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 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 -- I'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:
 25 "We have come to understand that a possible

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1 interpretation of the documents disclosed for request
 2 number 15 [that's the one that I have just read out to
 3 you] is that they are 'hedging transactions'."
 4 You will remember that Professor Dow has reached
 5 that conclusion as well and I'll raise that in a just
 6 a moment.
 7 "As such, the documents disclosed for request
 8 number 15 would also on that interpretation fall within
 9 the terms of the tribunal's order in respect of request
 10 number 16."
 11 Which says:
 12 "All documents evidencing any hedging transactions
 13 such as short selling or transactions in derivatives
 14 other than the swap contracts ..."
 15 Which was a defined term and you will remember the
 16 debate about whether the original swap contracts were
 17 investments:
 18 "... conducted by EALP and/or the Elliott Group
 19 involving SC&T and/or Cheil in the period from
 20 November 2014 to the end of September 2015."
 21 That was again objected to on the basis that we had
 22 put forward no evidential basis that the Claimant had
 23 engaged or anybody else in the Elliott Group had engaged
 24 in undefined hedging transactions but the tribunal
 25 granted 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
6 been made on the Cheil swaps of a number that was almost
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
16 loss. There are a number of double negatives in all of
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
20 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

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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.

6 So we have, without the underlying documents, looked
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
20 application to introduce the spreadsheet and supporting
21 documents into evidence, we would not oppose that
22 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.

4 That is the position, sir. I wanted to draw all of
5 that to your attention now as there may be an
6 application from my learned friend to introduce further
7 documents relating to the Cheil swaps into evidence. At
8 the moment there is no such application. We are invited
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
20 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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1 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. There is at present no
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.

20 The Respondent has had those short swap transactions
21 since disclosure at that time and indeed relied upon
22 those short swap transaction documents in its Rejoinder
23 submission and in the report of its expert,
24 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.

6 As we sat with James Smith, who you will hear from
7 later today, on Sunday to walk through with him
8 documents on the record in this arbitration in the
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 I can.

19 These short swaps are entered into broadly on the
20 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
6 dropped, and as a basis of that assumption, the swaps
7 would result in further trading gains that would result
8 from the merger not proceeding. That is the
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.

20 So his interpretation, when we spoke to him on
21 Sunday, is that these should also be seen as a hedging
22 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
6 in that additional time period. Indeed, we made
7 a request that our client identify all of those
8 transactions even if they extended beyond the time
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
19 them with, and we are making efforts to obtain all of
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
25 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
25 shares in SC&T that we held. It only pertained to that

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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 documents to make the application to introduce them on
23 to the record.

24 But I see no reason why that should interfere with
25 having them added to the record as soon as possible, and

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 THE PRESIDENT: Just to understand for the time being what
7 has been produced is a spreadsheet listing those
8 documents but the underlying documents have not been
9 produced to the Respondent?

10 MR PARTASIDES: That's right, and we are making efforts to
11 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.

15 THE PRESIDENT: Mr Turner?

16 MR TURNER: Thank you, sir.

17 I won't fall into the same trap as my learned friend
18 and try to give evidence about what these transactions
19 were. We will no doubt hear from the experts in due
20 course about them.

21 Again, I don't think we should stand on ceremony as
22 to who makes the application. I think we all agree that
23 these documents should be introduced into evidence and
24 the spreadsheet as soon as possible and then it will be
25 a matter of their being dealt with now that the full

1 picture is available by Professor Dow, and as I say, we
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
5 said in answer to questions today and tomorrow morning,
6 we reserve the right to ask Mr Smith to return.

7 THE PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you very much. So for the time
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

16 MR TURNER: Thank you very much, sir. Good morning properly
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 yesterday a series of
25 questions to the tribunal. It's obviously very kind of

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
14 Mr [REDACTED] from his father and his taking over the
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
20 Korea is a State governed by the rule of law.
21 Wrongdoing was found and that wrongdoing has been dealt
22 with by the courts, or is being dealt with by the
23 courts.

24 I should add that I deprecate the seeming attempt to
25 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
 6 just from the prosecutor, but obviously from the
 7 defendant.

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
 20 that gave rise to the court proceedings about which we
 21 will hear a lot.

22 In so doing, the arbitrators will need to decide who
 23 did what, when. There are large numbers of disputed
 24 facts in this proceeding and you will hear from my
 25 learned friend Mr Lingard about a number of those during

1 the course of today. But you will have to look at the
 2 precise dates on which things happened. You will have
 3 to decide whether there is evidence, and we say there is
 4 none, that there was a bribe from Mr ██████ to former
 5 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
 16 has been selective in the way in which it has addressed
 17 you on the facts of the court decisions, the facts of
 18 the evidence given by individuals in those court
 19 proceedings, confusing those statements with those made
 20 to the prosecutor before the proceedings went ahead.
 21 You will need to look very carefully at all of those and
 22 Mr Lingard will draw your attention to a number of them
 23 this morning.

24 Sir, I now pick up as part of this brief
 25 introduction the theme of the Claimant's loss.

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,
 8 denominated in US dollars, but in Korean Won which is
 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
 16 bought for -- again the US dollar number -- the
 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.

20 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
 24 that the investment in Cheil swaps, and I remind you
 25 that you the Claimant itself says in paragraph 12 of its

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
 20 before the merger announcement date to be bought back,
 21 and there's a statutory formula for assessing the price.
 22 That price was challenged and the Seoul High Court
 23 determined that it should be appraised -- the price of
 24 the shares should be appraised at a date at which all
 25 influence of the merger was removed, and they chose the

1 period leading up to December 2014.
 2 I will talk about this in more detail in due course,
 3 but as a result of that proceeding the Claimant has
 4 already received money. My learned friend Ms Snodgrass
 5 set the receipts out in her tables yesterday, and the
 6 Claimant has indeed given credit for what it has
 7 received.

8 It stands to receive, if the decision of the Seoul
 9 High Court is upheld on appeal, a further, we think —
 10 it's all arithmetic, but there are moving parts —
 11 approximately on the Claimant's own preferred exchange
 12 rate 64 million US dollars more.

