conduct.
6	backing for the Samsung Group's succession plan in	6	But that, we say, is not the task of this tribunal
7	return for financial support from Samsung. BY in this	7	in these proceedings. The Claimant evidently does not
8	extract is Q is the destination of that	8	like the fundamental but inconvenient fact that the only
9	financial support; it 's former President set 's favoured	9	finding of corruption in the local proceedings relates
10	elite centre for winter sport.	10	to conduct after the merger had already been voted
11	I offer those explanations of the coded references	11	through. The Claimant's claim, after all, is that the
12	here. A note of caution: they are different as between	12	merger —— is about the merger, not about broader
13	the judgments. So care is needed as one reviews those	13	generalised allegations of political collusion, or at
14	judgments. The coded references differ across the	14	least that is the claim that could be advanced in
15	judgments.	15	international investment law. That is the claim for
16	We also see at the top, the second paragraph of this	16	this international tribunal to resolve.
17	extract, a reference to the recent $$ that is recent	17	The Claimant's response to this
18	past $$ merger of what are described in this extract as	18	inconvenient—for—its—claim timing is to try on make
19	AJ and RD, namely Samsung C&T and Cheil.	19	something of an earlier meeting. We heard it yesterday
20	So the finding is that after this merger former	20	and the evidence does show that there was indeed an
21	President and and reached an agreement where the	21	earlier meeting between the then President, then
22	former President would accept bribes from in	22	President The and The and . It was a meeting on
23	return for helping with evidently later steps in the	23	September 15, 2014, and it's in the top left box in our
24	Samsung Group's succession plan.	24	timeline on slide 56.
25	The key point here of course is that that succession	25	There is no evidence in the record before you, none
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1	plan is not equivalent to support for the merger which	1	at all , to suggest that that meeting had anything to do
2	had already passed the shareholder vote through which	2	with the merger.
3	l just took you.	3	The Korean courts have determined that there was no
4	Again, the extracts on this slide , 54, have been	4	promise to give and receive bribes at that meeting, nor
5	from the case against President s friend and	5	was there any payment of bribes in the interval between
6	confidant Ms . As we turn to slide 55 I have an	6	that meeting and the next meeting, the July meeting,
7	extract from the Seoul High Court case against former	7	which took place after the merger had been approved.
8	President herself, this being the judgment on	8	I have then, as we turn to slide 57, an extract from
9	remand, I note for completeness, though on this point	9	the latest Seoul High Court decision in the prosecution
10	the judgment stands unaffected. And it echoes the	10	of former President . In this extract M at the top
11	finding in the case against Ms	11	is Samsung, and the court's finding is plain. Samsung
12	In short, the bribery for which former	12	did not take any action to provide the requested support
13	President w has been impeached, tried and jailed took	13	between the first and second meetings.
14	place only after the merger had been approved by	14	Now, evidently aware of what we say is its timing
15	shareholders.	15	problem in its reliance on the allegations and findings
16	We have a timeline of the relevant events on	16	of bribery, the Claimant describes flippantly that
17	slide 56 to illustrate this point, a point of some	17	earlier meeting, the September meeting, as, and I quote
18	importance.	18	from its writings, a downpayment on corrupt help from
19	That corruption, the corruption for which former	19	the government.
20	President has been impeached, tried and jailed, was	20	There is, let me stress this, nothing in the record
21	found to have occurred only at the meeting of July 25,	21	before you to support that allegation, an allegation
22	2015, that is at the bottom right of this timeline.	22	that we say is irresponsible .
23	It is, we say, on the evidence wholly irrelevant to	23	As we've seen, the courts consistently have found
24	the shareholders' vote on the merger that the Claimant	24	that in fact provided no financial support until
25	impugns in this arbitration .	25	after the second meeting. The second meeting of July

1	2015 which tool place often the merror that is our
	2015 which took place after the merger that is our
2	concern in these international proceedings had been
3	voted through.
4	So with that I turn back to that merger. On
5	August 20 of 2015, the Claimant gave the company,
6	Samsung C&T, notice that it would be exercising its buy
7	back rights, its appraisal rights, for those shares it
8	possessed as of the day of the merger announcement. The
9	Claimant had no appraisal rights with respect to the
10	shares it bought thereafter. That is a function of the
11	relevant Korean law and it is of relevance also to our
12	submissions on damages before you with respect to the
13	shares it bought after the merger was formally
14	announced.
15	Next step in the corporate chronology, as it were,
16	is September 1 of 2015. On that date the merger closed.
17	After the merger was consummated, the Claimant
18	returned to litigation . In the latter part of 2015 the
19	Claimant sued Samsung C&T once again, this time alleging
20	that the appraisal price was insufficient .
21	In March of 2016 Samsung C&T and the Claimant
22	settled that Korean litigation . You will recall both
23	from Mr Turner's observations earlier today and from the
24	record before you that the Claimant initially refused to
25	produce that Settlement Agreement to you, gentlemen, and

1 to us, but eventually produced it. That Settlement 2 Agreement included a comprehensive waiver of claims and 3 provided for payment from Samsung C&T to the payment of 4 an amount of 402 billion Korean Won or about 345 million 5 US dollars. 6 You have also already heard from Mr Turner that 7 there is still more payment to come to the Claimant 8 pursuant to that Settlement Agreement, depending on the 9 outcome of ongoing related litigation in Korea. That's 10 an amount, if the Seoul High Court's decision is upheld 11 on appeal at the Supreme Court, of about 60 million 12 US dollars further still to come to the Claimant under 13 its settlement terms with Samsung C&T. 14 I have on slide 58 the description of the claims 15 waived by way of that Settlement Agreement. We can see 16 that the waiver is of all known and unknown claims 17 against, among others, SC&T and its and its affiliates' 18 directors and including obviously , as long as 19 those claims had something to do with the merger. 2.0 The next step in the Claimant's litigation then of

course was in 2018 when it commenced these international
 proceedings before this tribunal.

1 turn then finally in our exposition of the facts
 to bring us up to date on events since these proceedings
 were filed. The tribunal is of course aware of the

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1 ongoing criminal proceedings in parallel in Korea. 2 I have dealt with some of the allegations and some of 3 the findings in those cases already. 4 What I propose to do briefly now is to lay them out 5 for completeness. I would also note that we have provided to the tribunal on November 3 an updated 6 7 version of our annex A to our Rejoinder which sets out in neutral terms a summary of each of the pending Korean 8 9 criminal cases, pending and resolved cases. 10 Before I turn to the criminal cases. let me stress 11 once again there was also civil litigation over this 12 merger and the Korean courts' judgment in that civil 13 litigation repays study. It's at exhibit R-9. 14 Coming though to the criminal cases, by way of 15 summary there are five cases on which the Claimant seeks 16 to rely. They are these: first , the prosecution of 17 former President second, the prosecution of former 18 President s confidante and friend I mentioned 19 earlier, Ms ; third, the prosecution of Samsung's 20 for bribing the former President; fourth, and 21 this is a joint prosecution proceeding together against 22 the former Minister of Health and Welfare 23 altogether with former Chief Investment Officer of the 24 for abuse of authority and breaches of duties; NPS 25 and fifth, a new prosecution we heard a great deal about

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1 from counsel opposite yesterday of Samsung's and 2 other Samsung officials, no government staff is 3 involved, of and Samsung staff this time for 4 accounting fraud, breaches of fiduciary duties, and 5 market manipulation. 6 The first three of those criminal proceedings, those 7 against the former President, Ms . , and . have 8 now finally concluded. They reached their final 9 conclusions earlier this year. I have already spoken to 10 the prosecutions against the former President and 11 Ms 12 To reiterate: the former President was prosecuted 13 and sentenced for bribery, but not in relation to the 14 merger that is our concern in these proceedings, and 15 similar findings were made in the prosecution against 16 17 The fourth case then, as I said, is the joint 18 prosecution of and and . It remains pending before 19 the Korean Supreme Court. The latest judgment we have 2.0 on that is from the intermediate appellate court, namely 21 the Seoul High Court, on appeal from the first instance 2.2 court. 23 The High Court found that had abused his 2.4 authority and that had breached his duties as 25 an NPS employee.

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1 The court was not, however, concerned in that case 2 and about whether the influence they against 3 sought to exert was effective, in other words whether 4 the influence they sought to exert in violation of their 5 employment duties was effective on the merger, whether it made a difference. The court was not concerned with 6 7 that subject. 8 The fifth prosecution then is the new case against 9 It began with a commence -- with an indictment, 10 excuse me, issued in September of last year, 2020. 11 There is no judgment yet. Trial is ongoing, is ongoing 1 12 every day. It is that ongoing trial from which the 13 Republic recently has made document production to the 14 Claimant from, as I say, the trial being conducted each 15 day as we speak. 16 That new prosecution, like the others, does not 17 involve any allegation that or Samsung bribed the 18 President in any way connected to the merger. That is 19 our concern. And of course it involves no findings 2.0 whatever yet. It remains pending trial. 21 I'll return later this afternoon, when we address 22 the merits, to what we say is to be taken from this 23 corpus of cases, but the short point for now is we 24 submit that the Claimant hopes to rely on the 25 allegations in the local proceedings as a substitute for 77 1 the necessary careful analysis of the facts in the 2 record before this international tribunal with respect 3 to the merger that the Claimant impugns before you as 4 a matter of the Treaty between Korea and the 5 United States with respect to alleged damage to its 6 investment arising from this merger. 7 It is not, we say, enough to point to the Korean 8 cases as part of a generalised critique of political 9 developments in Korea as part of a generalised critique 10 of bad behaviour by a former Korean administration and 11 an enormous Korean conglomerate. All of that bad 12 behaviour, as everything I have said, will be obvious is 13 the subject of thorough investigation and ongoing local 14 cases pending in Korea and wholly outside the proper 15 remit of international investment law. 16 With that, we come to the end of our exposition of 17 the facts, and I would ask that you next, gentlemen, 18 recognise my partner, Mr Terceño, for our submissions on 19 preliminary objections and thereafter our co-counsel, 20 Mr Han, on that same subject. 21 Opening submissions by MR TERCEÑO 2.2 MR TERCEÑO: Thank you, Nick, and good afternoon, 23 Mr President, and members of the tribunal. My name is

- 24 Joaquin Terceño and we will now turn to certain
- 25 threshold issues.

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1	As the tribunal knows, showing there was some kind
2	of wrongdoing here is not alone enough to give the
3	Claimant a right to bring a Treaty claim.
4	The Treaty requires $$ includes various requirements
5	that must be satisfied before a Treaty claim can exist,
6	and we say those requirements are not met here.
7	I will start with the question of whether the
8	conduct of which the Claimant complains constitutes
9	a Treaty measure. That conduct involves the
10	Government's alleged efforts to influence a shareholder
11	vote and, most importantly, that shareholder vote
12	itself .
13	The Claimant in its opening yesterday seemed to be
14	trying to distance itself , its claims, from the
15	shareholder vote, but it has alleged throughout its
16	pleadings, and we have included some examples of this on
17	slide 59, that it is the shareholder vote that allegedly
18	violated the Treaty and caused it harm.
19	Article 11.1 of the Treaty expressly states that the
20	investment chapter which governs the ROK's consent to
21	arbitrate disputes only applies to measures adopted or
22	maintained by a party relating to an investor or its
23	investment in the territory of the Respondent State.

I will come on to the import of the relating to requirement, but first let's consider the meaning of the

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1 term "measure" 2 To do so, we must consider the context as instructed 3 by Article 31.1 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of 4 Treaties. 5 The context here of course is the words used to 6 describe State activity that might engage the 7 protections of an international investment Treaty. 8 Now, in paragraph 264 of its Reply, and we have this 9 on slide 61, the Claimant claims to consider the meaning 10 of measure in its context. But instead it cites 11 definitions saying that a measure is any step planned or 12 taken or any plan or course of action, and this offers 13 no context whatsoever. The Claimant may as well have said that measure 14 15 means to determine the length of a piece of string. Its 16 definitions are not wrong, but they do not help the 17 tribunal understand what "measure" means when used in an 18 international investment Treaty to describe covered 19 State actions. 2.0 The ROK did consider definitions of the term 21 "measure" in the context here. We begin with 2.2 Article 1.4 of the Treaty which defines "measure" as 23 including "any law, regulation, procedure, requirement, 2.4 or practice".

That's here on slide 62.

1	I would note here that practice must be understood	1	instance that the omission could later be maintained.
2	in context as well. Here, with respect to its inclusion	2	Of course, any claim must be based on an actual
3	in a list alongside laws, regulations, etc, which	3	measure. Here we say the claims are not.
4	informs our understanding as I'll come on to discuss.	4	Let's start with the heart of the Claimant's claim.
5	So in this proper context, "measure" means, for	5	This is the NPS shareholder vote in favour of the
6	example, a proposed legislative act, a legislative	6	merger, a commercial act by a minority shareholder.
7	enactment proposed or adopted or a legislative bill .	7	The Claimant's case depends on its attempt to
8	These definitions are listed in the ROK's Statement of	8	elevate this ordinary commercial transaction into an
9	Defence at paragraph 205 and we have them here on	9	international dispute with the ROK. As my colleague
10	slide 63.	10	Sanghoon Han and I will come on to in a few minutes, the
11	To be clear, the ROK does not take the position that	11	NPS vote cannot be attributed to the ROK, and thus on
12	a Treaty measure is limited to an act of the legislature	12	that basis alone it cannot be considered a Treaty
13	alone, but again these meanings provide us context.	13	measure.
14	That context points us to the process of legislative	14	But even if it could be contributed to the ROK, the
15	or administrative rule—making and procedure.	15	shareholder vote fails to satisfy the definition of
16	We cite cases in support of this understanding in	16	measure under this Treaty.
17	paragraph 206 of the Statement of Defence, and we	17	Now, let's recall, the Treaty defines measure in
18	address the Claimant's counter arguments at	18	Article 1.4, the definitions . You see it again here on
19	paragraphs 23 and 24 of the ROK's Rejoinder.	19	slide 67.
20	To quote an instructive passage from one of those	20	Now, a shareholder vote is obviously not a law or
21	cases, the Azinian v Mexico tribunal made clear that not	21	regulation, and the vote applied no procedure to nor
22	every action taken by a government can found a Treaty	22	imposed any requirement on a qualified investor or an
23	claim, holding in that case that NAFTA cannot possibly	23	investment.
24	be understood to cover every course of action by	24	So that leaves us with practice, which again we say
25	a State, because that would "elevate a multitude of	25	should be understood in the context in which we find it,
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1	ordinary transactions into potential international	1	in relation to legislative or administrative activities ,
2	disputes". This is RLA -16 which we show an extract of	2	and we say a vote is also not a practice. It is
3	here on slide 64.	3	self $-$ evident, we say, that a practice implies
4	One case that the Claimant relies on is SAUR	4	repetition . And it is that repetition that might give
5	International v Argentina. But even there, in adopting	5	it status similar to a regulation or a procedure.
6	in what it called a broad sense of the term measures,	6	So while a one-off measure might implicate the
7	the tribunal expressly limited the scope of measure to	7	Treaty because it is law or regulation, a one-off act
8	"administrative, legislative or judicial acts".	8	cannot fairly be considered a practice. It is merely an
9	Now, let me just briefly address that the measure	9	occurrence.
10	must be adopted or maintained in order to give rise to	10	Now, even if we rely on the Claimant's own
11	potential Treaty protections. For a measure to be	11	definition , the NPS shareholder vote is not a Treaty
12	adopted in the context of a State's conduct, a law,	12	measure. That definition is found in the Claimant's
13	regulation, procedure, requirement or practice must be	13	Reply at paragraph 261, which you see here on slide 68,
14	put in place. This is simple common sense and the	14	and they say that a measure under the Treaty is "any
15	relevant definitions , that is those in the right context	15	governmental action, step or omission". A governmental
16	are set forth in paragraph 209 of the Statement of	16	act, as we will come on to discuss more, is one that can
17	Defence, and you see them here on slide 66.	17	only properly be taken by a government, not by a private
18	Further, we say it is nonsensical to say that you	18	actor. A commercial act, meanwhile, is one that any
19	can maintain something before it is caused to exist.	19	private actor, as well as a government, can take, and
20	Clearly something must give rise to the thing before you	20	a shareholder vote falls into this category.
21	can then maintain that thing.	21	The Claimant's only answer to this is to claim that
22	Even an omission, which is the example the Claimant	22	the NPS's shareholder vote was not an "ordinary
23	uses to support its contrary view, is adopted if at all	23	shareholder vote" because of the NPS's supposed
24	the first time that that information should have been	24	connection to the Korean State.
25	shared and is not shared. It is only after that first	25	It is well-settled under international law that even

1 if a government engages in a commercial act, that does 2 not make the act suddenly a governmental one. For 3 example, this was addressed in Almås v Poland which is 4 RLA-80 at paragraph 2.12 and just to note there the 5 tribunal there found that an agricultural lease is a commercial transaction even if entered into with 6 7 a State entity and even if it involved State-owned land. So if it is the State doing it, it can still remain 8 9 a commercial act. 10 The shareholder vote is a commercial act, not 11 a governmental one, and so it is not a measure even 12 under the Claimant's own definition. 13 This leaves us with the former administration's 14 efforts to influence that shareholder vote. It 15 primarily did this, the Claimant argues, by directing 16 that one committee should take the decision instead of 17 another committee. The ROK did not pass any law or 18 regulation, nor did it impose any new procedure or 19 requirement on the Claimant, and as for practice, we say 2.0 that the efforts to influence that vote are not 21 sufficient to arise to a practice adopted by the State 22 that could be considered a Treaty measure. 23 Now, counsel opposite vesterday feigned amazement 24 that we might expect the tribunal to ignore the ROK's 25 conduct that it points to. But of course if that 85

1 conduct is not subject to the Treaty, then this tribunal 2 has no basis to sit in judgment over it. 3 We see this in Hamester v Ghana, where the tribunal 4 made clear that conduct, even if it violated 5 a Claimant's rights, did not matter where the end result was not a Treaty violation. This is in the record at 6 7 CLA6, and it's paragraph 331 where that is discussed. 8 Now, the Claimant also argued yesterday that if 9 governmental statements lead to an expropriation, for 10 example, then a Treaty claim lies, but of course because 11 an expropriation is a Treaty violation. A shareholder 12 vote is not a Treaty violation so the conduct at issue 13 here does not found a Treaty claim. 14 Now, finally, on this point, coming back to 15 Article 11.1's relating to requirement, even if measure 16 was read as overly broad, the Claimant also must prove 17 a significant legal connection to the Claimant or its 18 investment. 19 With all due respect to Claimant's counsel, this is 2.0 a serious argument, and one they failed to rebut. The 21 Claimant's position is essentially that because the NPS 2.2 voted as a shareholder in SC&T, and the Claimant was 23 a shareholder in SC&T, the two were significantly 24 connected. We say this simplistic approach ignores the 25

law. Relating to has been found to "signify something 86

1 more than the mere effect of a measure on an investor or 2 an investment". And instead it "requires a legally 3 significant connection between them" and this is from 4 the Methanex tribunal at RLA-22, paragraph 147, 5 confirming the view put forward there by the United States. 6 7 The Claimant agrees this is the test, as it must, 8 and in confirming the need to show a legally significant 9 connection, the tribunal in Resolute Forest Products \boldsymbol{v} 10 Canada explained is that there needs to be 11 "a relationship of apparent proximity" and that 12 "a measure which adversely affected the Claimant in 13 a tangential or merely consequential way will not 14 suffice for this purpose" 15 This is you see on slide 70, and it is RLA-86 at 16 paragraph 242. 17 Now, here the NPS's shareholder vote related to its 18 own sharing and was an exercise of its individual voting 19 rights. Counsel opposite claimed yesterday that "it is 20 difficult to conceive of a case other than the present 21 case that is more investor or investment specific". 22 That was in the transcript at page 86, rows 12 to 15. 23 {Dav1/86:12} 24 Now, I like a challenge. So I tried to conceive of 25 such a case and it was not difficult . Expropriation of

