

**Media Statement for NDTV 24x7, New Delhi India
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For Rajpal Kohli, Economic Affairs Editor

I apologise that I was unable to take your call earlier as I am not in Switzerland and have just received your email questions.

I am not and have never been a member of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Coordination Commission nor have I served on any other position on the CGF. EKS is retained to provide technical services to the CGF including the support of its Commonwealth Games Knowledge Management Programme and we have provided technical advice to the CGF and its Coordination Commission.

In all cases our involvement with the CGF or the Delhi 2010 Organising Committee has been disclosed to both parties who have agreed that there has been no conflict of interest. On any occasion where EKS representatives, including me, have considered that there was a potential for conflict between the parties (not necessarily a conflict of interest) we have advised both parties and excluded ourselves from any proceedings or deliberations.

Given that we are consultants, our clients usually require that we keep our contracts confidential and this is the case in relation to Delhi 2010. We are however able to confirm that we have provided support for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in areas of:

- Venue appraisal, venue briefs and monitoring to assist the achievement of those venue briefs(This role has ended) and
- In a consortium with Ernst and Young (E&Y), with E&Y being the Lead partner and EKS the Technical partner, we provide planning and project management support and workforce support (ongoing).

In regard to Ithaca Australia Pty Ltd (Ithaca) which is an Australia entity involved with my family trust in Australia, details of which are disclosed through the proper regulatory bodies in Australia, your interpretation of the shareholding of Ithaca is incorrect. Mr. Bushell or Sports Marketing and Management (SMAM) does not have any involvement whatsoever in Ithaca. In fact there is no business or financial link between SMAM and EKS, or SMAM and me.

For your background information, Ithaca, which is one of the trustees of the McLatchey Family Trust, holds one "F" class share in a private investment company of the Bushell family. This F class share has no voting rights, no capital rights and no fixed dividends.

This shareholding arises out of my friendship with the Bushell family. I have known Mr. Bushell and his family since 1986. This one F class share is part of the estate planning for Mr. Bushell and his wife and was done to facilitate on-going support for Mr. and Mrs. Bushell's children in the event of the simultaneous death of Mr. and Mrs. Bushell. I do not anticipate gaining any benefit from any future distribution either personally, through EKS or my Family Trust.

This shareholding has nothing to do with EKS, SMAM or any of the work EKS does in relation to the Commonwealth Games in Delhi or anywhere else for that matter.

Craig McLatchey or EKS hold no business interests or voting or controlling rights in Sports Marketing and Management or in any other company owned by Mr. Bushell.

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