13 We will have to determine with you how we deal with
 14 that potential further recovery. But you need to bear
 15 in mind three numbers: a \$43 million trading loss,
 16 a profit on Cheil swaps of, we now think, something over
 17 \$60 million on the Claimant's exchange rate, and
 18 a potential further recovery of some \$64 million in the
 19 buy back litigation.

20 Sir, you will also hear from us during the course of
 21 today about the continuing changes and contradictions in
 22 the Claimant's case on damages. Quite how they expect
 23 to be able to recover, to realise the so-called
 24 intrinsic value of the — of SC&T.

25 We say that is wholly unrealistic. We say because

1 both of the experts agree that the market was efficient,
 2 that the market price is the way of assessing any loss
 3 that you may find the Claimants deserve.

4 If there is a doubt about the reliability of that
 5 price, then the market price should be adjusted, exactly
 6 as the Seoul High Court did in choosing a time to assess
 7 the price for the buy back litigation before the merger
 8 had any effect upon it.

9 We will hear from the experts in due course on that,
 10 and that will be the subject of, I hope, very serious
 11 discussion.

12 There is a further point that was not really touched
 13 upon by my learned friend yesterday, and that is that
 14 although the Claimant had bought 7.7 million shares
 15 before the merger announcement date, and those are the
 16 shares the subject of the buy back litigation, it bought
 17 a further 3.4 million shares after the merger
 18 announcement date. Clearly — I don't deny this — the
 19 Claimant hoped that the merger would not happen. But it
 20 took a gamble. It is not the job of this tribunal to
 21 effectively give the Claimant the benefit of a bet it
 22 made and lost. It did gamble. That's a bit its job.
 23 It lost. It now has to live with the consequences of
 24 the gamble that it willingly undertook.

25 Sir, I now turn to Mr Lingard who will talk you

1 through the facts.

2 Opening submissions by MR LINGARD

3 MR LINGARD: Mr President, members of the tribunal, good
 4 morning. In the next hour or so my aim will be to
 5 proceed methodically and importantly chronologically
 6 through the facts in the record before us.

7 I begin underscoring the importance of chronology,
 8 as we proceed we would urge the members of the tribunal
 9 respectfully to pay particular attention to the timeline
 10 of events and the interrelation or lack of interrelation
 11 between events in that timeline.

12 So I start with the context for the Claimant's
 13 investment in Korea. That is, as the members of the
 14 tribunal well know, and as we heard at some length
 15 yesterday, Korea's Chaebol system. That is the system
 16 in which the Claimant made its investment.

17 Let me begin with a definition. You heard it
 18 yesterday but it's important, so I repeat it.

19 A Chaebol is a diversified business group comprising
 20 companies under the control of the founder or his heirs.
 21 Now, that definition is the definition put forward by
 22 the Claimant's own expert on corporate governance
 23 matters from whom we will hear in the coming days,
 24 Professor Curtis Milhaupt.

25 The question that then arises how that founding

1 family maintains control and the answer to that question
 2 lies at the very heart of the Chaebol concept.

3 The answer is not in the form of majority
 4 shareholdings. At least as Chaebols traditionally have
 5 been understood, we need to move away from traditional
 6 hierarchical corporate structures familiar to many of us
 7 with well-defined parent subsidiary relationships down
 8 a vertical corporate tree.

9 On the contrary, as they have traditionally been
 10 understood at least, Chaebol are characterised by
 11 inextricably complex, labyrinthine even, shareholding
 12 structures. These are not simple hierarchies.

13 So, for example, as we heard yesterday, they tend to
 14 be cross shareholdings where companies hold shares in
 15 each other.

16 There also tend to be circular shareholdings where
 17 companies notionally down the corporate tree hold
 18 shareholdings in notional parents several layers up.

19 It's through these complex structures that founding
 20 families maintain control over all of the companies in
 21 the group, even if in fact their equity interests in
 22 each company are comparatively small.

23 In other words, equity is divorced from control, and
 24 that separation of equity and control is described in
 25 the expert reports before you and in the corporate

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.
 5 It is the Samsung Chaebol. It is Korea's largest, and
 6 I'm now on slide 2 in our deck.
 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 quarter of the total
 18 market capitalisation of Seoul's KOSPI index. And that
 19 same single company, just one company in the group,
 20 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

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
 5 premerger.
 6 You might, gentlemen, call it a spaghetti diagram
 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
 20 Claimant's own expert, Professor Milhaupt, on slide 4.
 21 He tells us that what he characterises as dynastic
 22 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,

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
 5 point in our chronology, the Claimant still owned no
 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
 20 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

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,
 20 and you can see the merger supported by the securities
 21 analyst there quoted.
 22 Now, I call up this particular report not because
 23 it's unique. To the contrary, it's wholly consistent.
 24 But this one, as I have said, is interesting for its
 25 timing. Recall once again that at this point in time

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

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.
 5 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

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

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 [REDACTED] family and that
 2 Samsung might get government support for the merger if
 3 only Samsung lobbied for it, given Samsung's size and
 4 status.
 5 Again, to bring this back to the Claimant's
 6 purchases of shares in SC&T, at this point in time it
 7 held less than 2 million of the 11 million SC&T shares
 8 it would come to own.
 9 The next month, so I'm now in March 2015, Elliott
 10 consolidated its own research on Samsung's relationship
 11 with the Government and also on how the NPS managed its
 12 investments. I have an extract from that updated
 13 internal research note on slide 15.
 14 We see that Elliott's view as reported in this
 15 internal note was that the Korean Government viewed
 16 Samsung's performance as a proxy -- that's the word
 17 Elliott used, a proxy -- for the performance of the
 18 wider Korean economy.
 19 As I foreshadowed, Elliott was at this time also
 20 looking at how the NPS made its investment decisions.
 21 I have some extracts on that over on slide 16 that's now
 22 on the screen.
 23 As we can see, Elliott noted at the time, March of
 24 2015, that the NPS tends to consider its portfolio in
 25 the aggregate rather than as investments in single