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1	an investor's property like a factory or a hotel is an
2	obvious example of a far more investment-specific case.
3	Revoking a mining concession also comes to mind, or
4	sending an army to invade a farm, or seizing
5	a Claimant's shares and selling them.
6	Indeed, the Claimant doesn't actually argue that the
7	NPS vote is specific to it . Instead, the Claimant
8	argues in paragraph 294 of its Reply, and you see this
9	on slide 71, that its investment "could be expected to
10	be affected" by the NPS vote.
11	This describes no more than a tangential and
12	consequential impact. That was also felt by more than
13	50,000 other Samsung C&T shareholders, and also every
14	Cheil shareholder and by shareholders throughout the
15	Samsung Group. This cannot rise to the level of
16	a legally significant connection to the Claimant or its
17	investment.
18	The Claimant then argues in paragraph 295 of its
19	Reply that the ROK was motivated by the specific
20	intention to harm the Claimant. While the former
21	administration's officials may have used the Claimant's
22	opposition to the merger to seek support for their own
23	support of it, on the Claimant's own case, that position
24	was adopted without any consideration of the Claimant or
25	any interest in harming the Claimant. We explained this

1	in paragraphs 234 to 236 of the Statement of Defence.
2	There is certainly nothing to show that harming the
3	Claimant was a motivation behind the Investment
4	Committee's decision to support the merger. The ROK
5	addresses this in our Rejoinder at paragraph 41.
6	Now, with that, let me move on to discuss
7	attribution .
8	The question here is whether the conduct of the NPS
9	can be attributed to the ROK. Article 11.1.3 provides
10	two bases for determining whether a measure has been
11	adopted or maintained by the State party. We see this
12	on slide 72.
13	This is a self $-$ contained provision that gives only
14	two possibilities for attribution of conduct to the
15	State under this Treaty. Article 11.1.3(a) is similar
16	to ILC Article 4, and part B is similar to ILC
17	Article 5. And so we say they can be understood by
18	reference to those two ILC Articles. But there is no
19	provision in the Treaty that is similar to ILC Article 8
20	which I'll come back to.
21	So let's consider the Treaty's two options for
22	attribution .
23	Article $11.1.3(a)$ provides that measures adopted or
24	maintained by central, regional or local governments and
25	authorities are attributable to the ROK.
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1	As I noted, this provision can be understood with
2	reference to ILC Article 4 which states that the conduct
3	of a State organ is an act of that State, and that "an
4	organ includes any person or entity which has that

5 status in accordance with the internal law of the

6 State".

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This is on slide 74.

The jurisprudence under ILC Article 4 points to two 8 9 important principles. First, you can have a de jure 10 State organ where the law of the State classifies an 11 entity as a State organ. Second, you can have 12 a de facto state organ, and this is where it is not 13 classified as such under domestic law, but it may still 14 be considered a State organ under international law in 15 certain circumstances. 16 Numerous cases have pointed out this distinction

that I have just described. I'll cite only one of them
which we have put up on slide 75. This is
Staur v Latvia which held that the entity at issue there
was not a State organ under Latvian law and so it was
not a de jure state organ, but recognised that it may
nevertheless be a de facto state organ.

- 23 The point here is very simple: if an entity is
- a State organ under domestic law, it is presumptively
- a State organ for the purposes of attribution.

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1 If it is not classified as a State organ under 2 domestic law, then we turn to whether it nevertheless 3 should be considered a State organ for the purposes of 4 international responsibility . The Claimant again got this wrong yesterday. 5 6 Domestic law is absolutely relevant to the proper 7 analysis, and it can either be decisive, as in the case 8 of a de jure organ, or at least instructive, as in the 9 case of a de facto organ. 10 I should also note that opposing counsel made 11 reference to two cases yesterday. These were CLA-127 12 and CLA-88, but these do not support the Claimant's 13 proposition which we had already addressed at 14 paragraph 62(e) and (f) of the ROK's Rejoinder and we 15 invite the tribunal to review those submissions. 16 So our first question is : is the NPS a de jure State 17 organ? We say no. it is not. 18 You will hear from my colleague Sanghoon Han who 19 will explain that the NPS does not form part of the 20 Korean State under Korean law. But first it is worth 21 recalling that from an international law standpoint, the 22 fact that an entity has separate legal personality has 23 been considered decisive by some tribunals to the 24 question of whether it is a de jure State organ. 25 For example, the tribunal in Almås v Poland, citing

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1	cases such as Bayindir v Pakistan and EDF v Romania and
2	cited in turn by Staur v Latvia, which we saw on the
3	last slide, found that an entity "is not a State organ
4	according to the terms of a State's legal order when it
5	has independent personality in that order". We show
6	this on slide 76.
7	So we do not, as the Claimant again got wrong
8	yesterday, claim that an entity with separate legal
9	personality can never be a State organ. What we say is
10	that tribunals have found this decisive with respect to
11	a de jure State organ, and this is one factor when
12	considering whether it is a de facto State organ, which
13	I will come back to.
14	But first let me turn over to my colleague,
15	Sanghoon Han, who will explain the status of the NPS
16	under Korean law.
17	Opening submissions by MR HAN
18	MR HAN: Thank you, good afternoon, Mr President, and
19	members of the tribunal. As Mr Terceño has explained,
20	whether Korean law used the term "State organ" is not
21	relevant to the issue of attribution in this case.
22	What matters is whether the NPS falls within the
23	concept of a State organ under Korean law.
24	With that clarification , let me proceed to deal with
25	the position of the NPS under Korean law.

1	In order to understand its position, it is necessary
2	to first understand the organisation and structure of
3	the Korean Government.
4	As our expert Professor Sung-soo Kim explained in
5	his report, State organs under the Korean legal system
6	are classified into three categories.
7	First, State organs that are constitutional
8	institutions .
9	Second, State organs that are established under the
10	Government Organization Act and other acts enacted
11	pursuant to Korean Constitution.
12	Third, State organs that are specifically
13	established by other individual statutes as a central
14	administrative agency under Article 2 of the Government
15	Organization Act.
16	I'll explain these three categories in turn.
17	First, there are constitutional institutions
18	established directly under the Korean Constitution. As
19	you can see on the slide, these include the office of
20	the President, the National Assembly, and the Korean
21	courts.
22	Second, there are entities established under the
23	Government Organization Act or other Acts enacted
24	pursuant to the Korean Constitution.
25	This second category of State organs include central
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1	administrative agencies which are key institutions that
2	constitute the structure of the Korean Government.
3	As I'll explain shortly, a Bu, a Cheo and a Cheong
4	are central administrative agencies that fall under this
5	category.

5	category.
6	Third, there are entities specifically established
7	as central administrative agencies by other individual
8	statutes. As you can see on the slide, these entities
9	are exhaustively listed in Article 2, paragraph 2 of the
10	Government Organization Act.
11	This threefold classification is supported by the
12	very text of the Korean Constitution. As you can see on
13	the slide, Article 96 of the Korean Constitution
14	requires that the establishment, organisation and
15	function of each executive Ministry shall be determined
16	by Act.
17	As will be explained by our expert, Professor Kim,
18	Article 96 embodies the Korean law principle of
19	administrative organisation legalism which requires that
20	administrative organisation shall be determined by
21	statutory law.
22	Among the entities that form the organised structure
23	of the Korean Government, central administrative
24	and the second second sector to the second

- agencies are an important entity. Let us explore this
- 25 further.

1	First, there are central administrative agencies
2	established by the Government Organization Act which
3	therefore fall under the second category of State
4	organs.
5	As you can see on the slide, there are three
6	different categories of central administrative agencies,
7	a Bu, a Cheo and a Cheong.
8	A Bu is a Ministry affiliated with the President, as
9	you can see on the slide.
10	Next, a Cheo is a Ministry affiliated with the
11	Prime Minister. You can see this on this slide.
12	Lastly, a Cheong is an agency established under the
13	control of a Bu. We have set out two examples of
14	a Cheong on this slide: the National Tax Service and the
15	Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency.
16	Second, central administrative agencies are also set
17	up by other individual statute which fall under the
18	third category of State organs. Examples include the
19	Financial Services Commission and Korean Communications
20	Commission.
21	But the NPS sits outside this structure. First, the
22	Korean Constitution makes no reference to the NPS, and
23	therefore it is not a constitutional institution .
24	Second, the NPS is not an entity established as a Bu
25	or Cheo or Cheong under the Government Organization Act.

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1	This is obvious from article 38 which deals with the
2	Ministry of Health and Welfare.
3	Under the Government Organization Act the Ministry
4	of Health and Welfare has only one agency that is
5	affiliated to it. This agency is not the NPS. As you
6	can see on the slide , this agency is the Korea Disease
7	Control and Prevention Agency.
8	If the NPS were an agency under the Ministry of
9	Health and Welfare, Article 38 would have made specific
10	reference to the NPS, but it does not.
11	Third, the NPS is not a central administrative
12	agency under any other individual Act. This is unlike,
13	for example, the Financial Services Commission,
14	established as a central administrative agency pursuant
15	to the Korean Financial Services Commission Act.
16	Now, then, what is the NPS? If you look at the
17	slide , you can see that the NPS is set up under National
18	Pension Act. However, unlike the entities that form the
19	Korean Government, the NPS is set up as an independent
20	corporation.
21	The NPS manages and operates the National Pension
22	Fund set up under Article 102 of the National Pension
23	Act, specifically , as you can see on the slide , the NPS $% \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$
24	operates the fund, for example through stock
25	transactions in the market. This is just similar to how

1 other financial management entities operate fund. 1 ground under Korean law. 2 2 The Claimant has also placed much emphasis on the The NPS is set up as a corporation that has 3 a separate independent legal personality from the state. 3 fact that the NPS is an administrative agency, but 4 The NPS has its own bank account and is subject to 4 again, the Claimant argument misunderstands the core 5 corporate tax. 5 concept of Korean administrative law. The NPS signs contract and owns property under its As the Claimant expert, Professor CK Lee, explained 6 6 7 own name and can become an independent party in 7 in paragraph 70 of his first report, an administrative 8 litigation . 8 agency defined in Article 2, sub-paragraph 4 of the 9 The Claimant has placed much emphasis on the fact 9 Administrative Appeals Act, includes a governmental 10 10 that the NPS is a public institution under the Public agency, a public organisation, and even an individual 11 Institutions Act, and it argues that just because this 11 that exercises certain administrative power. 12 12 designation, the NPS forms part of the Korean As you can see on the slide, the definition of an 13 Government. 13 administrative agency under this Act encompass all 14 But this is a grave misunderstanding of Korean 14 public and even private entities that perform some 15 administrative law. A public institution is not an 15 administrative functions. entity that forms part of the organised structure of the 16 16 Whether an entity is an administrative agency under 17 17 Korean Government. A public institution is not these two statutes is determined by the function it 18 expressly defined. However, as you can see on the 18 serves. If one entity serves any administrative 19 slide, the Public Institutions Act expressly provides 19 function, it can be classified as an administrative that the Minister of Strategy and Finance may designate 2.0 20 agency. 21 a legal entity, organisation or institution other than 21 Therefore, even private parties such as the private 22 the State or a local government as a public institution. 22 Social Welfare Corporation operating on open issues can 23 Therefore, public institutions are by their very nature 23 be an administrative agency if they exercise 24 24 administrative power. The Claimant does not deny this. not part of the State or a local government. 25 While public institutions are entities that carry 25 In short, as the Claimant expert acknowledged in his 97 99 1 out certain duties of a public nature, the Public 1 report, an administrative agency is a broadly defined 2 Institutions Act seeks to establish a self-controlling 2 concept used in two Korean statutes, only relating to 3 and accountable management system with the aim of 3 administrative proceedings. 4 rationalising management. As you can see, these are not 4 This concept cannot be used in determining whether 5 descriptions that are associated with entities that form 5 an entity forms part of the organised structure of the 6 6 a State government. Korean Government. 7 7 As of 2019, there were 339 public institutions in Now we reach the conclusion. 8 8 Korean law exhaustively defines entities that form Korea. As you can see on the slide, these public 9 9 institutions include, for example, Kangwon Land, part of the Korean Government. These entities are set 10 a casino in Korea. Kangwon Land has about 27% foreign 10 up either under the constitution, under the Government 11 investment and 17% domestic institutional investment. 11 Organization Act, or as central administrative agencies 12 The Claimant argued during its opening yesterday 12 under other individual statute. 13 that public institutions and central administrative 13 The NPS is not a constitutional institution, and is 14 14 not an institution set up under the Government agencies form the entire Korean administrative branch. 15 That can be found at yesterday's transcript, page 105, 15 Organization Act. Nor is it an institution set up as 16 lines 10 to 19. {Day1/105:10} 16 a central administrative agency under other individual

contradiction with the Claimant's own expert,18Professor CK Lee. In his second report,19at paragraph 25, Professor Lee states that the20designation as a public institution is not alone21

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On the other hand, the NPS is an institution with

separate legal personality that has its own bank account

Even though the NPS is classified as a public

make it a State organ for the purpose of Korean law.

institution or an administrative agency, this does not

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Thank you. My colleague Mr Terceño will address the

determinative of the question whether an entity formspart of the administrative branch.

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- 2.3 part of the administrative branch. 2.4 As you heard Claimant's submis
- As you heard, Claimant's submission is in direct

contradiction to its own expert position and has no

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1	Further opening submissions by MR TERCEÑO	1
2	MR TERCEÑO: Thank you, Sanghoon.	2
3	So, as Mr Han has explained, the NPS is not an organ	3
4	of the State under Korean law, and therefore it's not	4
5	a de jure State organ under international law. So is it	5
6	a de facto State organ? Again, we say the answer must	6
7	be no.	7
8	As explained by Judge Crawford, and we see this on	8
9	slide 99, an entity may be a de facto State organ under	9
10	ILC Article 4 only in exceptional circumstances.	10
11	Exceptional circumstances can be shown where there	11
12	is a particularly great degree of state control over the	12
13	entity, as Judge Crawford noted, and turning to	13
14	slide 100, as also stated in the Bosnian Genocide case:	14
15	where the persons or entities concerned have acted with	15
16	respect to the impugned conduct in "complete dependence"	16
17	on the State due to that State control.	17
18	The Bosnian Genocide decision confirmed the complete	18
19	dependence test is one of State responsibility under	19
20	international law and international law is of course the	20
21	law applicable to the present dispute.	21
22	Further, the complete dependence test has been	22
23	applied by investment tribunals in the past, thus	23
24	showing it is a test under investment law generally.	24
25	These include Union Fenosa v Eqypt which cited and	25
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1	relied on the Bosnian Genocide case in the context of an	1
2	investment dispute and we see that here on slide 101.	2
3	The Claimant's only legal authority, $CLA-135$, which	3
4	is an article on Attribution in Investment Arbitration,	4
5	provides at page 29 Judge Crawford's confirmation that	5
6	this test applies in the investment law context. We see	6
7	this on slide 102.	7
8	So the first question is whether the ROK exercises	8
9	a particularly great degree of control over the NPS. It	9
10	is undisputed that the NPS has a separate legal	10
11	personality . As we've seen from the Almås v Poland	11
12	award, that creates a high bar to finding it to be	12
13	a de facto state organ.	13
14	The Almås tribunal was concerned with the status of	14
15	the Polish Agricultural Property Agency, and it found	15
16	that the agency was supervised by the Minister for Rural	16
17	Development, that Poland had control over the	17
18	appointment and removal of its president and	18
19	vice-president, that Poland could direct the agency	19
20	through regulations, that the Council of Ministers was	20
21	required to approve sales of shares held by the agency	21

that the agency had the power to manage, sell and leaseagricultural property on behalf of the state.

25 Yet the Almås tribunal held that the Polish

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in companies of strategic importance to agriculture, and

Agricultural Property Agency was not a State organ. It found that the existence of a separate bank account, the ability to own property and the ability to engage on its own account in commercial transactions were decisive in showing that the agency was not a State organ All of those factors are true of the NPS as well, as Mr Han has explained. We also direct the tribunal to other cases we have cited that support this proposition, including Ulysseas v Ecuador in RLA 52 which you see here on the slide, particularly paragraph 154, which explains that States create such independent entities to limit State responsibility in certain areas and this is perfectly proper. So to sum up, an entity with independent legal personality, that is managed by its own board of directors, that has its own bank account, that is subject to corporate tax, and that signs contracts and owns property in its own name, should not be found to be a de facto State organ under international law. We say that applying this type of test shows that the NPS is not a de facto State organ. Accordingly, this tribunal should find that its conduct cannot be attributed to the ROK under Treaty

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Article 11.1.3(a). Now, let me just briefly address the Claimant's continued focus on the KAMCO finding in the Dayyani case, which I have to point out was properly withheld from production in this case on confidentiality grounds. I'll just make two points. First, the underlying tribunal decision was that KAMCO asserted before a US court that it was a State organ, and so the Tribunal held it to that assertion and this is explained at exhibit C-299, and so that is of no help to the analysis that this tribunal must conduct. Second, the English High Court case that counsel opposite mentioned yesterday did not address whether KAMCO was a State organ. The question there was solely whether attribution was a jurisdictional question that that court could review, and the court found that it was not The English court never considered KAMCO's status, and you can see this in exhibit C-722. In any event, of course, KAMCO is not the NPS. So this brings us to Article 11.1.3(b). The 21 22 tribunal will recall that this allows attribution of 23 measures adopted or maintained by non-governmental 2.4 bodies in the exercise of powers delegated by central,

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regional or local governments or authorities.

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The term "powers" has a specific meaning here as 1 2 explained in the travaux, which, as this tribunal is 3 aware, and the Claimant agrees, is an appropriate source 4 for interpreting the Treaty. We see an excerpt from it 5 on slide 106, and it explains that powers, as used in this Treaty, refers to "regulatory, administrative, or 6 7 other governmental powers". 8 The Claimant disagrees that the specific conduct 9 alleged to have breached the Treaty must have 10 a governmental quality. Indeed, in its presentation 11 yesterday, the Claimant seemed to suggest that once an 12 entity is delegated, some governmental powers. 13 everything it does is attributable to the state. That 14 is of course not the law. 15 The tribunal in Maffezini v Spain, a case the 16 Claimant seems to think supports its position, held 17 exactly the opposite, and showed, and this responds, 18 Mr President, to the question you asked vesterday, that 19 there is indeed daylight to be found between providing 20 pension services and other activities in which the NPS 21 engages. 22 As we see on slide 107, the Maffezini tribunal 23 expressly recognised that the "dividing line between 24 those acts or omission that can be attributed" to the

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activities , and that the tribunal "must accordingly
categorise the various acts" as commercial or
governmental to determine attribution.
The United States in its non-disputing party
submission confirms the ROK's position on this,
affirming that attribution requires that the conduct in
question was undertaken in exercise of governmental
powers. You see this on slide 108.
Investment arbitration jurisprudence also confirms
this view. In Jan de Nul v Egypt, for example, the
tribunal considered whether the acts of the Suez Canal
Authority were attributable to Egypt under ILC
Article 5. That tribunal found that the Suez Canal
Authority was empowered to exercise elements of
governmental authority, but in relation to the acts that
were complained of, it was not acting as a State entity.
You see this extract on slide 109. It is from CLA -7 at
paragraph 169.
What that tribunal said was that it was only acting
"like any contractor trying to achieve the best price
for the services it was seeking".
The Claimant's response in its pleadings is to
reject Jan de Nul and those tribunals that followed it
as wrongly decided. It says this in its Rejoinder on
preliminary objections at paragraph 94.