1 specific companies. Elliott got that wholly correct, as
 2 we'll come on to see.
 3 In the final part of this extract on slide 16,
 4 Elliott describes its understanding of the NPS as
 5 various decision-making committees. It got some of
 6 these details wrong, but one point on the screen in this
 7 extract is right, and it concerns lawyers serving on the
 8 so-called Special Committee, or as the Claimant
 9 describes it, the Experts Voting Committee.
 10 You can see that Elliott described the lawyers on
 11 that committee as the swing votes, and you, gentlemen,
 12 will hear from the lawyer on the committee, the Special
 13 Committee at the time of this merger vote in the coming
 14 days. He is the ROK's fact witness in these
 15 proceedings, Mr [REDACTED]. It is his testimony
 16 before you in these proceedings that he simply does not
 17 know how the Special Committee would have voted had the
 18 matter come to it.
 19 We have been looking at Elliott's internal research
 20 efforts, but that was not where Elliott stopped, as one
 21 would expect, it also engaged a whole raft of external
 22 advisers to assist it with this investment.
 23 One of those external advisers was a company called
 24 Investor Resources Counselors, or IRC. It issued
 25 a report to Elliott in March 2015. I don't have it on

1 the slide, but for your note, it's exhibit C-151. It
 2 repays close study.
 3 On Elliott's instruction, IRC studied the voting
 4 pattern of the NPS on previous Chaebol mergers; and IRC
 5 advised Elliott that without exception, without
 6 exception, the NPS had objected to a Chaebol merger and
 7 instead taken its buy back right, appraisal right, if
 8 the buy back price was higher than the stock price on
 9 the market.
 10 Now, I'll come on to this too in more detail in due
 11 course. That's the law on the appraisal right. But as
 12 we know, in short, it is a put right for shareholders
 13 who object to a particular merger instead of supporting
 14 the merger, they can exercise a statutory right to be
 15 paid a statutorily fixed buy back price.
 16 The advice from IRC to Elliott was simple. Based on
 17 past practice, without exception, the NPS would oppose
 18 a merger if the appraisal price was higher than the
 19 stock price on the market.
 20 The converse was also true: the NPS would support
 21 a merger if the stock price exceeded the buy back price.
 22 That's IRC's unambiguous advice to Elliott from the
 23 earliest days of its investment.
 24 I have been focused on IRC, but as I have said,
 25 there's a whole range of other advisers' reports

1 referenced. I use the word "referenced" advisedly in
 2 the record before you.
 3 Now, until we received the Claimant's privilege log,
 4 we knew nothing of Elliott's work with the consultancy
 5 called Spectrum Asia. No mention of that at all in the
 6 written testimony of Mr Smith or in the Claimant's
 7 written submissions.
 8 The members of the tribunal will recall that we
 9 objected to the Claimant's withholding of the reports
 10 produced by this consultancy, Spectrum Asia, and indeed
 11 to hundreds of other documents listed on that privilege
 12 log. For my part, I think the longest and yet the
 13 barest privilege log I've ever seen in arbitration
 14 practice.
 15 In the event of an extensive correspondence, the
 16 Claimant eventually produced one of the Spectrum Asia
 17 reports. It is another report that repays close study.
 18 It is another report that evidences immediately why the
 19 Claimant went to such lengths to withhold it from this
 20 tribunal.
 21 It's in the record before you at exhibit R-255.
 22 It's dated March 19, 2015, but we know from that
 23 privilege log I have already referenced that the first
 24 version of the report came even earlier. The first
 25 version evidently was dated February 27, 2015. For your

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
 6 in time, early 2015, the Claimant had barely dipped its
 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,
 14 "the only feasible possibility to manage Samsung's
 15 succession issues". They went on to advise Elliott that
 16 a merger between Samsung C&T and Cheil was inevitable,
 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
 20 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

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
 12 inevitable merger. That announcement was made on
 13 May 26, 2015, and I have the announcement extracted on
 14 slide 20.
 15 We see that the boards of both companies announced
 16 that they had approved a proposal for Cheil to acquire
 17 and merge with Samsung C&T. The proposal was for the
 18 new merged company to be named "Samsung C&T
 19 Corporation". The merger ratio was set at 1:0.35 which
 20 meant that shareholders in the old SC&T would get 0.35
 21 shares in the new entity for every one share they held
 22 in the old SC&T.
 23 Now, I'll come on shortly to the reactions in the
 24 market to this announcement, but I first need to step
 25 briefly off our chronology to introduce several relevant

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.
 5 It's summarised on slide 21 in an extract from one of
 6 the proxy advisory firm reports on which the Claimant
 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 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
 20 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

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
 20 the price is the appraisal price.
 21 Again, the legal regime on this is summarised neatly
 22 in one of the proxy advisory reports on which counsel
 23 opposite relies. This is a report from ISS and I have
 24 it extracted on slide 23.
 25 For this particular merger the buy back price was

1 set by statute. We can see it a little over
 2 57,000 Korean Won per share.
 3 We can also see in this extract from the ISS report,
 4 the trading price, the market price of SC&T shares was
 5 consistently above the appraisal price. At the time of
 6 the ISS report, it was a little over 66,000 Won a share.
 7 That, as I have already suggested, is one simple way
 8 a shareholder might decide whether to support a deal.
 9 The rational choice may well be the simple choice.
 10 Support the deal if the stock price is above the buy
 11 back price, but oppose the merger and take the buy back
 12 price if the buy back price is higher.
 13 Indeed, as we've seen, Elliott knew that that was
 14 the NPS's usual assessment. Elliott knew in the words
 15 of the advisers at IRC that that, without exception, is
 16 what the NPS had done on other Chaebol mergers.
 17 So with that background set, let me turn, as
 18 I presaged, to the market reactions to this announcement
 19 of the inevitable merger.
 20 As I do that, I want to take us to four
 21 perspectives, four reactions to the merger announcement.
 22 The first is to look at what happened to the share price
 23 of Samsung C&T. I show that on slide 24.
 24 Its share price jumped by 14.83%, and at one point
 25 in the days after the announcement peaked at 38% above

1 the pre-announcement price. That's SC&T.
 2 Let's then as our second perspective come to Cheil.
 3 That's to slide 25, and Cheil is the blue line there.
 4 Its price similarly surged. The Cheil stock price
 5 jumped by 14.98%.
 6 So those are the two merging companies. Let me come
 7 to a third perspective. Our third perspective on the
 8 announcement is that of the merging companies'
 9 competitors. I have that on slide 26. Quite unlike the
 10 shares of SC&T and Cheil, the stock prices of their
 11 competitors in the construction sector fell on the day
 12 of the announcement.
 13 I turn then to our fourth perspective on the formal
 14 announcement of the merger. It is of course the
 15 Claimant's own perspective. It's on slide 27, once
 16 again from Mr Smith's second witness statement.
 17 The Claimant's reaction was to buy still more shares
 18 and enter still more swap contracts referencing SC&T.
 19 Now, obviously enough it could at this point have made
 20 a different choice. It could have sold and in doing
 21 that, cashed in on the plum increase in the share price.
 22 On this counsel opposite yesterday told us, and I'm
 23 quoting from page 194 of the transcript, once that
 24 proposal -- that is the merger -- was on the table, the
 25 question of what rules of thumb should be followed for

1 making purchase of SC&T shares, which is the question
 2 that the trading plans principally answered, was
 3 displaced by the more exigent: what loss are we facing
 4 and what can we do to avoid it?
 5 If in fact, members of the tribunal, that was the
 6 question animating the Claimant at this point in time,
 7 the Claimant's approach after the merger was announced
 8 could have been a very simple one indeed. It could have
 9 sold and in doing that it would have made a handsome
 10 profit.
 11 But instead it piled in. The Claimant kept buying
 12 until, as we now know, and accumulated a little over
 13 11 million shares in Samsung C&T. With that, a 7.12%
 14 interest in the company.
 15 Let me put that 7.12% stake in the context of the
 16 overall shareholder landscape. As I do that, recall
 17 once again that for the merger to pass required the
 18 support of one-third of all shareholders and two-thirds
 19 of those shareholders actually voting, actually present
 20 at the extraordinary general meeting.
 21 There's a helpful doughnut chart one might call it
 22 from one of the press reports setting out the overall
 23 shareholder landscape, and I have that extracted on
 24 slide 28.
 25 We see Elliott there to the left in green with its

1 7.12% holding. There's also a significant slice of
 2 other foreign investors totalling nearly 27%. That's
 3 the blue portion towards the bottom of the circle.
 4 And over to the right of the circle in grey you see
 5 domestic institutions identified as holding 10.19% of
 6 the stock. We come then to Samsung and its affiliates.
 7 They're shown at the top of the circle in blue with
 8 13.82%. And then just under that a company called KCC
 9 is identified separately in orange with a stake of
 10 5.96%.
 11 KCC is identified separately here because it was
 12 said to be aligned with Samsung, and that was a fact
 13 that Elliott knew.
 14 We come then to the NPS, to the bottom right in
 15 yellow. We see it had 11.21% of SC&T stock.
 16 So before we leave this overview of Samsung C&T
 17 shareholders, just a little arithmetic territory into
 18 which I wade with trepidation, but the arithmetic is
 19 simple.
 20 Recall that for the vote to pass required the
 21 support of 33.3% of all shareholders. So we see
 22 immediately that Samsung, KCC and the NPS, if one
 23 assumes the NPS was to vote in favour, were not enough.
 24 That would get you to just 31%.
 25 That's before we even come to the second voting

1 threshold. That is the requirement of the support of
2 two-thirds of those shareholders actually voting at the
3 extraordinary general meeting. The arithmetic on that
4 is somewhat more complicated, but again, relatively
5 simple, and the result is clear. If we assume for these
6 purposes a voter turnout of between 75% and 85%, Samsung
7 C&T would require an additional 19 to 25% of all
8 shareholders to support the merger in order for it to
9 pass. That's beyond the affirmative votes of Samsung,
10 KCC and the NPS.

11 So we've seen the NPS's shareholding in Samsung C&T.
12 Let me step once again briefly off our chronology to
13 describe the process by which the NPS was to decide how
14 to vote its shares in this merger.

15 The starting point is this. The NPS's investment
16 decisions, including how to vote shares, were made by
17 a committee comprised of the Chief Investment Officer of
18 the NPS and 11 other senior members of the investment
19 management division of the NPS. That, as we well know,
20 is the Investment Committee of the NPS.

21 Let me take you to the NPS's Voting Guidelines. In
22 doing that, I'm on slide 29.

23 We've heard a great deal about another committee,
24 the Special Committee or the Experts Voting Committee.
25 What do the guidelines have to say about that? They

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1 tell us that the Investment Committee found that if it
2 was difficult to decide on how to vote on a particular
3 matter, it could refer that decision to the external
4 committee, the Special Committee.

5 That's set out in both the Voting Guidelines of the
6 NPS and the Fund Operational Guidelines, and relevant
7 extracts are on this slide 29.

8 We can see that if the Investment Committee finds --
9 that's the word used, "finds" -- a matter difficult to
10 decide, it has the right, and note again in the blue
11 highlighting in the second row in the top extract, the
12 permissive "may", it may refer the matter to the Special
13 Committee.

14 So those are the regulations on the decision-making
15 process.

16 Let me come next to a point I foreshadowed earlier
17 this morning, coming out of Elliott's own research on
18 the NPS's investment practices. It's this. It's the
19 NPS's practice of viewing its portfolio in the aggregate
20 in an holistic fashion before making any investment
21 decision.

22 On this point, the record shows that the NPS held
23 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
2 investor in both Samsung C&T and Cheil. But the NPS
3 also, as the slide shows us, had material stakes in some
4 15 other Samsung Group companies.

5 As we'll come on to discuss, the proposed merger
6 between SC&T and Cheil was to affect not just those two
7 companies, but the entire group. That's because it
8 would have the effect of making the merged entity the
9 de facto holding company for the group.