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1 The ROK addresses these arguments in its Rejoinder 2 at paragraphs 79 to 83 and shows that they must fail, 3 including, because the fact that the NPS considers 4 public interests, a factor the Claimant finds decisive, 5 does not change the nature of a shareholder vote. 6 The Claimant tries to avoid this reality by 7 asserting at paragraphs 342 of its Reply that the 8 shareholder vote "may have been a commercial act for any 9 other shareholder but it is very distinctly an exercise 10 of governmental functions for the NPS". You see this on 11 slide 110. With respect, this makes no sense. An act 12 is either commercial or governmental, and it does not 13 change -- and its nature does not change as a matter of 14 international law based on the actor. This is why 15 States can perform commercial activities, and is the entire point of the distinction in this regard. 16 17 The Claimant also tries to mischaracterise the 18 United States comment that a State can approve 19 commercial transactions to argue that this means 20 a commercial act can be a governmental act. It's an 21 error that is in their pleadings and that they 22 repeated vesterday. 23 The United States was not talking about commercial 24 activity. It was talking about governmental approval of 25 commercial acts, such as approving mergers in an

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_	This is confirmed by the United States submission in
3	united parcel service, which clarifies that this is what
4	is meant. And you see this on slide 111 which is an
5	extract from RLA-123.
6	In the end, the Claimant has failed to show that the
7	NPS vote or any of its other conduct at issue was an
8	exercise of governmental power, and thus has failed to
9	show that that conduct can be attributed to the ROK
10	under Treaty article 11.1.3b.
11	Now, finally, the Claimant cannot save its
12	attribution case by relying on grounds that are not
13	provided for by this Treaty. As I indicated earlier ,
14	Article $11.1.3$ is a self-contained provision on
15	attribution that provides the only means of attribution
16	under this Treaty.
17	Our position is simple. The ROK and the
18	United States turned their minds to how attribution
19	would be allowed under their Treaty, and they decided to
20	provide two ways, and only two ways.
21	There is no Treaty provision that is similar to ILC
22	Article 8 which covers situations involving binding
23	instructions or direction or control of the persons
24	whose conduct is at issue.
25	There's a directly relevant precedent that supports

1 the ROK's reading here which the Claimant urges this 2 tribunal to ignore, claiming that its findings were 3 "wrong in law" and that is the Claimant's Reply in paragraph 309. This precedent is AI Tamimi v Oman, 4 5 where the tribunal held that: "Contracting parties to a Treaty may by specific 6 7 provision [That is lex specialis] limit the circumstances under which the acts of an entity will be 8 9 attributed to the State". 10 That tribunal recognised that Article 10.1.2 of the 11 US Oman FTA applied a narrow test for attribution, that 12 displaced the ILC articles to the extent they provided 13 any broad her test of attribution, particularly 14 Article 8. You see this on slide 113 15 In doing so, that tribunal recognised that the 16 treaty's specific attribution provision limited Oman's 17 responsibility under the FTA to certain categories of 18 State action. 19 The Treaty here has also expressly set forth the 2.0 bases for attribution allowed under this Treaty, and 21 ILC's Article 8's method is just not there. That should 22 end the debate. It is not for the Claimant or with 23 respect for this tribunal to add a third wholly separate 24 and distinct ground that the United States and the 25 Republic of Korea chose not to include.

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1 The Claimant argues in its Reply at paragraph 305 2 that customary international law should not be excluded 3 by "dint of silence", and that if general rules could be 4 excluded "the Treaty must do so expressly or by 5 necessary implication". But the Treaty is not silent on attribution. It is 6 7 specific and it is limited. The necessary implication 8 or in the less demanding words of the commentary to ILC 9 Article 55. a "discernible intention" is clear. Where 10 the grounds for attribution are specified in plain 11 language, these are the only grounds that the Treaty 12 allows 13 Now, if the tribunal nevertheless were to go beyond 14 the express language of the Treaty and add a third 15 ground for attribution based on ILC Article 8. the 16 conduct at issue, we say, would not satisfy the 17 requirements of effective control or binding 18 instructions to allow for attribution under that 19 article . We set this out at paragraphs 294 to 314 of 2.0 the Statement of Defence, and paragraphs 86 to 102 of 21 the ROK's Rejoinder which we ask the tribunal to 2.2 carefully consider. 23 Thus, the conduct of the NPS cannot be attributed to 24 the ROK 25

Now, finally let me briefly touch upon a further

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1 basis for the tribunal to bar this claim at the door, 2 the underlying investment itself is not protected under 3 the Treaty 4 As the tribunal made clear in procedural order number 3. the Claimant bears the burden of proving the 5 existence of a covered investment. We say that the 6 7 Claimant has failed to meet this burden. 8 The ROK addresses this issue at paragraphs 357 to 9 368 of the Statement of Defence, and 109 to 128 of the 10 ROK's Rejoinder. 11 I just wish to make a few brief points this 12 afternoon. The Claimant said vesterday that it has seen 13 these two characteristics of an investment, assumption 14 of risk and expectation of gain, and that is more than 15 enough. We submit that it is not that simple. 16 We say the proper test for considering whether an 17 asset is a covered investment was set forth by the 18 Seo v Korea tribunal which held that "the prudent course 19 of action is a global assessment of which characteristics are present and how strongly they show 20 21 in the asset in question." 22 This is on slide 115, and it comes from CLA-138. 23 We respectfully ask that the tribunal, in conducting 24 such a global assessment, give particular weight to the 25 duration and commitment elements of an investment.

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1	Now, the Claimant argues that duration is not
2	expressly listed in the Treaty, but the three examples
3	given in Article 11.2.8, the commitment of capital, the
4	expectation of domain or the assumption of risk, are not
5	exhaustive, as other tribunals have held, such as the KT
6	Asia v Kazakhstan tribunal, "the element of duration is
7	inherent in the meaning of an investment".
8	Now, along with the commitment of capital, we see
9	duration indicates whether an investment will be
10	beneficial to the host state, and that is the entire
11	purpose of a BIT, to attract foreign investment that
12	benefits the State. This is apparent from this Treaty's
13	preamble, which focuses on promoting economic growth and
14	stability, as you see here on slide 117.
15	Now that the investor has taken a risk or expects to
16	profit are relevant to identifying an investment, but we
17	say they deserve less weight in this global assessment
18	because they do not serve the purpose of the Treaty.
19	MR GARIBALDI: Mr Terceño, I have a question.
20	About this duration requirement, suppose that the
21	Republic of Korea $$ let's say on the day before the
22	vote of the Investment Committee, the Republic of Korea
23	had expropriated the shares owned by Elliott without
24	compensation. It follows from your argument that
25	Elliott would not have a claim under the Treaty; is that

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1	correct?
2	MR TERCEÑO: No, Mr Garibaldi, thank you for the question.
3	But respectfully, that does not follow from our
4	argument. Our argument accepts that the intention of
5	a duration can be enough to prove that it gets Treaty
6	protection, because of course in the case of
7	an expropriation the Claimant has no power or control
8	over when its investment has ended, and so we would not
9	say that a Claimant is punished for that.
10	But it is the intention $$ I would say that if that
11	Claimant was actually planning to exit the investment
12	the same day it was expropriated, then perhaps it
13	wouldn't have a claim.
14	MR GARIBALDI: I'm not talking about a hypothetical
15	investor . I'm talking about this investor . The
16	intention of Elliott on that date does not vary
17	depending on the actions taken by the Republic of Korea
18	on that date.
19	MR TERCEÑO: That is true. We would agree with that. We
20	would say their intention was always to exit this
21	particular investment in the short term, regarding $$
22	MR GARIBALDI: Therefore, in your submission, the
23	requirement of duration would not be met and therefore
24	Elliott would not have a claim for expropriation; is
25	that right?
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1	MR TERCEÑO: Correct, and we set this out in paragraphs 367
2	to 368 of the Statement of Defence and 115 to 122 of the
3	ROK's Rejoinder. But that is our position.
4	MR GARIBALDI: Thank you.
5	MR TERCEÑO: Now, as for commitment of capital, the Claimant
6	asserts in paragraph 27 of its Rejoinder on preliminary
7	objections that it has proved it made a commitment
8	and $$ as evidence it points to exhibits R-3 and C-442.
9	So let's just briefly take a look at these.
10	First, on slide 118, we have R3. This says only
11	that the 3.4 million shares acquired after the merger
12	was announced were acquired with internal company funds

16	protections.
17	Finally, the ROK argues that the Claimant's claims
18	are an abuse of process, both because it restructured
19	its investment to take advantage of the Treaty
20	protections $$ and to be clear, swaps that were not in
21	the territory of Korea are not covered investments, as
22	we have shown in our pleadings $$ and because it has
23	already settled with Samsung C&T regarding the dispute
24	that allegedly caused it harm.
25	In the interests of time, the ROK rests on its
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1	submissions at paragraphs 370 to 386 of the Statement of
2	Defence and 129 to 147 of the ROK's Rejoinder on these
3	points.
4	With that, I will hand it back to Mr Lingard who
5	will discuss the merits. Thank you.
6	Further opening submissions by MR LINGARD
7	MR LINGARD: Mr President, members of the tribunal, good
8	afternoon once again.
9	I will address relatively briefly the merits of the
10	claim against us. That claim is for alleged breaches of
11	two provisions of the Free Trade Agreement between Korea
12	and United States, Article 11.5, which guarantees
13	a minimum standard of treatment, and Article 11.3 which
14	provides for national treatment.
15	Before I turn to each of those heads of claim
16	against the Republic, I need to begin with one
17	overarching observation and it concerns the importance
18	of timing.
19	Timing, we say, is relevant in at least two
20	respects. The first is this: it is the Claimant's
21	reliance on bribery.
22	As to bribery, we urge the members of the tribunal
23	to ask two related questions: when did this bribery

Management Corporation, Elliott MB2 Associates ML and

of these are the Claimant here. We address this further in paragraphs 358 to 363 of the Statement of Defence,

and paragraphs 125 to 128 of the ROK's Rejoinder, but

put simply, the Claimant's secretive approach to the

origins and details of its investment leaves the

tribunal without enough evidence to prove that the

Claimant rather than one of its affiliates committed

capital with respect to a large portion of its purported

investment, meaning that the Claimant has failed to meet

Without a commitment of capital into the Korean market,

its burden at least with respect to that large portion.

an American investor cannot take advantage of Treaty

Again, despite counsel's description yesterday, none

and Elliott Capital Advisors LP.

24 many of the trades, including Elliott Advisors (HK) happen; and second, therefore, what connection, if any 25 at all, did it have to the merger about which the

25 Limited, Elliott Advisors (UK) Limited, Elliott

and we do not know from this document whether that

reference to company is to the Elliott Group in general

Claimant yesterday, you may have noticed that opposing

that the Claimant here is a specific company within that

Turning to slide 119, we see exhibit C-442, their

other evidence for their commitment of capital. But

this shows transactions on the Claimant's account, but

it lists multiple Elliott Group companies as conducting

counsel described the entire Elliott Group, ignoring

or to the Claimant, and indeed in introducing the

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1	Claimant complains before you?
2	Now, let us be clear. The Claimant builds its case
3	on bribery, bribery that took the form of size 's
4	purchase of horses for equestrian athletes in return for
5	the former President's support for the merger, the
6	Claimant says, between Samsung C&T and Cheil. That is
7	made plain by way of example in paragraph 435 of the
8	Claimant's Reply.
9	But it is a misrepresentation of the facts and of
10	the findings of the Korean courts. As we have said time
11	and again, the independent Korean courts have indeed
12	found that there was bribery. But $$ and this, we say,
13	is the critical point for these international investment
14	law proceedings about damage supposedly caused by the
15	merger $$ that bribery was only after the shareholder
16	vote in which both companies, shareholders in both
17	companies, had approved the merger.
18	I earlier showed you an extract from the first
19	judgment of the Seoul High Court in the proceedings
20	against former President Equ . I won't repeat it, but
21	that was slide 55 in our deck.
22	Here I show you an extract from the Supreme Court's
23	judgment in the proceedings against
24	because of the coded references to various individuals
25	in compliance with Korean privacy law, this requires

1	some parsing, but it is, we say, important.
2	We can see that the court refers to a meeting on
3	September 15, 2014, between and . There is no
4	mention there in that earlier meeting whatsoever of the
5	merger, but evidently there was a request by former
6	President for support to Korea's equestrian teams.
7	The two empty dots there clearly refer to Samsung.
8	But it was a request that was not honoured. If we
9	go ahead in the extract to the highlighting, we see that
10	at a second meeting between and and on
11	25 July 2015 $$ again after the merger vote $$
12	President noted that had not provided the
13	requested support. It was only thereafter that he did
14	so.
15	Now, we say on this, members of the tribunal, the
16	Claimant obfuscates. It conflates the timing of the
17	meeting in September of 2014 with the court's
18	findings of bribery which took place months later in
19	July of 2015, after the successful merger vote.
20	We also say there is nothing in the record before
21	you, nothing, to support a finding of any such quid pro
22	quo before the merger that is the subject of this
23	arbitration .
24	Again, let me say it soberly and directly: the
25	former President engaged in unlawful conduct for which

1	she was impeached, tried, convicted, imprisoned. That,
2	we say, is the legal system of the Republic of Korea
3	functioning. But the claim before this tribunal is
4	a different one. It is a claim under an investment
5	protection Treaty and it turns on the merger. It does
6	not turn on the general probity of a former Korean
7	administration.
8	The evidence simply does not support any
9	relationship between the former President's misdeeds and
10	the merger that the Claimant so dislikes. Timing is
11	important, innuendo is less important.
12	The second point then on timing is this. It is the
13	timing of the Claimant's investment.
14	The timing of the Claimant's share purchases shows,
15	we say, that it bought those shares with the knowledge
16	and assuming the risk of the merger.
17	The record shows that the Claimant contemplated the
18	possibility of the merger being proposed by the company
19	since at least November of 2014. That was before the
20	Claimant bought any swaps referencing Samsung C&T, let
21	alone any shares.
22	The Claimant knew that SC&T was entitled to propose
23	a merger at any time, and the Claimant knew that in such
24	a transaction Korean law would require that SC&T be
25	valued according to its share price on the market, and
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1	naturally the Claimant never had any guarantee that the

2	shareholders in the company, like the NPS, would reject
3	the merger.
4	Nor, as a matter of fact, we now know, did the
5	Claimant in fact rely on the NPS voting against the
6	merger. As late as July 13 of 2015, and again let me
7	situate us in our chronology, that's just four days
8	before the merger vote, just four days before the merger
9	vote, the Claimant told the NPS in writing that it was,
10	and I quote, "very unlikely that the approval threshold
11	would be met", even if the NPS voted in support.
12	That is an extract from Elliott's letter of
13	13 July 2015 to the NPS. It's on slide 122.
14	So we say that when the Claimant built up its shares
15	in Samsung C&T it did so for the purpose of taking the
16	fight to Samsung C&T. Perhaps I misspoke. I said we
17	say that, in fact, those are Mr Smith's own words,
18	"taking the fight to Samsung C&T". Those are in exhibit
19	C-686.
20	The Claimant, we say, assumed the risks of losing
21	that fight regardless of how the NPS voted its shares as
22	tens of thousands of other shareholders voted theirs.
23	It 's axiomatic that the FTA, under which this claim
24	is brought, does not offer an insurance policy for
25	a corporate transaction the Claimant knew was in the

1	offing when it invested.	1	Investment Committee, and it did not avail itself of the
2	I have an extract on slide 123 with that seminal	2	right to refer the matter to the external Special
3	proposition as expressed by the tribunal in Maffezini \boldsymbol{v}	3	Committee Committee.
4	Spain.	4	Now, this process question, which committee should
5	So those are introductory observations having been	5	have decided, that is so central to the Claimant's
6	made. Let me turn to the first alleged breach, the	6	claim, has been considered in Korea by the NPS
7	alleged breach of the minimum standard of treatment.	7	compliance department, by the NPS audit department, and
8	I begin with a note on the applicable standard which	8	by the Korean courts. None of them, not one of those
9	I trust is uncontroversial and I understand to be agreed	9	bodies, has found that it was wrong for the Investment
10	between the parties but nonetheless may be useful for	10	Committee rather than the Special Committee to have
11	framing my observations that follow.	11	considered and decided how the NPS should vote. I don't
12	Conduct must be egregious. It must be manifestly	12	have the extracts in the deck, but for your note, those
13	arbitrary to amount to a breach of this obligation.	13	determinations are in the record at C -505 at page 33,
14	A finding of arbitrariness supporting a finding of	14	C -509 at page 28, C -446 , C -84 and R -20 at pages 43 to
15	breach of the minimum standard cannot be based merely on	15	46.
16	a determination that the State made a choice that an	16	Now, our focus is on the language of the NPS
17	international tribunal considers to be the wrong choice.	17	guidelines. By contrast, we say, the Claimant muddies
18	On slide 124 I have an extract from the award in	18	with reference to what the NPS did in another vote. As
19	Cargill v Mexico that sets it out. Mere mistakes in	19	we know, that is the vote in the wholly unrelated but
20	process or the weighing of various factors at play are	20	close in time merger of two companies in the SK group.
21	not enough.	21	Now, in light of the express language of the
22	With that standard in mind, I turn now to address	22	guidelines, we say that is altogether irrelevant. What
23	briefly three subjects. The first is the process in the	23	the NPS did for the Samsung merger finds support in the
24	NPS's decision on how it would vote its shares. The	24	applicable guidelines.
25	second is the substance of that decision, the NPS's	25	But a point of context from the data is important.
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I did not understand your answer. What reading is not borne out?

25 MR LINGARD: As I understand the position put to me by the

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guidelines are once again before you on slide 125.

Here there was no such finding of difficulty by the

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1	President, Mr Garibaldi, it is that the voting $$ the
2	Fund Operational Guidelines say something different than
3	the guidelines I have shown you on the screen. I may
4	have misunderstood the President's question.
5	MR GARIBALDI: No, I understood the same way, but your
6	answer is that in practice the NPS did not pay attention
7	to the fund guidelines.
8	MR LINGARD: No, sir. My answer is in practice that is not
9	what has happened. And I'll come on to the language,
10	and perhaps we can turn them back up on the screen.
11	MR GARIBALDI: We know that is not what happened.
12	MR LINGARD: It is not what happened over many thousands of
13	votes is my point, Mr Garibaldi; indeed, some 25,000
14	votes on which the NPS was called upon to exercise
15	a shareholder vote. We know that a very small number,
16	14, went to the Special Committee and of votes involving
17	merger, only one did. We say that's wholly consistent
18	with the guidelines, and perhaps we can pull the
19	language back up on the screen.
20	We can see that the Investment Committee is the
21	first body to decide. If the Investment Committee finds
22	it difficult to choose between an affirmative and
23	negative vote, it may request for a decision to be made
24	by the Special Committee.

That is the starting point, and so the question

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1	is: did it find it difficult ? I took us through the
2	determination on that subject, that is to say the four
3	options presented to the members of the Investment
4	Committee. And it having been set out that if none of
5	those four options garnered a majority of votes, the
6	Investment Committee would then and only then have found
7	it difficult in livening its discretion to refer the
8	matter to the Special Committee. We say that is the
9	plain reading of this provision.
10	I need in this context also to address,
11	Mr Garibaldi, your earlier question today about the SK
12	merger, and that is the prices in that merger. I have
13	said the referral of that merger to the Special
14	Committee Committee was the exception. In fact, the
15	data show it was the singular exception, the only merger
16	vote referred to the Special Committee. It was also an
17	exception on price. With respect to that SK merger, it
18	involved two companies, SKC&C and SK Holdings. As to
19	both, the market price was higher than the buy back
20	price . We see that at exhibit R -108 , and a subject we
21	address in our Rejoinder at paragraph 211.
22	It's a subject that generated substantial criticism
23	that is a merger that the ISS, the KCGS and others
24	supported, but the NPS rejected by a majority, and the
25	merger ultimately failed . We see evidence in support of

2	733 of our Rejoinder. Short point: the merger $$ excuse
3	me, the buy back price was lower than the market price,
4	a singular exception to the general rule both as to
5	substance, and, we say, process.
6	Now, on this process question we recognise that the
7	members of the tribunal may disagree with our textual
8	argument about how the fund guidelines are to be read
9	and it may be your view that the Special Committee
10	should have considered this merger. We say that would
11	do violence to the plain language of those guidelines,
12	but it may well be your view. It is a construction open
13	on the text of those guidelines if one were to read them
14	as the Claimant wants them to be read.
15	But we say that would not rise to the level of
16	a breach of the minimum standard. That would be no more
17	than a different interpretation of Voting Guidelines in
18	issue .
19	So with that I turn, if I may, from process to
20	substance; in other words, the NPS's weighing of the
21	various factors before it .
22	The threshold point of course here is that this was
23	a shareholder vote, a shareholder vote exercised by the
24	NPS just as tens of thousands of other shareholders

the proposition I just offered at footnotes 488, 703 and

exercised their vote. The NPS, we say, could vote its

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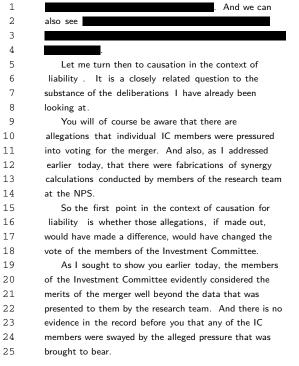
As a matter of fact, we know, and we know that at the time the Claimant knew, that the IC members were motivated by the impact of this merger on the NPS's sizeable holdings across the entire Samsung Chaebol.

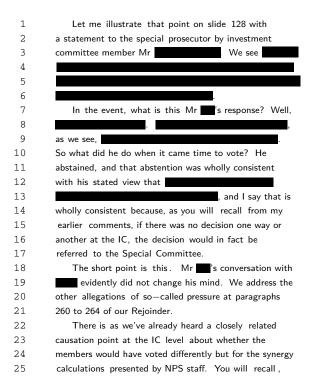
shares as it pleased.

5 6 I showed you the IC minutes earlier. Again, they are at 7 exhibit R-128, and I have an extract on slide 126. 8 Evidently IC members considered that the NPS's 9 specific position as an investor right across the group 10 was materially different from an investor in SC&T alone. 11 So this extract on slide 126 draws a distinction from 12 the analysis conducted by ISS from the perspective of 13 a shareholder in SC&T alone, and the NPS with shares on 14 both sides of the merger. 15 But even as to the perspective of a shareholder in 16 SC&T alone, the perspective addressed in the ISS report,

17 recall , as I showed you earlier, that even there the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ISS}}$ 18 predicted a short-term decline of over 20% in the SC&T 19 share price if the merger failed. Again, that's exhibit 20 C-30. 21 Evidently members of the IC were also motivated by 22 benefits of Samsung's transition to a holding company 23 structure. On this slide 127 I have extracts from 24 informal minutes of the meeting made by one member. You

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1	as I took you through earlier, the Claimant's slide 68 ,
2	repeated at slide 134 of their deck, and my response to
3	it earlier today by way of our standalone demonstrative.
4	We say the evidence as set out in that demonstrative
5	defeats the Claimant's case on causation for liability
6	because the evidence does not support the conclusions
7	there drawn by the Claimant that a majority of members
8	of the IC would have voted differently but for the
9	alleged miscalculations of the synergy effect.
10	MR GARIBALDI: Mr Lingard, I do have one question on
11	causation. It's a clarification question.
12	I understand your argument now to be that in this
13	chain of causation in which it is indirect causation
14	through or alleged indirect causation through human
15	agency, the $$ you say that there is no evidence that
16	there was sufficient influence brought to bear to cause
17	this human to act in the way that he did.
18	Now, that part I understand. In your pleadings
19	there are some statements that I understood to be to the
20	effect that if the individual in question could have
21	made the same decision on his own for his own reasons,
22	the chain of causation would have been broken or would
23	be broken for that reason alone.
24	Did I understand that correctly?
25	MR LINGARD: You did, sir. We maintain both points. There
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1	is a question about what we characterise as ineffectual
2	pressure being brought to bear. I understand,
3	Mr Garibaldi, to be in your characterisation a question
4	of human agency, causation. That is one question.
5	There is a separate question, we say, about whether
6	this decision, the decision to support, was open on the
7	evidence, was a reasonable decision on the evidence,
8	that members of the Investment Committee could have made
9	absent wrongdoing, and on that we say again the answer
10	is yes, and each of those, in our case, is sufficient to
11	break the chain of causation.
12	MR GARIBALDI: All right. The problem I have is that
13	I don't understand what is the theoretical or conceptual
14	basis for the second argument, that causation is broken,
15	a chain of causation is broken when the human agent
16	that $$ who acted could have achieved the same result
17	acting on his own without influence. That part I don't
18	understand.
19	Maybe there is a good reason for that, but I have
20	not seen it provided.
21	MR LINGARD: If I'm understanding your question,
22	Mr Garibaldi, and please tell me where I'm not, as
23	evidenced in my answer, I wonder if we can take a step
24	back. The starting point for us is this: it is for the
25	Claimant to establish a causal connection in the

1	liability context. That's what concerns me now.
2	Mr Turner will come to damages and causation for damages
3	in due course. It is for the Claimant to establish
4	a causal connection between the alleged wrongdoing and
5	the breach. I'm not entirely clear how the case is put
6	against us as to what the alleged wrongdoing is, but if
7	it is the synergy calculation, for example, we say there
8	is simply no evidence to support that causal connection
9	between the synergy calculation by Mr
10	research office and the votes of these IC members. That
11	is the purport of our $$
12	MR GARIBALDI: That I understand. That I understand.
13	It's a failure of evidence of the causal connection
14	or the influence part of it. But the other argument
15	which is that none of this matters because the people
16	who voted could have voted $$ could have made a decision
17	on their own, to vote the way they did, whether they
18	were influenced or not. That part of the argument
19	I don't understand. I don't see the theoretical basis
20	for it. I don't see it in Hart and Honoré and I don't
21	see it anywhere.
22	MR LINGARD: I have the point, Mr Garibaldi. I'm not sure
23	I can assist you further as I sit here, except to
24	underscore what we say is a failure of evidence.
25	MR GARIBALDI: All right.
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1	MR LINGARD: And perhaps, if I can reiterate this point, we
2	would urge that the tribunal need not be troubled by

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3	that theoretical question, interesting though it is,
4	because the evidence simply does not make out the chain
5	of causation, and it is for the Claimant to make out
6	that chain of causation and it fails so to do, we say.
7	MR GARIBALDI: Thank you.
8	MR LINGARD: There is a separate causation question. We
9	have been focused in this exchange, Mr Garibaldi, on the
10	Investment Committee. There is a separate causation
11	question that we understand also to be central to the
12	case against us relating to the Special Committee, and
13	that question is whether if the Special Committee had
14	decided, as the Claimant urges it ought have decided,
15	whether that would have led to a different vote by the
16	NPS.
17	We say there is no evidence there either that that
18	would have happened, and that also, we say, is a failure
19	in the Claimant's case on causation for liability .
20	You know you will hear in the coming days from our
21	fact witness, Mr
22	Special Committee at the time. It's his evidence that
23	there is simply no certainty as to how the Special
24	Committee would have voted.
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He was also on the Special Committee when it voted

1	to decide $$ when it voted by majority to decide to vote
2	against the SK merger, and that is a subject you may
3	also wish to explore with him.
4	I have on slide 129 there an extract from his second
5	witness statement where he says it was simply in his
6	view not possible to predict how the Special Committee
7	would decide on a matter before it actually did so,
8	before it actually came to deliberate and vote.
9	He further explains —— I'm over on slide 130 —— that
10	there were important differences. I've shown some of
11	them already. There were important differences between
12	the SK merger on which the Claimant focuses and the
13	Samsung merger.
14	And those differences may well, in Mr
15	evidence, have been central to the Special Committee's
16	deliberations. You will see in particular his reference
17	to a civil court case in Korea which had found that the
18	Samsung merger was compliant. There was an absence of
19	any equivalent judicial imprimatur with respect to the
20	SK case.
21	Let me then come to make a final point on the
22	minimum standard claim. It relates as I have said
23	already to the timing of the Claimant's share purchases.
24	The short point here is this. The Claimant bought
25	shares and kept buying shares, knowing that it would
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1	have to trade in those shares for shares in a merged
2	entity just months later.
3	I need to make two observations here on the risks
4	that Elliott assumed in so doing. The first is this:
4 5	the tenor of the claim advanced against us, we say,
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7	reeks of faux naivete. More importantly, it is a claim that is patently inconsistent with Elliott 's own emails
8	and research reports in the months over which it built
9	up its position in SC&T.
9 10	I showed you some of these earlier, and they
11	demonstrate that Elliott knew, as it bought its shares,
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13	that Samsung might in Elliott's thinking get government
14	support for the merger if only Samsung lobbied for it, given Samsung's size and status.
14 15	We see that in an internal Elliott email on
15 16	
16 17	slide 131 from February 2015. See there the reference to Government support for the merger.
18	As we turn to slide 132, with another internal email
18 19	from the next month, March of 2015, Elliott evidently
19 20	considered that the stability of the Samsung Group was
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considered that the stability of the Samsung Group was important to the Korean Government and the Blue House in particular because the Samsung Group was so large that its performance was a proxy for the performance of the Korean economy as a whole. Now, to be clear, it is not our case that the

- 1 Claimant's internal research accurately reflected the 2 state of relationships between Samsung and the 3 Government in 2015. We do not need to take that 4 position. But this evidently is what the Claimant believed and what it was advised as it continued to 5
- 6 build up its shareholding in Samsung C&T. And yet these
- 7 very same facts, these very same facts on which it knew 8 and on which it was advised are now the basis for its
- 9 claim before you.

10 I have been speaking with these extracts on the 11 slide to risks of, as the Claimant would characterise 12 it, government support for a Samsung merger, but let me 13 be clear to go to something I addressed earlier today. 14 We say the Claimant likewise assumed the commercial risk 15 of this very deal. In making that observation, I won't take you back to the documents that support it, but 16 please, if you would, recall the unambiguous advice to 17 18 Elliott from the earliest days of its investment here 19 from Spectrum Asia, that the merger was inevitable. 20 That's the word used. It was inevitable, and it's at R-255 21 2.2 Recall also, please, the Claimant's very own model

23 from the day of its first swap contract modelling the 24 shape that this merger might take. Again, that's 25 exhibit C-365.

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1	Let me turn briefly from the minimum standard claim
2	to the national treatment claim.
3	THE PRESIDENT: Mr Lingard, we have been going on for one
4	hour and 45 minutes. One option is to have the break
5	now. Also to consider the time that we have already
6	spent and the technical team is a bit $$ they have
7	requested
8	MR LINGARD: I'm quite sure.
9	THE PRESIDENT: The technical team has requested a break
10	after each hour and a half. We know you still need to
11	cover the second claim and you still need to cover
12	quantum.
13	MR LINGARD: We do. I can cover the second claim extremely
14	briefly , Mr President. There was nothing said about it
15	yesterday by counsel opposite. So I can address it very
16	briefly . It might be appropriate thereafter to take
17	a break and return to the subject of damages if that
18	would be acceptable to the tribunal and the
19	stenographers.
20	THE PRESIDENT: Let's break now. We will pay more attention
21	to what you're paying after the break.
22	MR LINGARD: For better or for worse, sir.
23	(3.34 pm)
24	(A short break)
25	(3.52 pm)

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1	THE PRESIDENT: Before we start, a request from the
2	tribunal. It would be helpful if the parties could
3	provide the tribunal with a complete version of the FTA.
4	We only have extracts. It is available online, but the
5	version that is currently available is an updated
6	version. So it would be helpful to have the complete
7	version as it was during the relevant period. The
8	parties should be able to agree on what the relevant
9	period is . It should cover at least the date of the
10	breach and the date $$ the period until the filing of
11	the request for arbitration or Notice of Arbitration.
12	That would be helpful. It can be, I believe,
13	provided electronically, no need to provide hard
14	copies —— at your convenience.
15	Thank you very much.
16	Mr Lingard, please.
17	MR LINGARD: Thank you very much, Mr President, members of
18	the tribunal.
19	One of the benefits or disadvantages, depending upon
20	one's perspective, of taking a break is the opportunity
21	to review the transcript and I fear I may have
22	misunderstood, Mr President, your question about the
23	Fund Operational Guidelines, and their intersection with
24	the Voting Guidelines in the hopes I can clarify the
25	position . I understand, having now looked at the
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1	transcript, that, Mr President, you might have been
2	referring to a point made by counsel opposite yesterday
3	which I understand effectively to be that the Fund
4	Operational Guidelines, which are at C -194 , provide
5	a right in the chairperson of the Special Committee to
6	have matters referred to that Special Committee.
7	THE PRESIDENT: It was actually about the $$ I think it's
8	also $$ it was an issue or an argument made by the
9	Claimant in the written submission and we also have
10	expert evidence on it. It's about the normative
11	hierarchy between the fund regulations and I think you
12	answered the right question. You began to answer the
13	right question. I'm not sure if you completed the
14	answer about what is precisely the Respondent's position
15	on the $$ on the question of whether the fund
16	regulations trump the language of the Voting Guidelines
17	engaged over conflict or whether they should be taken
18	into account when interpreting the Voting Guidelines.
19	That was the question.
20	MR LINGARD: I understand, thank you, Mr President. Perhaps
21	I can round out what I had feared was your question that
22	I hadn't answered, that is the right, as the Claimant
23	would have it of the chairperson of the Special
24	Committee to have matters referred to his committee.
25	We say that is on a wrong reading of the Fund

1	Operational Guidelines. Mr testifies to that
2	subject, and we would invite you just to take it up with
3	him in the coming days. But in particular he testifies
4	that those guidelines were amended so that they now
5	provide what the Claimant says they provided at the
6	time, and we say the language does not support that. In
7	other words, the current iteration of the guidelines
8	does in fact allow the chairperson of the
9	Special Committee to ask for matters to be referred to
10	it . They did not at the time.
11	Your separate question, sir, I think then turned on
12	Article 17(5) of the Fund Operational Guidelines. I
13	understand that to be the provision in the Fund
14	Operational Guidelines on which the Claimant relies.
15	It's the provision that says, and I quote, while
16	voting rights are in principle exercised by the NPS,
17	items for which it is difficult for the NPS to determine
18	whether to approve or disapprove shall be decided by the
19	Experts Voting Committee, and so on, and there is no
20	dispute as to the translation of that provision . It is
21	as it is before you.
22	I would make two observations and again this will be
23	explored with the experts in the coming days. The first
24	is we accept that the Fund Operational Guidelines sit

25 higher in the hierarchy to your direct question,

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1	Mr President.
2	The second is we do not accept that they say what
3	the Claimant wants them to say. Read together, as they
4	must be read together with the Voting Guidelines, we say
5	it is plain that the first decision is to be taken at
6	the Investment Committee level, and if the Investment
7	Committee first finds that is the requirement, finds
8	a matter difficult , then it goes to the Special
9	Committee. We say that is wholly consistent with
10	Article 17.5 of the Fund Operational Guidelines, and so
11	the hierarchy between the two simply is not engaged
12	because there is no inconsistency between them.
13	MR THOMAS: Just before you move on, you had made a point
14	before the break about the fact that the audit, and
15	I think you said two court cases, looked at the question
16	of the procedures which had been followed by the
17	Investment Committee.
18	The question I had is: did the court specifically
19	examine and interpret the relevant guidelines?
20	MR LINGARD: The answer is yes, Mr Thomas. I'm going to
21	struggle to give you a pincite as we sit here. Allow me
22	to come back to you, if I may, with the precise
23	citation, but the short answer is yes.
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24 I think that takes us to our really very brief 25

submissions on the national treatment claim. I don't

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1	propose to detain the tribunal for long here. As we
2	turn back to the slide deck at slide 133, we see set out
3	two reservations in the Korus FTA that we say
4	unambiguously exclude the national treatment claim.
5	These are submissions we make in the alternative to our
6	submissions on attribution. They apply if you are
7	against us on attribution.
8	The first reservation pertains to disposition of
9	equity interests by State owned entities, and we say it
10	is here squarely engaged. This is a case about the
11	disposition of shares in the old $SC\&T$ to obtain shares
12	in the new merged company.
13	The second reservation is equally applicable. On
14	the Claimant's case the vote by the NPS, as we heard
15	yesterday, concerned Social Services in the form of the
16	national pension and thereby is excluded by operation of
17	this reservation.
18	That is the end of the matter on the national
19	treatment claim, we say. Even if you are against us on
20	those reservations though, the claim fails for the
21	additional reason that it hinges on a comparison to
22	a monolithic family that we say the Claimant fails
23	appropriately to disaggregate, and that comparison
24	simply cannot work. Different members of the family

had different holdings in different Samsung Group

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1	companies. It cannot withstand scrutiny as an
2	appropriate comparator for a national treatment claim.
3	That is all I propose to say on the subject, and
4	with that, I thank you for your attention and pass the
5	floor to my partner, Mr Turner.
6	Further submissions by MR TURNER
7	MR TURNER: Thank you. Hello again, everybody. I will be
8	as concise as is consistent with the importance of the
9	question of damages and the complexity of the question
10	of damages in this case.
11	I will begin by reiterating points that we discussed
12	this morning in the context of the actual damages claim.
13	I will remind the tribunal that the Claimant, or at
14	least the Elliott Group, made money on the merger. We
15	have seen that the Elliott Group had swaps in Cheil, and
16	we have seen that on its own $$ you haven't seen the
17	famous spreadsheet yet, but this will be a joy to come
18	for you $$ that that spreadsheet shows that a trading
19	profit on those Cheil swaps was made of some
20	65 billion Korean Won.
21	That is much more than the agreed amount of the
22	Claimant's trading loss of some 49 billion Korean Won.
23	You will remember that we talked this morning about
24	our document request where we asked for details of any
25	such transactions in Cheil, and where the Claimant,