10 So, as Elliott knew, the merger was relevant to the
11 NPS's entire portfolio of investments in the Samsung
12 Group. And as Elliott also knew, that's exactly how the
13 NPS would look at the matter.

14 In fact, NPS research that's in the record before
15 this tribunal showed that similar deals involving other
16 Chaebol in the past which had moved similarly to
17 a holding company structure had increased the value of
18 equities right across the relevant Chaebol group by more
19 than 15%. I don't have that on the slide, but for your
20 note, it's at exhibit R-61 at page 10. That's NPS
21 research from May of 2014.

22 I turn then to other views on the merger that
23 concerns us. It's fair to say that views in the market
24 were diverse, among the leading domestic Korean
25 securities analysts views the record shows were strongly

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1 positive. I have a summary of those on slide 31.

2 We can see that 21 of the 22 analysts polled for
3 this report viewed the merger positively and held an
4 optimistic view of the growth potential and future
5 corporate value of SC&T.

6 Now, it's worth noting that a year later -- I'm now
7 on slide 32 -- after a special prosecutor had been
8 appointed to investigate President [REDACTED], these analysts'
9 answers were consistent. 21 out of the 22 Korean
10 securities analysts still maintained their approval of
11 this merger.

12 But of course, as we know, the merger also had its
13 detractors and Elliott was prime among them.

14 Having then increased its stake in Samsung C&T to
15 7.12%, Elliott set about seeking to convince everyone,
16 analysts included, to side with it. In particular, the
17 record shows, and I don't have this on the slide, but
18 it's at exhibit R-262, that Elliott sought to garner the
19 support of proxy advisory firms to join Elliott's
20 opposition to the merger.

21 So I want briefly to look at the report of one of
22 those proxy advisory firms. It's ISS. You heard it
23 referenced yesterday by Claimant's counsel, and I have
24 it extracted on slide 33.

25 We can see despite, as ISS describes it, the very

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1 positive market reaction to the merger, ISS, as was said
 2 yesterday, recommended that SC&T shareholders vote
 3 against the transaction. But there's an important note
 4 of nuance and it's in the final extract on the slide.
 5 ISS also recognised that SC&T share price could fall by
 6 as much as in its calculation 22.6% in the short-term if
 7 the merger vote failed.

8 So having engaged with the proxy advisory firms, the
 9 results of one of which we see on this slide, the
 10 Claimant then turned next to the Korean courts.

11 I have on slide 34 an extract from its application
 12 to the court for an injunction to restrain the merger
 13 vote. The gravamen of that application was the
 14 Claimant's objection to the merger ratio.

15 The claim there was that although the ratio complied
 16 with the statute, it was, according to the Claimant,
 17 substantively unfair as compared to what it at the time
 18 called fair value derived by one of the big four
 19 accounting firms at Elliott's request. Elliott at that
 20 time did not disclose the identity of that big four
 21 accounting firm and it does not disclose it before this
 22 tribunal.

23 In the event, the Korean court dismissed the
 24 injunction application. I have the court's decision
 25 extracted on slide 35. It represents, we would say,

1 a return to economic orthodoxy. The court observed that
 2 the merger ratio was set by mandatory statutory formula,
 3 pegged to market prices, because such prices, and I'm
 4 quoting from the court, reflect an objective value of
 5 the shares.

6 That was July 1, 2015. Elliott next took its
 7 campaign to the Korean Government. In doing that, it
 8 wrote to the Financial Services Commission. It wrote to
 9 the Korean Fair Trade Commission. It wrote to the
 10 Ministry of Health and Welfare. And it wrote to the
 11 Chief of Staff of President [REDACTED].

12 Now, the first letter of those I need to show you is
 13 from July 7 of 2015. It's on slide 36 and it's to the
 14 Ministry of Health and Welfare.

15 In this letter Elliott urged the Ministry to,
 16 and I quote, properly discharge its responsibilities
 17 with regard to NPS by which Elliott evidently meant to
 18 force NPS to have the Special Committee take
 19 jurisdiction over how the NPS would vote on the proposed
 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 [REDACTED].

1 We can see that Elliott sought the attention of the
 2 office of the President, given what Elliott described as
 3 the importance of this merger to the Korean securities
 4 market and the broader Korean economy.

5 So we've seen Elliott's efforts to engage various
 6 agencies of the Government, including the office of the
 7 President with respect to the merger. And so I turn to
 8 look at the Government's consideration of this merger.

9 For its part, the Ministry of Health and Welfare
 10 monitored progress of the NPS's preparations for making
 11 a decision on the merger. I have an example of that on
 12 slide 38. It's a report from June 8, 2015, and we will
 13 see that having explained the background to the merger,
 14 there is a record there of the NPS's voting mechanism.

15 The report notes that [REDACTED]
 16 [REDACTED]. And we can see that [REDACTED]
 17 [REDACTED]
 18 [REDACTED]
 19 [REDACTED]
 20 [REDACTED]
 21 [REDACTED].

22 We also know from the record in this arbitration
 23 that the Ministry kept the office of the President --
 24 that is the Blue House -- informed of developments with
 25 respect to this merger. I have an example of that on

1 slide 39.

2 It's an email from July 8, 2015 from a Ministry of
 3 Health and Welfare official to a Blue House official,
 4 [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED].

6 One of the reports that appears to have been
 7 attached -- I have extracted that on slide 40, and in
 8 terms consistent with those we've seen elsewhere, it
 9 [REDACTED] And in doing
 10 that, it [REDACTED]
 11 [REDACTED].

12 So with that segue, let me then return from the
 13 organs of Government to the NPS and its preparations for
 14 deciding how to vote the funds' rights on this merger.

15 Counsel opposite yesterday spoke at great length
 16 about the NPS's vote on a close in time but wholly
 17 unrelated Chaebol merger. That's a merger involving
 18 companies in the SK Group, and it came for decision the
 19 month before the formal announcement of the SCT Cheil
 20 merger.