1 having by definition not spoken about them in its 2 Statement of Claim, either of its statements of claim, 3 simply objected to that request on the basis that it was 4 a fishing expedition and we had not provided the 5 evidentiary basis to suppose that they ever did hold such transactions. 6 7 The Claimant was seeking to keep the fact of those transactions which my learned friend Mr Partasides 8 9 called this morning hedging transactions from the 10 tribunal. 11 We now know the full details of that, as we 12 discussed this morning. Professor Dow on the limited 13 disclosure that was made two years ago in his Appendix E

14 on certain assumptions calculated that the trading 15 profit was in the region of some 48.8, I believe, 16 billion Korean Won, and if we can begin with slide 134, 17 you will see, although this will need to be redone by 18 Professor Dow in the light of the full information that 19 we now have, you will see how Professor Dow calculated 2.0 the trading profit on the Cheil swaps in his second 21 report. 22 We are now therefore faced with a position where the

Claimant seeks to recover very large sums of money -we'll discuss what those precise sums may be a little
later -- which represent a return of nearly 90% on its

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1 investment in dollar terms. I'm not sure if -- assuming 2 the same exchange rate has been used, it should be the 3 same in Korean Won terms as well, but we have calculated 4 all of this in dollars. While it is seeking or was 5 seeking until your order to disclose details of the 6 Cheil swaps, to keep from you the fact that it made 7 money on the other side of the merger. 8 The profit that the Claimant or the Elliott Group 9 made is real. The loss is not, as I will now discuss. 10 We will begin by taking a commonsense view. It may 11 not be traditional to take a commonsense view of complex 12 damages calculations, but we say that when you look at 13 the facts you will see that this cannot be a sensible 14 and tenable damages claim. 15 The Claimant invested, again in dollar terms it's 16 easier, I find, but we do not accept that the Claimant's 17 claim should be denominated in dollars -- invested 18 a total in dollar terms of \$603 million and sold its 19 shares, again in dollar terms and rounding, for 2.0 approximately \$560 million. 21 Now it claims. I think, and we'll come on to this. 2.2 \$540 million in damages plus interest. That is, as 23 I have said, a nearly 90% return on its investment. Its

investment that it began just a few months before the

25 breaches that it alleges on the part of the Republic of

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T	Norea.
2	Indeed, as my learned friend Mr Lingard has
3	explained, it continued to invest pretty much up to the
4	date of the vote on the merger.
5	The effect of its damages claim is that it alleges
6	or it asks the tribunal to accept that shares it bought
7	for 603 million US dollars would have been worth double,
8	1.2 billion , just a few months later. In fact, from
9	one day to the next when it comes down to the final
10	moment.
11	My learned friend Ms Snodgrass yesterday confirmed
12	that the Claimant's case is indeed of an instantaneous
13	price increase. Had the merger been rejected, the price
14	would have effectively doubled.
15	When faced with the return that this represents on
16	the Claimant's investment, what we heard yesterday from
17	the Claimant, and I refer you to the bottom of page 194,
18	line 25, and the very top of page 195, lines 1 to 2 of
19	yesterday's transcript, $\{Day1/194{:}25\}$ was that the very
20	large sums that are sought are justified by "the epic
21	criminal scale of corruption" that is alleged against
22	the Republic of Korea.
23	I do not understand how the two are linked unless
24	what is effectively being said by the Claimant is that
25	there is some element of moral or punitive damages

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1 involved. This was very bad conduct and it deserves 2 a very big award. 3 But that is not how things work. It is certainly 4 not how things should work. 5 We say, and we'll come on to this, that the tribunal 6 should look at the Claimant's loss, if loss there were, 7 because we say there must be a balance between the two 8 sides of the ledger as I have explained, on the basis of 9 the realisable market price. 10 The Claimant wants you to ignore the market price 11 and to substitute the market price with its own 12 subjective calculation of what it would like SC&T to 13 have been worth 14 We say a Claimant is not entitled to recover an 15 imagined value for its investment that ignores reality. 16 And we say that what the Claimant is trying to do in 17 these proceedings is to obtain a windfall that it could 18 never have obtained in real life . It is not seeking 19 compensation for what it had lost. Perhaps here the 2.0 question by Mr Garibaldi just before the break or before 21 the break to my partner Mr Terceño is of some help. The 2.2 question was: would there have been a claim had there 23 been an expropriation of the Claimant's shares in SC&T 2.4 before the merger vote? 25 I would like you to think what, assuming that you

1	accepted that in those circumstances there was a claim,	1
2	what the damages for that would have been. What would	2
3	the fair market value of those shares have been? We say	3
4	it can only have been the market price, and the right	4
5	that the Claimant had, which it has exercised, and in	5
6	respect of which, as we will see in a moment, it may	6
7	recover tens of millions of dollars more, it has been	7
8	compensated through the buy back proceedings and the $$	8
9	the buy back right and the appraisal price proceedings.	9
10	We will also come on to talk about the changing	10
11	story on the Claimant's part of how it would have	11
12	realised this so-called intrinsic value.	12
13	The Claimant began with saying that it was going to	13
14	unlock the full potential of SC&T so the market would	14
15	then pay it what it calculates as the intrinsic value of	15
16	its shares, and it would do that, and we see this in its	16
17	Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim,	17
18	paragraphs 20 and 21 on slide 135, by taking a positive	18
19	stand against proposed management decisions likely to	19
20	devalue a company.	20
21	This is what it says its business is and what it	21
22	would have been able to do to unlock the full potential	22
23	of SC&T.	23
24	As we heard yesterday, Elliott has been going for	24
25	some time and this is not the first investment that	25
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1	Elliott has tried in South Korea, trying to use its	1
2	famed activist skills in order to unlock the full	2
3	potential, as it would put it, of a company.	3
4	If we look at slide 136 we will see that it tried	4
5	this with Hyundai, and this is a report from the NIKKEI	5
6	from 23 January 2020 which shows that there was an	6
7	attempt, again very significant amounts of money	7
8	involved, to influence Hyundai in just the way that	8
9	Elliott says and asks you to find it would have been	9
10	able to influence Samsung, and it left with losses	10
11	totalling 500 billion Korean Won, \$430 million.	11
12	That was the first of the Claimant's $$ the first	12
13	iteration of the Claimant's plans as to how it would	13
14	unlock the allegedly hidden value.	14
15	Secondly, the Claimant was going to do nothing	15
16	because the share price would organically grow to match	16
17	what it called its intrinsic value. This passive plan	17
18	can be seen if we go to the next slide from its amended	18
19	Statement of Claim and, as we see here, from Mr Smith's	19
20	first witness statement at paragraph 14.	20
21	Mr Smith explains that the discount may reduce more	21
22	or less organically over time as the trading price tends	22
23	towards the intrinsic value of the company.	23
24	So that's the organic passive plan.	24
25	What the Claimant ignored in its first submissions,	25

and what Mr Boulton ignored in his first report, was that the discount to what it called intrinsic value is a perennial feature of the Korean market. It had persisted for decades and there was nothing to suggest that it would simply disappear. No other Chaebols have seen their discount simply fade away. Thirdly, we have learned that it was neither the Claimant's activism that was going to double the value of the SC&T shares, nor an organic natural process of the market seeing the light that would have caused the narrowing of the discount. Instead, and this is the case that was put to you yesterday, it was the merger itself , the rejection of the merger would serve to immediately increase the share price by more than double $overnight. \ This has been referred to as a catalyst. It$ is the catalyst plan and if we go to slide 138 we see from my learned friend's Reply at paragraph 595 that Mr Boulton has confirmed that the substantial majority of the observed discount would disappear immediately after the merger. This is then the catalyst plan. Now, since the Reply and Mr Boulton's second report, we have had the Claimant's Rejoinder on preliminary objections which was accompanied by a third witness statement from Mr Smith. Mr Smith says that once the merger had been defeated

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1	he would have put restructuring proposals to the Samsung
2	Group and the family . Because the proposal for
3	restructuring was complex, it would have taken up to
4	a year for this to be completed. It is not clear to us
5	whether this is a further iteration of the Claimant's
6	damages position, whether in fact the discount would
7	have disappeared only after a year, but you can see that
8	the Claimant blows hot and cold, to adopt one of my
9	learned friend's authorities from yesterday, in how it
10	puts its damages claim.
11	In any event, taking what we heard yesterday, the
12	catalyst plan and the instantaneous increase, we will
13	see that the Claimants cannot agree on this among
14	themselves, or at least the Claimant's experts can't.
15	Mr Boulton says there would be the instantaneous
16	increase. Professor Milhaupt, however, who is the
17	Claimant's expert on Korean capital markets, disagrees.
18	He disagrees with Mr Boulton, and the most that he is
19	willing to say is that this would probably be one step
20	along the road to eventually eliminating some part of
21	the discount, and the Claimant, again yesterday my
22	learned friend Ms Snodgrass was not at least to me
23	crystal clear as on whether this is still the Claimant's
24	case that the whole of the discount would disappear.
25	Mr Boulton, as you heard yesterday, maintains that there

1	are two parts to the discount, and we will come on to \cdot	1	_
2	that.	2	E
3	But one part, he says, would disappear	3	be
4	instantaneously; the other part 5 to 15% of discount, he	4	ba
5	says would continue.	5	w
6	The Claimant's position seems to have been that	6	of
7	there would be no discount when it came to sell its shares or realise its $$ the value of the shares, and	7	ba
8		8 9	ما م
9	that is why on Ms Snodgrass' slides yesterday we had		sh
10 11	three columns, a 5% remaining discount, a 15% remaining discount, and a nil remaining discount, and it is that	10 11	Va
12	last which is the Claimant's claim in its Reply when it	11	th sh
13	quantifies its loss at approximately \$540 million.	12	
14	Be that as it may, the Claimant invested in two	14	66 H
14 15	broad periods. It bought shares before the merger	14	
16	announcement and it bought shares after the merger	15	di
17	announcement and it bought shares after the merger	10	
18		18	ye +h
10 19	So far as the shares bought after the merger	10	th I
20	announcement are concerned, as I mentioned this morning,	20	
20 21	we say that the Claimant bought those shares in full	20	qu
21 22	understanding of the commercial risk that it took that	21	sh
22 23	the merger would in fact go through.	22	cc
23 24	I have a couple of slides with extracts from the	23 24	. ام
24 25	decision in RosInvest Co v Russia which I will take you through very quickly. RosInvest Co, as you will know,	24 25	de
20	through very quickly. Rosinvest Co, as you will know,	20	th
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1	is another Elliott or was another Elliott company, and	1	bı
2	it is a very similar situation that that tribunal was	2	tł
3	faced with that you are faced with now.	3	sh
4	It is where the Claimant in that case RosInvest, in	4	а
5	this case Elliott , takes a risk , a gamble, and buys	5	re
6	shares in the hope that it has bought at a low price and	6	
7	will be able to sell at a higher price when the shares	7	D
8	more closely match what it considers to be their real	8	66
9	value. That is what the RosInvest tribunal is saying in	9	de
10	this extract on slide 140.	10	
11	If we go back to Mr Smith's witness statement, that	11	d
12	is a paragraph that we have seen before, and that is	12	sh
13	pretty much what Mr Smith says at that stage his plan	13	72
14	was.	14	C
15	We say that so far as the 3.4 million shares that	15	
16	the Claimant bought after the merger announcement are	16	Sa
17	concerned, this is exactly the same position, and as the	17	th
18	RosInvest tribunal found on the next, as you see from	18	ar
19	the next slide , it is not for this tribunal to realise	19	р
20	and implement the Elliott Group's buy low and sell high	20	
21	strategy.	21	fr
22	So that's one parcel of shares. The tribunal should	22	at
23	reject any claim in relation to those shares. Elliott	23	ha
24	willingly undertook the risk about which it now	24	
25	complains that the merger would happen.	25	u

As to the other shares, the 7.7 million shares that Elliott bought before the merger announcement, it has been fully compensated. It availed itself of the buy back right that we have talked about and it complained, with other SC&T shareholders, about the price that was offered under the relevant statute at which those buy back shares would have been bought by SC&T. It therefore went to court with other SC&T shareholders, and after a first instance decision which valued the shares at 57.000–odd Korean Won a share. there was an appeal to the Seoul High Court and the shares were then re—evaluated and the new value was 56,602 Korean Won per share. The judgment of the Seoul High Court is at exhibit C–53. That judgment is itself under appeal, as we discussed this morning and as my learned friend said vesterday, but it is important for you to understand that the Claimant had a right to be compensated -come back to the learned arbitrator Mr Garibaldi's question about expropriation -- for the value of its shares. It availed itself of that right and it has been compensated for it. What is interesting about the Seoul High Court

decision is that the court decided —— first it decided that there had been no proof of share price manipulation

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out that there had been many rumours of it, and it therefore decided that the fairest way to value the shares that were being sold back to the company was when all influence of the merger could be said to have been removed So it valued the shares for a period leading up to December 2014 to come up with the higher price of 56,000—odd Won per share compared to the first instance decision's 57.000—odd Won per share. Simple arithmetic will show that if you multiply the difference between those two figures by the number of shares, 7.7 million-odd shares in SC&T, you get to 72.4 billion Won, which at the exchange rate used by the Claimant is something like 64, just under \$64 million. That is what under the Settlement Agreement with Samsung, if the Seoul High Court decision is upheld, that is what Elliott will receive over and above the amount that it has already received in the appraisal price litigation and the settlement. There was some doubt -- we heard from my learned friend Mr Partasides vesterday that you needn't worry about that. That's a question of double recovery if it happens at all There is some doubt about the enforceability or the unenforceability as a matter of Korean law of the

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1	settlement with Samsung in the event that you find in
2	favour of the Claimant in this proceeding and award
3	damages.
4	It is not a given as a matter of Korean law, I am
5	advised, that Samsung would be able to refuse to pay if
6	Elliott sought to enforce its contract with them. It's
7	not for now, but it may be for the end of this hearing
8	we will need to discuss a way in which that eventuality
9	can be excluded, whether it is the Claimant making over
10	any rights against Samsung to the Republic of Korea or
11	whether it is some form of clawback.
12	I will now turn to the measure of damages and I will
13	go more quickly.
14	Both parties agree that the correct measure of
15	damages, if the Claimant succeeds on the merits, is the
16	fair market value of the shares. The question for the
17	tribunal is how to ascertain that fair market value.
18	We say you ascertain the fair market value by
19	looking at the market. If the market is efficient ,
20	which both experts agree that it was. We will see that
21	Mr Boulton in his second report, having not spoken about
22	this in his first report, agrees that the market was
23	semi-strong form efficient. That means that the market
24	participants analyse relevant information and the market
25	absorbs and reflects that information straight away. In
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1	other words, says Professor Dow, no formal theory of
2	value is needed. We can take the market's word for it,
3	as we see on the next slide , 145.
Λ	Where the market is efficient there is no reason to

4 Where the market is efficient there is no reason to 5 conduct other more subjective valuation analyses and if 6 we go to the next slide, another of Professor Dow's 7 exhibits explains that in an efficient market you can trust prices for they impound all available information 8 9 about the value of each security. The courts agree. On 10 the next slide we have a Delaware court decision. On the slide after, a decision of the Korean courts, and we 11 12 heard from Mr Lingard this morning that in this very 13 context, in the Claimant's proceeding to have the merger 14 ratio changed before the Korean courts, the Korean court 15 held that there was no need to do more than to look at 16 the market and once the market had fixed the merger 17 price, that was all that was needed. It's exhibit R-918 and the extract is at our slide 35. 19 The same is true with the way in which the court 20 approached matters in the buy back litigation at 21 exhibit C-53 as I have said. 2.2 SC&T shares traded in an efficient manner in an 23 active and liquid market. They were widely covered by

24 analysts. They were widely held, as Mr Lingard's slides

25 have shown, by institutional and retail investors. They

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were actively traded. Indeed, SC&T was more actively 1 2 traded than Samsung Electronics and LG Corporation, two 3 of the very large companies on the Korean Stock 4 Exchange 5 We have seen that the SC&T share price responded 6 immediately to the merger announcement, as well as, as 7 Professor Dow has shown, other material corporate news. 8 We see this on the next slide , 149.9 Mr Boulton and the Claimant's only argument for 10 disregarding the traded price is that there are 11 allegations of share price manipulation. None of this 12 has been proved. Indeed, what we heard vesterday from 13 the Claimant about the allegations in the second 14 relate to allegations first that prosecution of 15 are after the date of the merger announcement and 16 secondly, that are allegations of attempts to manipulate 17 the price. 18 Clearly you can go to prison for attempted murder. 19 but there doesn't need to have been a murder, and the 20 same is true of share price manipulation. You can be 21 accused of attempting to manipulate the price without 22 there being any proved manipulation. 23 The only example that is put forward by Mr Boulton 24 or by the Claimant of an attempt to manipulate the

market is a purportedly delayed announcement of

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1	a construction contract in Qatar won by SC&T.
2	Mr Boulton says the Claimant artificially suppressed $$
3	the failure to disclose artificially suppressed SC&T's
4	share price, but he says he does not have enough
5	information to adjust his analysis with respect to that
6	contract, and that is the full extent of Mr Boulton's
7	discussion of this question in his first report.
8	In his second report, Mr Boulton says that he
9	rejects the market price but he says this based on no
10	more than outstanding allegations of market manipulation
11	that, if true, would render it inappropriate to rely on
12	the premerger listed price as a measure of its fair
13	market value. And on those allegations alone Mr Boulton
14	rejects the standard measure of fair market value and
15	provides his own subjective analysis of the sum of the
16	parts.
17	I would add here in passing that the buy back
18	litigation decision of the Seoul High Court at C -53
19	finds that there was no improper holding back of the
20	news of the Qatar contract.
21	Professor Dow, taking the allegation of manipulation
22	at face value, has looked at its effect. He has shown
23	that the alleged delay in disclosing the Qatar contract
24	could have had only a minimal impact on the share price.
25	Professor Dow's study shows that had SC&T disclosed

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calculation

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1	the construction contract when the Claimant says it
2	should have, the maximum impact to the merger ratio
3	would have been between 0.9 and 1.9%, leading to an
4	increase from 1 to 0.35 to between 1 to 0.3531 and 1 to
5	0.3567, wholly negligible in terms of the Claimant's
6	claim for damages.
7	We say you need do no more than look at the market
8	price. The market price leads you to the trading loss.
9	The trading loss which has been wholly expunged by the
10	equivalent trading profit on Cheil swaps. But the
11	damages claim also fails on the Claimant's own
12	calculation .
13	First, let's look at what the Claimant itself
14	thought when it began to invest in SC&T. In
15	November 2014 the Claimant estimated the discount, the
16	gap between the traded price and what it considered to
17	be the intrinsic value, of between 30 and 35%. That's
18	Mr Smith's first witness statement at paragraph 17, and
19	it's the Claimant's document C -395 which Mr Lingard took
20	you to earlier this afternoon.
21	By February 2015, the Claimant calculated that the
22	discount had grown to almost 45%, but that growth was,
23	as Professor Dow has explained in his second report at
24	paragraphs 31 to 36, wholly a matter of the Claimant
25	having made a mistaken assumption in its first

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- 2 On the bases of these analyses, the Claimant drew $\ensuremath{\mathsf{up}}$ 3 trading plans. There were three trading plans whereby 4 it would invest, hoping that it would be able to sell 5 when the discount narrowed. 6 The first, the January 2015 trading plan, the 7 Claimant planned to invest up to \$200 million, buying shares up to a perceived discount of 40%, and it would 8 9 then begin selling its shares when the discount dropped 10 to 27.5% and would completely divest before it got to 11 20%. Thus the Claimant showed -- the Claimant did not
- 12 expect the discount to fall below 20% and indeed planned 13 to sell its shares when the discount was between 20 and 14 30, nearly 30%, compared to the supposed intrinsic 15 value.

Professor Dow has shown this in his second report graphically, as we see on the next slide.

18 The same basic scheme was true of the second trading 19 plan in March 2015. In this the Claimant decided to 20 keep investing until the discount which it observed 21 reached up to 52.5%, and it committed more money, 22 \$350 million, to this. This is shown on the next slide, 23 151, and under this plan the Claimant would begin to 24 sell its shares when the discount dropped back to 40%25 and would completely divest when it hit 27.5%.

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1	Mr Smith's third witness statement produced a third
2	trading plan. It's C—684. A trading plan dated
3	27 March. There is no slide from Professor Dow in
4	relation to trading plan because it was revealed to us
5	after our Rejoinder had been filed and therefore after
6	Professor Dow's second report.
7	On that trading plan the Claimant goes back to
8	a complete divestment before the discount hits 20%.
9	What does the Claimant say here? What the Claimant
10	says here is that in fact these trading plans no longer
11	became $$ were no longer relevant once the merger became
12	a real possibility , and Mr Lingard has explained how the
13	Claimant put that in their opening submissions
14	yesterday.
15	We say this shows what the Claimant actually
16	believed would happen. It believed that the discount
17	would stay. It might narrow. It betted on it
18	narrowing. It might not. They had a stepped investment
19	and a stepped divestment plan.
20	Furthermore, we say, it shows that the Claimant
21	understood that the trading price was the price that it
22	should have reference to, and in addition to this
23	evidence, we ask the tribunal, as you know, to draw an
24	adverse inference that the Claimant was advised by

Deutsche Bank that indeed the shares, the traded price,

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1	was the appropriate value to adopt.
2	We know that Deutsche Bank prepared a Samsung C&T
3	earnings model for the Claimant on 30 April 2015. And
4	we requested all such valuation models in a request that
5	the tribunal granted which we have on slide 152.
6	The Claimant identified the Deutsche Bank report but
7	refused to produce it, claiming commercial sensitivity
8	and confidentiality as is shown from its very long
9	privilege log, page 178 of its privilege log, row 1,056.
10	The only basis for this refusal was a boilerplate
11	disclaimer by Deutsche Bank that the document was
12	provided for the sole use of the recipient for internal
13	purposes, and this was explained in correspondence from
14	counsel for the Claimant that you see on the next slide.
15	We say this disclaimer does not satisfy the
16	obligation under Article 9.2(e) of the IBA Rules to show
17	compelling grounds to withhold responsive documents, and
18	we ask the tribunal to draw an inference that the
19	Deutsche Bank valuation valued the SC&T shares at no
20	more than the market price that the Claimant paid at the
21	time.
22	Meanwhile, the Claimant has abandoned the
23	contemporaneous assessments to chase this huge windfall
24	before you. Mr Boulton's analysis of a sum of the parts
25	contains many fundamental flaws.

1	By ignoring the market price, it ignores the
2	collective wisdom of the market in favour of speculative
3	and subjective views of a single investor.
4	Furthermore, Mr Boulton himself relies on market
5	prices when he is assessing the price of SC&T's
6	holdings, thus contradicting his own thesis.
7	In rejecting the market price he supplies no
8	analysis or fact driven reasoning. He rejects it really
9	only on instruction, and his valuation fails to take the
10	Korea discount into account.
11	In his second report, Mr Boulton approaches the
12	valuation $$ and this touches the learned arbitrator
13	Mr Garibaldi's question to counsel for the Claimant
14	yesterday $$ as if cross shareholdings among Chaebol
15	companies did not exist, when in fact they are
16	an essential element of those companies.
17	In other words, the holdings are held for control
18	and not for value and would not be disposed of.
19	Mr Boulton ignores the inherent weak corporate
20	governance in Chaebols, and he therefore mistakes the
21	nature of the discount that he calls the observed
22	discount and which he breaks down into two parts as we
23	will see.
24	He furthermore ignores the Claimant's own estimates
25	of SC&T's value conducted just a couple of months before
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1 his valuation date, and we can see this on the next 2 slide 3 We have the Claimant's valuation on -- in 4 November 2014 on the left. We have the Claimant's 5 June 2015 valuation in the middle down from 107,000 to 6 93,000 on their calculation of net asset value per 7 share. But Mr Boulton, purely by his own modelling choices, increases that to no less than 115,000 Won per 8 9 share. 10 We will talk to him about all of his subjective 11 choices and I won't go through them with you today, but 12 his subjective modelling choices allow him to estimate 13 a so-called intrinsic value that is not only much higher 14 than the actual market price, but also higher than any 15 analyst who calculated that price estimated that it should be, and higher than the Claimant's own values at 16 17 the time, and we see this on the next slide $\!.$ 18 Mr Boulton's estimated net asset value per share at 19 the top compared to Elliott's June 2015 analysis.

You've seen that in the previous slide, the market price
and the average target price from analysts.
Moreover, Mr Boulton's division of the discount into
a holding company discount and an excess discount is
unsupported and contrary to all economic evidence.

unsupported and contrary to all economic evidence.Mr Boulton concedes in his second report that

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1	Professor Dow was right about the discount both
2	attributable to holding companies generally and also
3	attributable to the specific characteristics of the
4	Korean market. But in dividing that discount into
5	a holding company discount and an excess discount that
6	he says was caused entirely by the market's fear of the
7	predatory merger, he distorts the economics of the
8	discount completely.
9	What does Mr Boulton actually do? He doesn't $$
10	well, what he does is he takes a number of holding
11	company discounts observable across Chaebols in the
12	Korean market, but he doesn't take the average that he
13	arrives at because that average is seemingly too high
14	for him.
15	What he does is calculate what he calls an implied
16	holding company discount and he fixes that, as we have
17	seen, at between 5 and 15%.
18	This finds no support in any economic analysis. The
19	average discounts for comparable companies that
20	Mr Boulton himself calculates reveal an average discount
21	of 43% and a mean of 39%.
22	Indeed, only one out of 11 companies looked at by
23	Mr Boulton, and we see this on the next slide, had
24	a holding company discount within Mr Boulton's range of
25	5 to 15%, and that is at 11.8%.
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1	Now, there are a couple of companies that seem to
2	have traded at a premium to net asset value. Mr Boulton
3	concedes that they are uncommon and so can be
4	disregarded. His paragraph 6.4.8 in his second report.
5	But of the remaining 10, the next lowest discount
6	after the 11.8 is 32.1 and the average, as I have said,
7	was 43.
8	Analysts' estimates of SC&T's holding company
9	discount are all well above 15%, even after Mr Boulton
10	himself scaled them downwards. Yet Mr Boulton claims
11	that all of these numbers broadly support his adoption
12	of a discount of 5 to 15%.
13	In the interests of time, and I notice that I've
14	been speaking for longer than I had intended,
15	and I apologise to all , I will skip over slide 158 and
16	I will say two words before closing about Mr Boulton's
17	theory, the so-called the rapeutic one day to the next
18	theory that the discount would all but disappear had the
19	market $$ had the merger been rejected.
20	There is no evidence of this at all. Mr Boulton
21	seems to rely on Professor Milhaupt, although he does
22	not credit him, and he seems to rely on the statement of
23	a single NPS analyst. We saw this in the Claimant's
24	opening submissions yesterday $$ who suggested, when
25	talking to the public prosecutor,

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1 2	—— you will remember the slide that you were shown yesterday		
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4	a number of times by the Claimant $$ if the merger were to be rejected.		
± 5	Mr Boulton seems to take comfort from that.		
6	He does not take comfort, or indeed address the		
7	fact, that the same analyst also said in the same		
8	interview, and it's at document $C-510$, that		
9	interview, and it's at document C=310, that		
10	. It's		
11	on page 14 of that document.		
12	Professor Milhaupt himself, as we have seen, is not		
13	of much help to Mr Boulton in his therapeutic theory,		
14	saying that only shareholder activism, and it's on slide		
15	159, has the potential to reduce the Korea discount, and		
16	that a rejection of the merger would be no more than		
17	an important step in ongoing efforts to enhance		
18	shareholder protections.		
19	The reality is that the Korea discount is persistent		
20	and Professor Dow has looked at a contemporaneous		
21	Samsung Group merger to look at what happens in the real		
22	world when a merger is rejected.		
23	Minority shareholders, including the NPS, rejected		
24	the merger between Samsung Heavy Industries and Samsung		
25	Engineering in 2014, just a year before this		
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1	transaction. And the share price of both companies		
2	declined when the merger rejection was announced.		
3	I refer you to Professor Dow's second report at		
4	paragraphs 190 and following and at Figure 20.		
5	Professor Bae, whom we will hear from later this		
6	week, also $$ or at the beginning of next week $$ also		
7	opines that the discount would persist.		
8	Professor Bae $$ I will not go through his details here,		
9	but Professor Bae is clear that there is nothing to		
10	suggest that the rejection of the merger would have,		
11	coming back to Mr Garibaldi's question, caused SC&T to		
12	sell its extensive holdings in affiliated companies		
13	which itself would be necessary to move the share price		
14	closer to a calculated net asset value.		
15	Sir, I will close with the last slide which is again		
16	extracts from the Claimant's own pleadings.		
17	This is the amended Statement of Claim,		
18	paragraphs 16 and 21, where you will see that the		
19	Claimant's case at the beginning of this proceeding was		
20	that where the issue is temporary and unrelated to the		
21	business fundamentals of the company, Elliott judges		
22	that the discount is likely to reduce more or less		
23	organically over time, and the investment in SC&T		
24	presented just such an opportunity.		
25	Elliott 's analysis suggested that the discount was		
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1	temporary and that the price would increase over time to
2	reflect its intrinsic value.
3	There is nothing to support Mr Boulton's therapeutic
4	cure theory which he has brought before you purely to
5	justify an inflated damages claim. I ask you to reject
6	it . I ask you to look at the market price that both
7	experts say is reliable and draw the appropriate
8	consequences that I have outlined for the Claimant's
9	damages claim.
10	I have gone over the time that I had wished to spend
11	with you this afternoon on damages, and I apologise to
12	you and to the court reporters, but if I can help you
13	with any questions, I'm very happy to do so.
14	MR LINGARD: Mr President, if I might very briefly make good
15	on my promise to Mr Thomas earlier to offer a pincite.
16	Mr Thomas asked if the Korean courts had expressly
17	considered the Voting Guidelines and I answered yes, and
18	promised to come back with a pincite. I now have that.
19	It is exhibit $R-20$. It is the decision of the Seoul
20	Central District Court in the merger annulment
21	proceedings. It's a 2017 judgment.
22	I need to be clear. It is one of the judgments that
23	is under appeal. So I am giving you the citation to the
24	first instance decision, and if I can offer pincites,
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25	members of the tribunal, at pages 40 and 41, there are
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- 1 record? 2 THE WITNESS: I solemnly declare upon my honour and 3 conscience that I will speak the truth, the whole truth, 4 and nothing but the truth. THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. 5 If you could speak up a little bit, it will be 6 7 easier for the court reporter. 8 You have submitted three witness statements in these 9 proceedings. The first one dated 4 April 2019 and the 10 second one 16 July 2020 and the third one dated 11 23 December 2020. You should have copies of those 12 witness statements in front of you. Can you please 13 confirm? THE WITNESS: Yes, I have copies of all three. 14 15 THE PRESIDENT: Do you have any corrections to make to those 16 statements? 17 THE WITNESS: No. No. 18 THE PRESIDENT: Would you confirm their contents? THE WITNESS: Yes, I confirm their contents. 19 THE PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you very much. 20 21 I'm sure you have been explained by counsel how this
- 22 works, but just to make sure that there is a full
- understanding, you will be first examined by counsel for 23
- 24 the Claimant, direct examination, a short examination. 25
 - Then there will be a cross-examination by counsel for

- the Respondent which will take a bit longer, and then at 1 2 the end there will be an opportunity for counsel for the
- 3 Claimant to put additional questions for you.
- 4 The tribunal may ask questions at any time. Is that
- 5 understood?
- 6 THE WITNESS: That's understood, thank you.
- THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Claimant. 7
- 8 MR PARTASIDES: Thank you, Mr President.
- 9 Examination-in-chief by MR PARTASIDES
- 10 MR PARTASIDES: Good afternoon, Mr Smith. You were asked
- 11 a question about corrections by the President of the
- 12 tribunal. Let me ask you to turn to your first witness
- 13 statement and I'm going to ask you to turn in particular
- 14 to the first sentence of paragraph 29 on page 10 of that
- 15 witness statement.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm going to ask you that same question, if I may, 17
- 18 again. Do you have any corrections to make to your
- 19 first witness statement?
- A. No, it's my error. The word "immediately" in 2.0
- 21 paragraph 29 is -- should be removed. The words "it --
- 2.2 sorry, just the word "immediately" should be removed.
- 23 A letter was sent but it was at the beginning of June
- 24 rather than immediately after the meeting in early 25
 - March 2015 that's referred to here.

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- 1 Q. Thank you, Mr Smith. Do you have any other corrections 2 to make to either your first or your other two witness 3 statements that you're aware of? A. Not that I'm aware of. 4 MR PARTASIDES: Thank you very much. Mr President, there 5 will be no direct examination of Mr Smith beyond that. 6 7 Cross-examination by MR LINGARD. MR LINGARD: Mr Smith, very good afternoon. We met earlier. 8 9 My name is Nicholas Lingard, I'm one of the members of 10 the counsel team representing the Republic of Korea in 11 these proceedings. It falls to me to ask you some 12 questions this afternoon. 13 So we can situate ourselves, we've provided you with 14 three binders. The first contains only your three 15 witness statements. There are then two binders of 16 documents, some of which we will look at together over 17 the coming hours. Those are to your left, sir, and 18 I will do my best, no doubt sometimes I will fail, but 19 I will do my best to identify which volume and tab I'm 2.0 referring to. 21 Having situated ourselves in the materials, I wonder 22 if I might, Mr Smith, begin with some ground rules. 23 I am going to do my best to put my questions to you 24 clearly and precisely. As with the binders, I'll
- 25 inevitably fail sometimes, but in return, I would ask,

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- 1 sir , that you do your best to answer my questions 2 clearly and precisely, and in particular, if a yes or no will suffice, please give me a yes or no; is that 3 4 acceptable, Mr Smith? 5 A. Yes, that's acceptable. 6 Q. And if you don't understand anything I put to you, 7 please be sure to ask me to clarify it . It is most 8 important that we understand each other. So please do 9 ask me any clarifications that you may require. Is that 10 understood, Mr Smith? 11 A. Yes 12 Q. Very good. Thank you. 13 Some preliminaries then by way of background. I understand you joined Elliott in 2001; that's right, 14 15 isn't it?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And that was in London?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. You were an analyst at that time, sir?
- 20 A. Yes

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- 21 Q. And you moved to Hong Kong in 2005?
- 2.2 A. Yes.
- 23 And with that move you became portfolio manager; do Q.
 - I have that right?
- 25 A. It was at the end of 2005 actually, but after that move,

- yes.
 Q. Understood, thank you.
- Did that represent a promotion from analyst,
- 3 Did that repr 4 Mr Smith?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And as portfolio manager you had responsibility forElliott 's Asian investments. I have that right?
- 8 A. As head of office which I was promoted to in early 2007,
- 9 I had responsibility for the investments. There was
- 10 a period from when I was promoted to portfolio manager
- 11 before I was promoted to head of office, just over
- 12 a year when I had responsibility for certain of the
- 13 Asian investments, but that became all of them upon my 14 promotion to head of office.
- Q. I see, that's clear, thank you. Your promotion to head
 of office was accompanied by promotion to managing
 director in 2007; do I have that right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- A. Yes.
- 19 $\,$ Q. And with that promotion, am I to understand that you
- $2\,0\,$ managed a team of about 35 professionals overseeing
- 21 Elliott 's Asian and Australian investments?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 $\,$ Q. And just to understand the lay of the land in terms of
- 24 those individuals on your team, Mr Smith, did they
- 25 include a Joonho Choi?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And a Mr Nicholas Maran?
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 Q. And a Mr Daniel Chinoy?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And did Messrs Choi, Maran and Chinoy report to you,Mr Smith?
- 8 A. Yes -- yes, they did.
- $9\,$ $\,$ Q. Let's come to look at least at a high level at how you
- $10\qquad$ analysed those investment for which you had
- 11 responsibility
- 12 Would I be right, sir, that reviewing media coverage 13 in companies in which you had invested was part of your
- 14 responsibility ?
- 15 A. Being aware of the news flow on companies is a part of16 the role, yes.
- 17 Q. And reviewing analyst reports, sir?
- 18 A. Yes, to an extent.
- Q. If we come to Korea specifically, am I right in saying
 that Elliott had been analysing investments in Korea
 since at least 2002?
- A. That's correct. I wouldn't say it was continuous, but
- 23 yes, a number of times during that period of time.
- 24 Q. And more specifically still , as to Samsung C&T, would
- 25 I be right, Mr Smith, to say that Elliott had been

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- 1 tracking the performance of that company since 2003?
- A. Again, that's correct. That tracking wasn't continuous
 in all of the time, but off and on from that period of
- 4 time, obviously 2003 to 2007 I wasn't involved in that, 5 but thereafter I was.
 - Q. And I have it right, don't I, that Elliott first took an
- 6 Q. And I have it right, don't I, that Elliott first7 interest in Samsung C&T in 2003?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Briefly back to your CV, if I may, sir. Do I have it
- 10 correct that you returned to London, moved back to
- 11 London, in April of 2018?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13~ Q. And when you made that move, you continued to oversee
- 14 Elliott 's Asian investments; that's right, isn't it?
- 15 A. Yes
- 16~ Q. And as you returned to London, your title reverted to
- 17 portfolio manager?
- 18 A. Yes. I'm still head of the Hong Kong office as well,
- 19 but I maintained both those titles after that point in 20 time.
- 21 Q. And if I have it correct, sir, you resigned from Elliott
- 22 about a year after your return to London in April of
- 23 2019?