21 In particular, on June 17 of 2015, the Investment
 22 Committee of the NPS met to decide a whole host of
 23 issues, including, as they related to the SK Chaebol, as
 24 agenda item 1 for that meeting, the SK merger. We see
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1 that on slide 41.

2 As we also see on this slide , it was proposed that
3 that merger, the SK merger, be submitted to the Special
4 Committee.

5 As we turn to slide 42, we have the minutes from the
6 Investment Committee meeting where that matter was
7 considered, and we see immediately that they record no
8 more than that the IC members present at the meeting
9 agreed to submit the SK merger to the Special Committee.
10 And that's what happened.

11 It went to the Special Committee and the Special
12 Committee decided by a majority that the NPS should
13 oppose that other again wholly unrelated merger.

14 In the meantime we now know that the research
15 team --

16 MR GARIBALDI: Can I ask a question?

17 Mr Lingard, do you happen to know what the price of
18 the SK shares were at the time? In other words, does
19 the SK merger vote bear the theory that you have
20 espoused that the NPS follows that particular policy you
21 described?

22 MR LINGARD: Thank you, Mr Garibaldi. I have the question.

23 Let me revert to you, if I may, after the lunch break
24 with evidence, lest I misquote it before you now. We
25 will have an answer to you after the break if that's

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1 acceptable, sir .

2 So that was the SK merger.

3 THE PRESIDENT: Just to understand, the question is about
4 the relationship between the appraisal price of SK and
5 the market price at the time?

6 MR LINGARD: That is how I have understood the question,
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
24 achieving certain outcomes on instructions from figures
25 of authority within the NPS itself or from the Ministry

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1 of Health and Welfare, figures who were abusing their
2 positions .

3 Again, let me say it plainly . Those are serious
4 questions and they are of importance in the ongoing
5 Korean criminal proceedings.

6 But we say the relevant question in these
7 international proceedings before this arbitral tribunal
8 is how the Investment Committee in fact decided, whether
9 the Investment Committee in fact relied on that work,
10 that research work, that we understand to have been
11 problematic.

12 Indeed, that work may well have been flawed, and it
13 may very well give rise to liability in the Korean
14 proceedings. But the actual decision on the vote as
15 taken, we say, the relevant question before this
16 tribunal, shows that that analysis, that analysis of the
17 research team, was not relied upon by the members of the
18 Investment Committee.

19 So to make good on that statement, let me come first
20 to the agenda of the NPS Investment Committee meeting.
21 The meeting took place on July 10, 2015, and I have the
22 agenda on slide 43.

23 You will note right away that in contrast with the
24 agenda for the SK merger that I showed you a moment ago,
25 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 [REDACTED]
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

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 [REDACTED]
 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 slide 50. It's an example. It's IC member
 2 [REDACTED]. You can see his testimony was that [REDACTED]
 3 [REDACTED],
 4 and I quote:
 5 "[REDACTED]"
 6 [REDACTED]
 7 And the merger "[REDACTED]"
 8 [REDACTED]. He then went on to
 9 testify in the local proceedings, I quote:
 10 "[REDACTED]"
 11 [REDACTED]
 12 [REDACTED]"
 13 Consistent with the ISS advice:
 14 "[REDACTED]".
 15 That's one element of the additional colour
 16 I proposed to add to the minutes.
 17 The second requires me to return to the Claimant's
 18 opening from yesterday. And on that, gentlemen, we have
 19 provided a standalone demonstrative. I hope it is in
 20 your binders distributed by my colleague earlier this
 21 morning.
 22 With this standalone demonstrative we offer
 23 a response to Claimant's demonstrative 3 which was used
 24 twice in counsel's opening yesterday at slide 68 and
 25 134. It's a table that the Claimant used with brief

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 [REDACTED]. We
 19 see that in fact what he said was that [REDACTED]
 20 [REDACTED]. You see that in the first
 21 extract of the testimony there. [REDACTED]
 22 [REDACTED].
 23 [REDACTED].
 24 We also see he then clarifies that [REDACTED]
 25 [REDACTED], and we have already shown you this in our slide

1 deck, [REDACTED]
 2 [REDACTED].
 3 He was then asked at the bottom of this extract: [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED].
 5 [REDACTED].
 6 [REDACTED].
 7 [REDACTED]? His answer was [REDACTED].
 8 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].
 9 [REDACTED].
 10 If we then turn to page 3, the next name from the
 11 Claimant's demonstrative is [REDACTED] the head of
 12 the Domestic Equity office. His testimony, we see it
 13 plainly, I would say, it's in black and white, in fact
 14 it's in yellow, was that [REDACTED].
 15 [REDACTED].
 16 If we go to the bottom of this extract from his
 17 testimony, he says:
 18 "[REDACTED]
 19 [REDACTED]
 20 [REDACTED]"
 21 Turn then to page 4. The next name in the
 22 Claimant's demonstrative is [REDACTED] head of
 23 investment operation. The Claimant tells us that Mr [REDACTED]
 24 would have voted no but for the flawed synergy
 25 calculation. In fact, his testimony, as we see in the

1 middle of this extract, he's asked, [REDACTED]
 2 [REDACTED].
 3 [REDACTED]? And he says,
 4 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED].
 6 Turn then to slide 5 in our standalone
 7 demonstrative. The next name from the Claimant's list,
 8 IC member [REDACTED] head of overseas alternative
 9 investment. He was asked, and this is the second
 10 highlighted extract on slide 5 of our standalone
 11 demonstrative. He was asked:
 12 "[REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]
 14 [REDACTED]"
 15 His answer:
 16 "[REDACTED]"
 17 We come then to page 6, the next name in the
 18 Claimant's list, [REDACTED] and I need to be fair to
 19 counsel opposite. This, members of the tribunal, is
 20 a rare example in the Claimant's demonstrative of
 21 fidelity to the evidence. The evidence is fairly read,
 22 suggesting that this one member of the Investment
 23 Committee, Mr [REDACTED], would have voted differently but for
 24 the synergy calculations.
 25 Turn then to page 7. The next name in the

1 Claimant's list, [REDACTED] head of risk
 2 management. His testimony, like that of many others
 3 we've seen, was that [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED].
 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 [REDACTED]
 24 describing the calculation in some detail. He
 25 references businesses in China. He references trading

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 [REDACTED]
 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
 25 15 minutes behind our already delayed schedule.