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- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. And you of course will know that Elliott filed its

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- 1 amended Statement of Claim and your first witness 2 statement in these proceedings on April 4 of 2019. How 3 long after that filing did you resign, Mr Smith? 4 A. Shortly afterwards. 5 $\mathsf{Q}.\;$ And you tell us in your second witness statement that you resigned in order to pursue a new stage in your 6 7 career. Might I ask, sir, what are you doing now? 8 A. I founded a new investment business called 9 Palliser Capital, pretty much -- well, as soon as my 10 restrictions , my employment ended at Elliott, that fund 11 was launched on 2 August this year and we are -- we are 12 running a team and making investments in a similar way 13 to which I did at Elliott 14 $\mathsf{Q}.\;$ And now that you've left Elliott , $\;$ sir , do you have any 15 carried interest in any Elliott funds? 16 A. An LP of one of the Elliott funds. I have no specific 17 stake in any particular investments. I'm just an 18 investor like any other institutional investor would be 19 in Elliott International LP, one of the funds. Q. And are you, sir $\,--$ I ask for good order only -- being 2.0 21 compensated for your testimony in these proceedings? 2.2 A. Yes, I am being compensated only the -- on the basis 23 really of time spent. I have no stake or interest in
 - the outcome of these proceedings.
- 25 Q. We talked about the Claimant's filing of its amended

- Statement of Claim on April 4, 2019. On that same date 1
- 2 the Claimant filed the first expert report of
 - a Mr Richard Boulton QC. Did you review that report,
- 4 sir?

- 5 A. I have not reviewed that report in depth. I'm aware of 6
 - it. I have seen it. I haven't reviewed it in depth.
- 7 Q. You haven't reviewed it in depth. I see.
- 8 What about Mr Boulton QC's second report, that's 9 dated July 17, 2020. Did you review it?
- 10 A. I'm aware of it. I haven't reviewed it.
- 11 Q. Have you read it, sir?
- 12 A. I haven't read it. I haven't read it. no.
- 13 Q. And what about the expert report of
- 14 a Professor Curtis Milhaupt that bears the date July 16, 15 20207
- A. I haven't reviewed that report. 16
- Q. Let's then come in our chronology to 2014, Mr Smith, and 17 18 before Elliott 's investment in Samsung C&T that is the
- 19 subject of this arbitration. To situate ourselves in
- our chronology, you know, do you not, that in May of 20
- 21 2014 chairman of the Samsung Group suffered
- 22 a heart attack?
- 23 A. Yes, I'm aware he had significant health issues
- 24 beginning around that time.
- 25 Q. And by that time Elliott was already conducting some

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- 1 preliminary analyses of certain potential restructuring scenarios within the Samsung Group. That's right, isn't 2 3 it? 4 A. I disagree with that statement. We had brainstormed 5 around the concept of potential restructuring within the group. That had not become detailed work. It's also 6 7 worth saying that in my experience of the Samsung Group 8 and many other corporate groups in Korea, there's often 9 a great deal of speculation most of the time around 10 potential restructuring steps or corporate changes 11 within those groups. 12 Q. It may be, Mr Smith, that we're only dealing with 13 difference in nuance of language, but for the record, 14 might I ask you to turn up your second witness 15 statement, sir . It's in -- you clearly have it. 16 $\{D1/2/1\}$ 17 Members of the tribunal, it's tab 2 in volume 1 of 18 the cross binder. Mr Smith's second statement. 19 Do you have it, Mr Smith? 20 A. Yes 21 Q. If you would go with me, please, to paragraph 29 of that 2.2 statement $\{D1/2/15\}$. It's at the bottom of page 14. 23 You testify there
- 24 "When rumours of potential restructurings within the
- 25 Samsung Group increased following Mr 's health
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1 issues in mid 2014, I was aware, albeit at only a very 2 high level, that this might mean that a restructuring of 3 some kind within the Samsung Group could be more likely 4 or in other words that the unusual speculation 5 surrounding Chaebol restructuring issues might become more relevant." 6 7 And then the next sentence: 8 "Accordingly, I instructed my team to conduct some 9 preliminary analysis of certain potential restructuring 10 scenarios within the Samsung Group ...' 11 That's the question I put to you a moment ago. Is 12 that —— does that mean brainstorming. Mr Smith? 13 A. Yes, I mean, that's consistent, I believe, with the 14 answer I gave you. I recall some discussion in the 15 April actually with my team where we brainstormed around potential scenarios. I requested that the team look 16 17 into some of those scenarios and do some analysis. That 18 analysis didn't end up getting back to me or being 19 presented to me for quite some time. 20 Q. You just referred to April of 2014. You've presaged my 21 next question, Mr Smith. In fact in that month, April 22 of 2014, you projected that Samsung Everland, the 23 company that became Cheil Industries, may get listed. 24 That's right. isn't it? 25 A. Could you refer me -- it would be helpful to look at the 183 1 information you're referring to in making that 2 statement. 3 Q. Of course, sir. It's exhibit R-247. It's in volume 3 4 of the cross binder, and it's at tab 52. $\{R/247/1\}$. 5 A. 52? 6 Q. 52 7 A. Yes. I'm at 52. 8 Q. Thank you, Mr Smith. I'll wait for the members of the 9 tribunal. 10 Α. Sorry, I do apologise. Sorry. 11 Q. If we situate ourselves then in this exhibit, R-247, 12 several short emails at the top of the page, at the 13 bottom of the first page we saw an April 4, 2014 email 14 from yourself, sir, to your colleagues I understand 15 Joonho Choi and Sachin Mistry. The subject line is

- 16 "Samsung", and if you go to the first point there, at
- 17 point 1, second sentence, you say:
- 18 "As such, Samsung Everland may get listed -- do we 19 know of any plans?"
- 2.0
 - So my question, sir, was simply to ask you to
- 21 confirm that in April of 2014 you projected that Samsung
- 2.2 Everland, the company later known as Cheil, may get
- 23 listed 7

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- 2.4 Yes, I'm suggesting it may get listed in this email, Α.
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1 Q. And you were also projecting, were you not, sir, that 2 Cheil was likely to be the ultimate owner of stakes in

- 3 any Samsung holding company?
- 4 A. I wouldn't say projecting necessarily. Considering the possibility of. You will point me to which point in the 5 email that that's referred to. 6
- 7 Q. I'm still on point 1, sir.
- 8 A. Okay
- 9 $\mathsf{Q}.\;\;\mathsf{I'm}$ focused on the first sentence there. You said at 10 the time
- 11 "The ultimate owner of stakes in the IHC ..."
- 12 Which I understand to be industrial holding company: 13 " ... and the FHC ...'
- Which I understand to be financial holding company: 14
- 15 ... is likely to be Samsung Everland ..."
- A Yes 16
- 17 Q. So my question was simply you were projecting in April 18 of 2014 that Cheil, at the time known as Everland, was 19 likely to be the ultimate owner of stakes in any Samsung 20 holding company?
- 21 A. Yes, I think at the time that I wasn't aware that the
- 22 name of the entity was Cheil or to become Cheil, but that's correct. I know it is now. 23
- 24 Q. Perhaps we can turn to the second page of the email
- 25 then, and if you would go with me, sir, to point 8.

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- 1 $\{R/247/2\}\,$ Perhaps you can take a moment to read it. 2 (Pause) 3 Do I understand correctly, Mr Smith, that in April 4 of 2014 you recognised that the greatest problem for the 5 Samsung Group ---A. Sorry, I didn't finish reading it. 6 7 Q. Sorry, take your time. (Pause) 8 A. Yes Q. So looking at point 8 on page 2 of R–247, do I have it 9 10 right, sir, that you recognised in April of 2014 that 11 the greatest problem for the Samsung Group was the family's relatively low aggregate ownership of Samsung 12 13 Electronics? 14 A. Here I'm recognising that as one of their issues if they 15 want to maintain control of the group in the future. 16 that's correct. $\mathsf{Q}.\;$ And you recognised it as the greatest issue; that's 17 18 right, isn't it, sir? 19 A. In this high level brainstorming memo, yes, I call it 2.0 the greatest problem. 21 Q. And staying in this email, April 2014, I'm now moving to 2.2 point 6, Mr Smith, perhaps you can take a moment to
- 23
- study point 6 before I put my question to you. 24
- (Pause) 25 A. Yes, I have read it.

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1 Q. Do I have it right, sir, at that at this same time, 2 April of 2014, you recognised that as the family 3 sought to shore up its ownership of Samsung Electronics, there was a risk of value transfers between different 4 5 parts of the group? A. Yes, I'm talking there about a transfer from the 6 7 perspective of the family. So they have a greater value of their investment in the financial businesses within 8 9 the Samsung Group, as you know, a very complicated 10 group, and a lower portion of their investment in the 11 non-financial entities, and what I'm highlighting here 12 is an expectation that they would need to find ways to 13 increase the level of their investment in the 14 non-financial side and I'm presaging that they would do 15 that by reducing their level of investment in the financial side. That's what I'm referring to when I say 16 17 value transfer. 18 Q. The value transfer would involve some companies with 19 high valuations and others with low valuations. What 20 did you mean by that? 21 A. What I'm referring to is if they were to reduce their 22 exposure to the financial investments they have, being 23 Samsung Life and things like that. I assume they would 24 want to do that at good prices, and that as with all 25 investments, if they were to increase their investment

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- 1 in the non-financial businesses that they would do that 2 at a low price 3 Q. You understood that to be their objective. I'm looking 4 now at the final sentence of point 6 in the page number 2 of R/247. There you ask your colleagues: 5 6 "Any problems and/or disruption we can cause there?" 7 What did you have in mind there, Mr Smith? 8 A. So what I'm referring to, and this is a colloquial form 9 of words. I'm referring to things that we could do, or 10 suggestions we could make to increase value. Rather 11 like if you thought of the analogy of the tech sector, 12 there's a lot of disruption in the tech sector that 13 generally leads to value creation. I'm talking about 14 suggestions that we could make that might increase 15 value. 16 Q. Those suggestions being the problems to which you refer, 17 Mr Smith? 18 A. Those suggestions I think you see some time later when 19 we develop a series of restructuring scenarios that --2.0 if it might be helpful to turn to, if not now, perhaps 21 later. We had the intention later in time to make 2.2 proactive suggestions to the family as to how they could 23 restructure in a fair and value enhancing way a number
 - of their subsidiaries in the group.

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25 Q. We have your testimony and we will come on to the

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- 1 restructuring plans in due course.
- Let's for now stay with our chronology, and I want
 to come to your first purchase of shares in Samsung Comparison
- to come to your first purchase of shares in Samsung C&T,
 Mr Smith.
- 5 To set us up for that, might I invite you, please,
- 6 to go back to your second witness statement, and as you
- 7 do, to paragraph 30 of that statement, please.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. {D1/2/16}.
- 10 A. 30 of the second one, yes?
- 11 Q. 30 of the second, yes.
- Perhaps you can take a moment to study it, Mr Smith,
 and then I'll put my question.
 (Pause)
- 15 A. Yes, I have read the paragraph.
- 16~ Q. You say there that it was upon your team reviewing
- 17a research note from Nomura that you first considered18the specific possibility of the merger between Samsung10COTE of the between Value o
- 19 C&T and Cheil. I have that right, Mr Smith?
- 20 A. That's correct.

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- 21~ Q. And that was at the end of January 2015?
- 22 $\,$ A. I think it was the 25th or the 26th.
- $2\,3$ $\,$ Q. Very good. To situate us precisely, the first share
- 24 purchase was January 29th; that's right, isn't it?
 - A. The first share purchase was January 29, but obviously

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1 we had exposure through swap contracts from 2 November 2014. 3 Q. We just mentioned the Nomura research note that you 4 refer to in paragraph 30. I want to go to that Nomura 5 research note if we can, please. It's exhibit 6 $\{C/144/1\}$, and it's in volume 2 of the cross binder at 7 tab 11. A. Yes, I'm at that tab. 8 9 Q. You have that Nomura report in front of you, Mr Smith? 10 A. Yes. 11 $\mathsf{Q}.\;$ This is the Nomura report that you say caused you to 12 consider the specific possibility of the merger between 13 SC&T and Cheil for the first time? A. Yes 14 15 Q. Let's look at it together. We see the sub-heading on 16 page 1, concerns overdone, trading at 50% discount to 17 NAV? 18 A. Okay, yes. 19 Q. Do you see that sub-heading? 2.0 A. Yes. 21 Q. Yes? 22 A. I was looking at the red headings. It's the high one, 23 yes 24 Q. Not the first time you've foreshadowed my next 25 observation. Let's go through the red headings. The

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3		merger for the first time.
4		Let's go to the third red heading. It says:
5		"Valuation: new TP of KRW84,000 cut from KRW96,000."
6		What is TP?
7	Α.	Target price.
8	Q.	And then Nomura describes how it valued Samsung C&T, and
9		it says first :
10		" value of stakes in affiliates at 30% holding
11		company discount"
12		Do you see that, Mr Smith?
13	Α.	I see that.
14	Q.	And then if we turn over to page 3 of this Nomura report
15		that caused you to consider the specific possibility of
16		the merger for the first time, I'm in the middle of
17		page 3, under those first two graphs {C/144/3}. Do you
18		see the heading there that reads "Holding company
19		discount of 30%"?
20	Α.	Yes.
21	Q.	And then thereafter Nomura explains that $$ it says: .
22		"We think that the appropriate holding company
23		discount" ——
24	Α.	Sorry, can I make notes and underline things as you
25		speak?

third on this cover page of the Nomura report that

caused you to consider the specific possibility of the

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1	Q.	Of course. Please.
2		Nomura says:
3		"We think that the appropriate holding company
4		discount for SSCT's investment portfolio should be 30%
5		based on the LG Corp's average discount to NAV"
6		Do you see that there, Mr Smith?
7	Α.	Yes, I see that.
8	Q.	And then flip over with me if you would to page 5 of
9		this Nomura report {C/144/5}. Again, the first block of
10		text on page 5, you see Nomura say:
11		"We value SSCT in two parts: 1) value of stakes in
12		affiliates $\$ at 30% holding company discount (based on LG
13		Corp's discount to NAV)"
14		Do you see that?
15	Α.	Sorry, I lost my concentration there. Say that again?
16	Q.	The top of page 5. I'm simply asking: do you see how
17		Nomura describes how it's done its valuation?
18	Α.	Yes.
19	Q.	And evidently they've calculated a 30% holding company
20		discount based on LG's historical discount to NAV. Do
21		you see that, sir?
22	Α.	I see that, yes.
23	Q.	And that calculation of the holding company discount has
24		nothing to do with the risk of the merger that Nomura is
25		elsewhere discussing in this report. That's right,

1 isn't it?

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- 2~ A. Yes. What I would say is there are a range of views in
- 3 the market as to what holding company discount should
- 4 be, and it's frequently been my experience that where
- 5 there's the possibility of change, a much lower holding
- 6 company discount can be warranted on a conglomerate like
- this. But I see the points that you're referencing.
 Q. And to make sure I have that, and I have understood, we
- 9 share an understanding of the Nomura report that
- 10 encouraged you first to buy shares in SC&T, as you
- 11 testify in your second witness statement, the 30%
- 12 holding company discount here applied by Nomura has
- 13 nothing to do with the risk of the merger it's
- 14 considering elsewhere in the report?
- A. It doesn't appear in Nomura's opinion that it's linked
 to that because they are advising people to accumulate
 shares in the 50% discount.
 - I should also say I don't know the methodology
- 19 they're using well enough, for example, whether they're
- 20 applying theoretical taxes to these -- the market values
- 21 of these stakes. And that can often make a difference
- 22 if you're not applying tax, you might use a larger
- 23 holding company discount. We would always apply tax.
- 24 So there are often differences in methodology, and
- 25 I'm -- my -- certainly in this forum, my mind is not

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- working quick enough to run the calculations in my head
 to check that.
- Q. I promise I shan't ask you to do that. I just wanted to
 ensure that we share an understanding of what Nomura
 here is saying in the report that encouraged you to buy
 SC&T shares for the first time, and I understand that we
 are.
- 8 In other words --
- 9 A. Sorry, I just want to make a point. I wouldn't say the
 10 Nomura report encouraged us to buy shares. At a point
 11 when we had already developed exposure and before we
- $12 \qquad \mbox{ expressed that as shares rather than swaps, I was aware }$
- $13 \qquad \mbox{ of the report.}$ We didn't do anything on the basis of
- 14 this report. We were aware of this report. You said
- 15 the report that caused you to buy shares. That's not 16 correct.
- 17 Q. I see your point, sir. To make sure I have your
- 18 testimony then, this is the report that caused you first 19 to consider a serious possibility of the merger between
- 20 SC&T and Cheil?
- A. It was the report that first raised the possibility ofa merger to my attention, yes.
- 23 Q. Very good.
- 24 Let's close out on page 5 of the report before we 25 leave it, then, just to make sure I understand what

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- 1 Nomura has done in this report. 2 If we look at Figure 7 there, am I correct to 3 understand, as you read it, that they first list listed 4 holdings of Samsung C&T? 5 A. Yes Q. The first of those is Samsung Electronics. We're 6 7 looking in the same place, sir? 8 A. Yes 9 Q. And then underneath that Nomura lists unlisted holdings 10 of Samsung C&T? 11 A. Yes 12 Q. And if we go to the bottom right of this chart we see 13 the subtotals there, and the second line is : 14 "At holding company discount of 30%." 15 And although I promised you I won't ask you to do 16 the mathematics and I won't I am to understand 17 correctly that Nomura has taken those valuations and 18 subtracted from them a holding company discount of 30%? 19 A. If you are telling me that 13,806 times 0.7 equals 20 9,664, then I'll go with your view on that. 21 Q. Very good. Thank you. 22 We can leave Nomura for now, although we may come 23 back to it as we proceed. 24 Before we leave it, though, let's just note once 25 again its date. It was end January 2015. We see that 195
 - 1 on the cover?
 - 2 $\,$ A. It may be instructive just to make one point. That's
 - $3\,$ $\,$ a discount they are applying to the listed stakes. They
 - 4 don't appear to be applying that discount to the core 5 business.
 - business.
 So what they call core operation value, that's the
 - 7 real unlisted business, so the construction division and
 - 8 the trading decision. It doesn't look like they're
 - 9 applying the discount to that.
 - 10 Q. Understood.
 - A. Just people call discounts different things and apply
 them in different ways.
 - Q. I understand. And so the discount they are applying isto Samsung C&T's holding of stock in affiliates?
 - 15 A. That's what I understand from what I'm looking at here.
 - 16 Q. Very good. That was the end of January 2015. Let's
 - 17 come on to February 2015, Mr Smith.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. In February of 2015 Elliott considered that the
- 20 family had a thin shareholding in Samsung C&T. That's 21 right, isn't it?
- 22 A. Compared to other Korean family so-called Chaebol
- 23 groups, their holding in this particular company was24 low, that's correct.
- 25 Q. It was precariously thin, even?