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
 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 [REDACTED] 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

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 [REDACTED]
 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
 20 right of the horizontal axis at the bottom. We see there
 21 that Samsung C&T had a little over 156 million issued
 22 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 horizontal axis, we see the

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 .
 20 So who voted in favour? Obviously Samsung
 21 affiliates did. And as I foreshadowed already, so too
 22 did KCC and we know now that the NPS also voted its
 23 shares in favour.
 24 So too did a sizeable contingent of other foreign
 25 and domestic shareholders. We see them represented in

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 [REDACTED]'s
 20 confidante, [REDACTED]
 21 We see a week after the shareholder vote in favour
 22 of the merger, a week after that vote, the President's
 23 confidant, Ms [REDACTED], returned to Korea from a trip to
 24 Europe. And we can see the court's finding that upon
 25 her return, again a week after the shareholder vote,

1 this confidante, the Ms [REDACTED] facilitated a meeting
 2 between the then President, then President [REDACTED], and
 3 Samsung heir apparent [REDACTED].
 4 We can also see the court's finding that at this
 5 point then President [REDACTED] decided to exchange her
 6 backing for the Samsung Group's succession plan in
 7 return for financial support from Samsung. BY in this
 8 extract is [REDACTED]. Q is the destination of that
 9 financial support; it's former President [REDACTED]'s favoured
 10 elite centre for winter sport.
 11 I offer those explanations of the coded references
 12 here. A note of caution: they are different as between
 13 the judgments. So care is needed as one reviews those
 14 judgments. The coded references differ across the
 15 judgments.
 16 We also see at the top, the second paragraph of this
 17 extract, a reference to the recent — that is recent
 18 past — merger of what are described in this extract as
 19 AJ and RD, namely Samsung C&T and Cheil.
 20 So the finding is that after this merger former
 21 President [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reached an agreement where the
 22 former President [REDACTED] would accept bribes from [REDACTED] in
 23 return for helping with evidently later steps in the
 24 Samsung Group's succession plan.
 25 The key point here of course is that that succession

1 plan is not equivalent to support for the merger which
 2 had already passed the shareholder vote through which
 3 I just took you.
 4 Again, the extracts on this slide, 54, have been
 5 from the case against President [REDACTED]'s friend and
 6 confidant Ms [REDACTED]. As we turn to slide 55 I have an
 7 extract from the Seoul High Court case against former
 8 President [REDACTED] herself, this being the judgment on
 9 remand, I note for completeness, though on this point
 10 the judgment stands unaffected. And it echoes the
 11 finding in the case against Ms [REDACTED].
 12 In short, the bribery for which former
 13 President [REDACTED] has been impeached, tried and jailed took
 14 place only after the merger had been approved by
 15 shareholders.
 16 We have a timeline of the relevant events on
 17 slide 56 to illustrate this point, a point of some
 18 importance.
 19 That corruption, the corruption for which former
 20 President [REDACTED] has been impeached, tried and jailed, was
 21 found to have occurred only at the meeting of July 25,
 22 2015, that is at the bottom right of this timeline.
 23 It is, we say, on the evidence wholly irrelevant to
 24 the shareholders' vote on the merger that the Claimant
 25 impugns in this arbitration.

1 Again, let me say plainly that does not stop it from
 2 being deeply troubling, indeed distressing, to use
 3 counsel opposite's words, which is precisely why the
 4 Republic so vigorously has investigated and prosecuted
 5 the underlying conduct.
 6 But that, we say, is not the task of this tribunal
 7 in these proceedings. The Claimant evidently does not
 8 like the fundamental but inconvenient fact that the only
 9 finding of corruption in the local proceedings relates
 10 to conduct after the merger had already been voted
 11 through. The Claimant's claim, after all, is that the
 12 merger — is about the merger, not about broader
 13 generalised allegations of political collusion, or at
 14 least that is the claim that could be advanced in
 15 international investment law. That is the claim for
 16 this international tribunal to resolve.
 17 The Claimant's response to this
 18 inconvenient—for—its—claim timing is to try on make
 19 something of an earlier meeting. We heard it yesterday
 20 and the evidence does show that there was indeed an
 21 earlier meeting between the then President, then
 22 President [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. It was a meeting on
 23 September 15, 2014, and it's in the top left box in our
 24 timeline on slide 56.
 25 There is no evidence in the record before you, none

1 at all, to suggest that that meeting had anything to do
 2 with the merger.
 3 The Korean courts have determined that there was no
 4 promise to give and receive bribes at that meeting, nor
 5 was there any payment of bribes in the interval between
 6 that meeting and the next meeting, the July meeting,
 7 which took place after the merger had been approved.
 8 I have then, as we turn to slide 57, an extract from
 9 the latest Seoul High Court decision in the prosecution
 10 of former President [REDACTED]. In this extract M at the top
 11 is Samsung, and the court's finding is plain. Samsung
 12 did not take any action to provide the requested support
 13 between the first and second meetings.
 14 Now, evidently aware of what we say is its timing
 15 problem in its reliance on the allegations and findings
 16 of bribery, the Claimant describes flippantly that
 17 earlier meeting, the September meeting, as, and I quote
 18 from its writings, a downpayment on corrupt help from
 19 the government.
 20 There is, let me stress this, nothing in the record
 21 before you to support that allegation, an allegation
 22 that we say is irresponsible.
 23 As we've seen, the courts consistently have found
 24 that [REDACTED] in fact provided no financial support until
 25 after the second meeting. The second meeting of July

1 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.
 20 The next step in the Claimant's litigation then of
 21 course was in 2018 when it commenced these international
 22 proceedings before this tribunal.
 23 I turn then finally in our exposition of the facts
 24 to bring us up to date on events since these proceedings
 25 were filed. The tribunal is of course aware of the

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
 6 provided to the tribunal on November 3 an updated
 7 version of our annex A to our Rejoinder which sets out
 8 in neutral terms a summary of each of the pending Korean
 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 NPS ██████ for abuse of authority and breaches of duties;
 25 and fifth, a new prosecution we heard a great deal about

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 ██████. It remains pending before
 19 the Korean Supreme Court. The latest judgment we have
 20 on that is from the intermediate appellate court, namely
 21 the Seoul High Court, on appeal from the first instance
 22 court.
 23 The High Court found that ██████ had abused his
 24 authority and that ██████ had breached his duties as
 25 an NPS employee.