1 A. It was low in the context of comparable businesses. I'm 2 not sure I would go as far as to say precarious. 3 Q. Well, let's look at a document together. It's exhibit 4 R/252. It's in volume 3 of the cross binder $\{R/252/1\}$. 5 It's tab 53. 6 A. Yes. Q. Do you have it in front of you, Mr Smith? 7 8 A. I do. 9 Q. Let me say straight away in fairness your name does not 10 appear on this email. I don't wish to mislead you that 11 it does. I understand it to be an email between your 12 colleagues, Messrs Choi and Maran? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. If you would turn to the second page of the email for 15 me, the longest email, it's from Mr Choi to Mr Maran, 16 February 18, 2015; do you see that? 17 A. I see that email. 18 Q. Have you seen that email before, sir? 19 A. I have seen that email, yes. 20 Q. When did you see it, sir? 21 A. I have been shown it by counsel in the last months. 2.2 Q. I see. Go with me, if you would, to the fifth bullet 23 there? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Your subordinate, Mr Choi, is saying the family 197 1 has a precariously thin shareholding of other Samsung 2 affiliates , including Samsung Electronics, and 3 Samsung C&T. 4 Do you see that, sir? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. I have it right, don't I, that at this time, February of 7 2015, Elliott considered that there was a real 8 possibility that the family might attempt to merge 9 Samsung C&T with Cheil? 10 A. It was something that we were aware of and, as with any 11 potential merger or other element of restructuring, it 12 was always our assumption that whatever was done would 13 be done fairly. But it was something that we had in our 14 minds. Q. Staying with me on this same email on the second page of 15 16 exhibit R-252, which you told me you were shown by 17 counsel in preparation for this hearing, go with me just 18 two bullets below the one we were looking at together. 19 It's in the middle of the page. It's the seventh bullet 20 down. It begins "Given Samsung C&T's 7.1% holding ..." 21 Do you see that? 22 A. 4.1%. 23 Q. I'm sorry, 4.1%, you're quite right. 24 "Given Samsung C&T's 4.1% holding in Samsung 25 Electronics, we view it a real possibility that the

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1		family may attempt to merger Samsung C&T Corp with
2		Cheil Industries "
3		Do you see that, sir?
4	Α.	I see that, yes.
5		At this time, February 2015, Elliott also believed that
6		the board and management of Samsung C&T were installed
7		and controlled by the second second
8		it?
9	Α.	If you could take me $$ is there a document you're
10		referring to?
11	Q.	Yes. It's the same document, sir, and it's the third
12		bullet from the bottom. You will see it begins "The
13		board of Samsung C&T". Do you have it?
14	Δ	Yes.
15		"The board of Samsung C&T would likely act in favour of
16	ч.	the family despite the open registrar; we believe
17		both the board and the management were installed and
18		controlled by the family."
19		Do you see that?
20	Δ	Yes, I see that. And yes, I see that.
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21 22	Q.	Very good. We've been looking at Elliott internal
		analysis of the Samsung Group. What I want to do now,
23		if I may, sir, is turn with you to external advisers,
24		external advisers who assisted the Elliott Group with
25		this investment.
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1		Before we come to look at any particular document
2		together, I was hoping you would help me to establish
3		the lay of the land in terms of the range of external
4		advisers with whom Elliott worked in looking at
5		Samsung's C&T.
6		I have it right, don't I, that in January 2015 your
7		team engaged a consultancy called Spectrum Asia?
8	Δ	That's correct. Spectrum Asia were one of a number of
9	A.	specialists that we would go to, consultants in this
10		case, to help us understand a variety of issues on many
11		
	~	projects.
12	Q.	You didn't mention Spectrum in your report, excuse me,
13		in your witness statements, but I have your testimony
14		now, for which thank you.
15		You do though in your witness statements refer to another consultant called IRC.
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17		Do I understand correctly that you had IRC prepare
18		a report on the NPS?
19		That's right.
20	Q.	So we have Spectrum and IRC. Let's come to other
21		advisers. What about accountancy firms? Did you have
22		accountancy firms assist you, sir?

23 A. Yes, we did, yes.

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- 24 Q. Which firms, sir?
 - A. I believe it was

1 Q. And how about investment banks? A. We did not -- I believe it was To be 2 3 honest, I can't remember with precision. Investment 4 banks -- we didn't engage that I recall an investment 5 bank specifically to help us on this situation. Q. You don't know, sir, that Deutsche Bank prepared 6 7 a valuation of SC&T for Elliott? 8 A. Not that I'm aware, unless it was done for one of my 9 colleagues 10 Q. Unfortunately I don't have it, but counsel opposite have 11 referred to it, the Claimant in this arbitration has refused to produce it in evidence. I don't have it to 12 13 put to you to discuss, so perhaps I will leave 14 Deutsche Bank there. 15 Before we come to any particular reports though from 16 external advisers. let me ask you this. We've covered IRC, Spectrum, and we discussed just now 17 18 Deutsche Bank. Were there other external advisers 19 assisting you? 20 A. We had law firms assisting us. None that I specifically 21 recall , but I think it 's -- you know, it's members of my 2.2 team such as Mr Maran may have worked with other 23 specialists in building a broad view of a situation 24 and I might not necessarily be aware of smaller advisers 25 name by name, person by person.

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- 1 Q. Does the name IPREO, I-P-R-E-O, mean anything to you?
- A. Yes, IPREO -- I thought you were meaning at this period
 of time, IPREO is a proxy specialist that we engaged
 after the merger was announced.
- 5 Q. I understand. What did they do for you, sir?
- 6 A. So they were a group that specialises in helping you
- understand the identity of the shareholders of a company
 and to engage with them on particular issues.
- 9 Q. Much like the Deutsche Bank model, I'm afraid I don't
- 10 have IPREO's report because it has been withheld in
- 11 these proceedings. So perhaps we can't take that 12 further. I have your testimony.
- further. I have your testimony.
 Let's then come to look in more
- Let's then come to look in more detail at the first
 of those advisers, the one you refer to your witness
 statements It's IRC
- statements. It's IRC.
 First on nomenclature, just to make sure I have it,
- 17 IRC is in fact Investor Resources Counselors; that's
- 18 correct, isn't it?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And do I have it right that your principal interlocutor
- at IRC was a gentleman by the name of Martin Yupangco?A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And before Mr Yupangco founded IRC, he was in fact your
- 24 head of research at Elliott Hong Kong?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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- $\mathsf{Q}.$ Let's look at IRC's first report to you. It's at 1 2 exhibit C151. It's at volume 2 of the cross binder at 3 tab 12. {C/151/1}. 4 A. Yes. I'm at tab 12. 5 Q. We see that this first report of IRC is dated March 1 2015. You see that on the cover, Mr Smith? 6 7 A. I do. ves. Q. And just to contextualise once again by reference to 8 9 Elliott 's interests in Samsung C&T up to point, I have 10 it correct, do I not, that the day after this report, 11 March 2, 2015, you closed out of your remaining swap 12 positions and replaced them with shares? 13 Yes, on that day we undertook what's known as a cross, 14 I suppose, where we terminated swap contracts and 15 purchased shares. We did that, if I recall, because we 16 had been corresponding with Samsung C&T who were not 17 being helpful and engaging freely with us, which caused
- 18 us some concern.
- 19 Q. We will come on to that engagement in due course,
- 20 Mr Smith.
- 21 Focusing now on IRC, the report you have in front of
- 22 you, I understand your testimony to be that this report
- 23 confirmed that the NPS could be expected to be
- supportive of Samsung's strategy as a general matter.Do I have that right, sir?
 - nat right, sir :

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- 1 A. I don't agree with that characterisation. This was one 2 of a number of reports from IRC that included a lot of 3 information. Part of the reports actually talked about 4 the voting procedures at NPS, the presence of an outside 5 voting committee, and a number of aspects that we viewed 6 as ensuring that they would behave in accordance with 7 shareholder value in making decisions. 8 $\mathsf{Q}.\;\;\mathsf{I}$ promise we will come on to look at those aspects, sir, 9 but just on this general characterisation of the IRC 10 advice, can I ask you to turn up your first witness 11 statement, please, Mr Smith? 12 A. Yes 13 Q. And go with me to paragraph 26. A. Yes 14 15 Q. You say in the second sentence there: 16 "The report further confirmed [that's the IRC report] that although the NPS could be expected to be 17 18 supportive of Samsung's strategy as a general matter, 19 that support would not trump the application of its 2.0 investment principles in performance of [what you call 21 the] NPS's governmental duties."
- 22 Do you see that, sir?
- 23 A. I do, yes. {D1/1/11}
- 24 Q. Very good. Let's look at what IRC actually said
- 25 together. You can put the witness statement away for

- 1 now 2 So it's $\{C/151/1\}$, the first IRC report of March 1, 3 2015. Go with me, if you would, to $\{C/151/3\}.$ 4 5 A. Yes. Q. This is IRC's summary of its advice to Elliott . Take 6 7 a moment to read the last bullet there for me, sir. 8 (Pause) 9 A. Yes. Q. It says: 10 11 "According to historical events involving 12 conglomerates' affiliates and NPS, NPS has without 13 exceptions exercised its appraisal right when the 14 execution price for appraisal right was higher than 15 market price.' 16 Do you see that, sir? A. I do, yes. 17 18 Q. And if we jump ahead to the merger in issue in these 19 proceedings, you know, don't you, sir, that in July 2015 the execution price for the appraisal right for Samsung 20 21 C&T was not above its market price? 2.2
- A. Yes, but the -- you can only exercise your appraisal 23
- right if you voted against a merger, is my understanding 24 of Korean law. So -- yes, I think that's an important
- 25 point in the context of that bullet there, and actually

- 1 you will be aware in the bullet prior it talks about
- 2 them abstaining in a Samsung merger just recently. So
- 3 yes, you said in 2015 the price of the dissenting option
- 4 was below. Yes. Is that what you said?
- 5 Q. That's right, yes.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you agreed with me, sir.
- 8 A. I can't remember the exact stock price, but yes, I think 9 that's correct. that sounds correct.
- 10 Q. Making good on that general statement of principle in
- 11 the final bullet point of IRC's summary of its advice to
- 12 you, it then goes through several prior Chaebol mergers, 13 and it does that on page 4 of the IRC's first report to
- 14 you. Do you have page 4?
- 15 A. I do. ves. {C/151/4}
- 16 Q. We can see there it sets out the appraisal right price 17 and the market price for each of the mergers there
- 18 listed .
- 19 Do you see that, sir?
- 20 A. So I have the name of the transaction. You said the
- 21 appraisal price, yes?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. And the share price, yes.
- 24 Q. And the table shows, to make sure we're reading it the
- 25 same, that as long as the share price was higher than

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- 1 the appraisal price, the NPS voted in favour of the 2 merger?
- 3 A. Say that one more time?
- 4 Q. And the table shows to make sure we're reading it the
- 5 same that as long as the share price was higher than the appraisal price, the NPS voted in favour of the merger?
- 6 7 A. No, I think in some of these cases NPS's voting is not
- 8 identified . Isn't that what it says? 9
- Q. Let's go to look at that in more detail then. 10 The first of those that is said here to be not
- 11 identified is a Hyundai merger. If you come with me to
- 12 page 7 of the IRC report $\{C/151/7\}$. It's actually
- 13 an unnumbered page but it is the page between 6 and 8?
- 14 A. Yes
- 15 Q. And the page is headed "Merger of Hyundai Mobis and
- 16 Hyundai Autonet - 2008 "
- 17 Do you have it?
- 18 A Yes
- Q. And we see there in the first sentence of the second 19
- 20 paragraph the NPS exercised its appraisal rights; do you
- 21 see that?
- 22 A. In the -- sorry, the --
- 23 Q. First sentence of the second paragraph under the graphs.
- 24 A Yes
- 25 Q. And the merger failed then, didn't it?

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- 1 A. I don't remember reviewing this merger in particular,
- 2 but if you're -- if you're telling me it failed , then
- 3 I'll take your word for it.
- 4 Q. Let's then look at the last sentence on this page 7 on
- the Hyundai merger. After it failed the first time, 5
- 6 Hyundai tried the same merger again six months later;
- 7 you see that, sir? 8 A. Yes
- 9 Q. And that second attempt succeeded: do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes
 - Q. Let's then go to the next example. It's on page 8 of
- 11 12
- IRC's first report to you, $\{C/151/8\}$. Page 8 is headed "Merger of Lotte Chemical and KP Chemical - 2009"; do 13
- 14 you see that?
- A. Yes. 15
- 16 Q. And go with me to the last sentence of the second
- paragraph. You see there in IRC's advice to you that 17
- 18 the NPS likewise exercised its appraisal rights for this
- 19 merger; do you see that, sir?
- 20 A. Yes
- 21 Q. And again, the appraisal price was higher than the stock 2.2
 - price?
- Are you asking me to look at the two diagrams and deduce 23 Α. 24 that?
- 25 Q. You can look at the diagrams, sir, or at the text in the

- 1 second paragraph.
- 2 A. Yes, they exercised their appraisal right. I see that.
- 3 Q. And the appraisal price was higher than the stock price?
- 4 A Yes
- 5 Q. And the merger failed; that's right, isn't it?
- A. Yes. 6
- 7 Q. And if we look to the final sentence here, after that 8 Chaebol merger failed, Lotte attempted it again about
- 9 three years later. Do you see that, Mr Smith?
- 10 A Yes
- 11 Q. And it succeeded this time in February 2012; do you see
- 12 that?
- 13 A. Yes
- Q. Now, in this report to you, IRC also looked at the NPS's 14 15 investment holdings across the Samsung Group. Let's look at those together. It requires us to go back 16
- 17 a couple of pages to page 6, if you would, please
- 18 {C/151/6}.
- 19 A. Sorry, you said page 6?
- 20 Q. Page 6.

- 21 A. Does it have a number?
- 22 Q. It does have a number.
- 23 A. There you go.
- 24 Q. And I'm looking at the second table on page 6, headed
 - "NPS's holdings of Samsung equities in order of amount";

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- 1 do you see that, sir?
- 2 A. I do, yes.
- 3 Q. If we look at the second column from the right, it has
- 4 amount in Korean Won, and we go down the bottom, we see
- 5 total NPS holdings according to this IRC advice to
- Elliott of some 20.4 trillion Korean Won in Samsung 6
- 7 Group companies. We see that, sir?
- A. I see that number, yes. 8
- 9 Q. And crudely I'm violating my promise of not asking you 10 to perform mathematics, crudely that's a little under
- 11 20 billion US dollars; is that right?
- 12 A. It sounds correct, I think. Korean Won was 1,110 around 13 that time. So it sounds correct.
- 14 Q. Very good, thank you.
- 15 IRC, as you rightly said earlier, also advised
- 16 Elliott on NPS decision-making processes. Let's move to
- that subject. To do that can I ask you to go back with 17
- 18 me to the summary, please, on page 3 $\{C/151/3\}.$
- 19 A. I'm on page 3.
- 20 ${\sf Q}. \ \, {\sf And} \ \, {\sf look} \ \, {\sf with} \ \, {\sf me} \ \, {\sf at} \ \, {\sf the} \ \, {\sf second} \ \, {\sf bullet} \ \, {\sf point} \ \, {\sf there.} \ \, {\sf Do}$ 21 vou see it . sir?
- 2.2 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. It savs:
- 24 "The CIO is Chairman of the Investment Committee
- 25 which is the highest decision-making body for particular

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- 1 investment-related issues, such as voting at 2 shareholders' meetings and exercising appraisal rights." 3 Do you see that, Mr Smith? 4 A. I see that, yes. Yes. 5 Q. IRC never advised you that the so-called Special Committee or Experts Voting Committee would necessarily 6 7 vote on a Chaebol merger, did it, sir? A. IRC's analysis indicated to me that the -- for 8 9 percentage stakes that were as high as this, there would 10 be a strong likelihood that decisions could be referred 11 to the outside voting committee. I believe that 12 actually happened for the SK merger shortly after this 13 merger was announced. What it didn't do was suggest that the only criterion that NPS used in assessing how 14 15 to vote in mergers was the appraisal price. My 16 take-away from the report was that they would be focused
- 17 on what was in the best interests of all shareholders --
- 18 best interests of shareholder value, rather, in making
- 19 their decisions.
- $\mathsf{Q}.\;\;\mathsf{I}$ have your testimony, sir, that there was a strong 20
- 21 likelihood that decisions could be referred to the 22 outside voting committee. To test that we need to look
- 23 at a further iteration of the IRC report. It's the
- 24 final IRC report. I would ask if you would turn it up
- 25 for me. It's exhibit C-166. It's in volume 2 of the

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- cross binder, the same volume, and it's tab 14 1
- {C/166/1}. 2
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 Q. We can see on the cover it's dated April 20, 2015. Do
- 5 you see that, Mr Smith?
- A. I do, yes. 6
- 7 Q. And the cover tells us that new material is highlighted
- 8 in yellow in this final edition of the report; do you 9 see that?
- 10 A. I see that, yes.
- 11 ${\sf Q}.\;$ And then turn with me past the table of contents once
- 12 again, the page numbering leaves a bit to be desired,
- 13 past the table of contents and to page 2 in the body,
- 14 the entire page is highlighted in yellow. The page is
- 15 headed "National Pension Fund's decision process on the
- exercise of voting rights". Do you have it, Mr Smith 16
- 17 {C/166/6}?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. On that page 2, that yellow highlighted page 2, go with 20
 - me to the third bullet down, please.
- 21 A Yes
- 2.2 Q. Just take a moment to read that third bullet.
- 23 (Pause)
- 24 A. Yes.
- $\mathsf{Q}.\;\;\mathsf{IRC}\mathsf{'s}$ advice was that if the NPS fund's interest in 25

1		a particular company exceeded a de minimis level such
2		that decisions could not be taken by a single NPS
3		executive alone, then the fund's voting rights shall be
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4		exercised after deliberation and resolution by the
5		Investment Committee. Do you see that in that third
6		bullet point?
7	Α.	I see that in the bullet, yes.
8	Q.	And then if we go to the top of page 3 in the same
9		document {C/166/7}?
10	Α.	Page 3?
11	Q.	Page 3. Also all highlighted in yellow.
12		The first full bullet at page 3, it begins "When it
13		difficult to make a decision", do you see that, sir?
14	Α.	The hyphenated section?
15	Q.	Exactly. It's a dash rather than a bullet?
16	Α.	IRC's grammar is lacking here.
17	Q.	It is indeed:
18		"When it difficult to make a decision, Investment
19		Committee reports to the CEO about the item concerned,
20		and the CEO requests the Council of Experts on the
21		Exercise of Voting Rights to make the decision."
22		Do you see that?
23	Α.	I see that, yes. I'm also aware in this report that the
24		Voting Committee could also proactively request
25		decisions which I believe appears later on, but I see

1	the point you're referring to.
2	Q. Very good.
3	You were encouraged by this advice. That's right,
4	isn't it, Mr Smith?
5	A. Yes, I was encouraged that there were procedures in
6	place and that the NPS would be focused on shareholder
7	value.
8	MR LINGARD: I have your testimony, thank you, sir.
9	I'm conscious of the time. I'm sorry that the
10	adjustment to our schedule means, although perhaps it
11	was always the case, means that you will have to be held
12	in purdah overnight. But this may be a convenient time
13	to break and we can resume our discussion in the
14	morning.
15	Thank you very much, Mr Smith, and Mr President,
16	thank you.
17	THE WITNESS: Thank you. Thank you.
18	THE PRESIDENT: Only two of them work at the same time.
19	Thank you, Mr Smith. I should remind you, as
20	already Mr Lingard foreshadowed, you should not be
21	speaking with anybody about your testimony today on
22	either side. So there would be a sort of a quarantine,
23	even if it's not because of the pandemic.
24	You can go to the gym, of course, and have a dinner
25	in peace and quiet. Thank you very much.

like to raise before we close today? MR PARTASIDES: Not on our side, thank you, Mr President. MR TURNER: Not on ours. Thank you. THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. We will then resume 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. (6.13 pm) (The hearing adjourned until 9.00 am on Wednesday, 17 November 2021)

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