1 The court was not, however, concerned in that case
 2 against █████ and █████ about whether the influence they
 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
 6 it made a difference. The court was not concerned with
 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
 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
 20 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

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
 22 MR TERCEÑO: Thank you, Nick, and good afternoon,
 23 Mr President, and members of the tribunal. My name is
 24 Joaquín Terceño and we will now turn to certain
 25 threshold issues.

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.

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

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.

14 The Claimant may as well have said that measure
 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.

20 The ROK did consider definitions of the term
 21 "measure" in the context here. We begin with
 22 Article 1.4 of the Treaty which defines "measure" as
 23 including "any law, regulation, procedure, requirement,
 24 or practice".

25 That's here on slide 62.

1 I would note here that practice must be understood
 2 in context as well. Here, with respect to its inclusion
 3 in a list alongside laws, regulations, etc, which
 4 informs our understanding as I'll come on to discuss.
 5 So in this proper context, "measure" means, for
 6 example, a proposed legislative act, a legislative
 7 enactment proposed or adopted or a legislative bill.
 8 These definitions are listed in the ROK's Statement of
 9 Defence at paragraph 205 and we have them here on
 10 slide 63.
 11 To be clear, the ROK does not take the position that
 12 a Treaty measure is limited to an act of the legislature
 13 alone, but again these meanings provide us context.
 14 That context points us to the process of legislative
 15 or administrative rule-making and procedure.
 16 We cite cases in support of this understanding in
 17 paragraph 206 of the Statement of Defence, and we
 18 address the Claimant's counter arguments at
 19 paragraphs 23 and 24 of the ROK's Rejoinder.
 20 To quote an instructive passage from one of those
 21 cases, the Azinian v Mexico tribunal made clear that not
 22 every action taken by a government can found a Treaty
 23 claim, holding in that case that NAFTA cannot possibly
 24 be understood to cover every course of action by
 25 a State, because that would "elevate a multitude of

1 ordinary transactions into potential international
 2 disputes". This is RLA-16 which we show an extract of
 3 here on slide 64.
 4 One case that the Claimant relies on is SAUR
 5 International v Argentina. But even there, in adopting
 6 in what it called a broad sense of the term measures,
 7 the tribunal expressly limited the scope of measure to
 8 "administrative, legislative or judicial acts".
 9 Now, let me just briefly address that the measure
 10 must be adopted or maintained in order to give rise to
 11 potential Treaty protections. For a measure to be
 12 adopted in the context of a State's conduct, a law,
 13 regulation, procedure, requirement or practice must be
 14 put in place. This is simple common sense and the
 15 relevant definitions, that is those in the right context
 16 are set forth in paragraph 209 of the Statement of
 17 Defence, and you see them here on slide 66.
 18 Further, we say it is nonsensical to say that you
 19 can maintain something before it is caused to exist.
 20 Clearly something must give rise to the thing before you
 21 can then maintain that thing.
 22 Even an omission, which is the example the Claimant
 23 uses to support its contrary view, is adopted if at all
 24 the first time that that information should have been
 25 shared and is not shared. It is only after that first

1 instance that the omission could later be maintained.
 2 Of course, any claim must be based on an actual
 3 measure. Here we say the claims are not.
 4 Let's start with the heart of the Claimant's claim.
 5 This is the NPS shareholder vote in favour of the
 6 merger, a commercial act by a minority shareholder.
 7 The Claimant's case depends on its attempt to
 8 elevate this ordinary commercial transaction into an
 9 international dispute with the ROK. As my colleague
 10 Sanghoon Han and I will come on to in a few minutes, the
 11 NPS vote cannot be attributed to the ROK, and thus on
 12 that basis alone it cannot be considered a Treaty
 13 measure.
 14 But even if it could be contributed to the ROK, the
 15 shareholder vote fails to satisfy the definition of
 16 measure under this Treaty.
 17 Now, let's recall, the Treaty defines measure in
 18 Article 1.4, the definitions. You see it again here on
 19 slide 67.
 20 Now, a shareholder vote is obviously not a law or
 21 regulation, and the vote applied no procedure nor
 22 imposed any requirement on a qualified investor or an
 23 investment.
 24 So that leaves us with practice, which again we say
 25 should be understood in the context in which we find it,

1 in relation to legislative or administrative activities,
 2 and we say a vote is also not a practice. It is
 3 self-evident, we say, that a practice implies
 4 repetition. And it is that repetition that might give
 5 it status similar to a regulation or a procedure.
 6 So while a one-off measure might implicate the
 7 Treaty because it is law or regulation, a one-off act
 8 cannot fairly be considered a practice. It is merely an
 9 occurrence.
 10 Now, even if we rely on the Claimant's own
 11 definition, the NPS shareholder vote is not a Treaty
 12 measure. That definition is found in the Claimant's
 13 Reply at paragraph 261, which you see here on slide 68,
 14 and they say that a measure under the Treaty is "any
 15 governmental action, step or omission". A governmental
 16 act, as we will come on to discuss more, is one that can
 17 only properly be taken by a government, not by a private
 18 actor. A commercial act, meanwhile, is one that any
 19 private actor, as well as a government, can take, and
 20 a shareholder vote falls into this category.
 21 The Claimant's only answer to this is to claim that
 22 the NPS's shareholder vote was not an "ordinary
 23 shareholder vote" because of the NPS's supposed
 24 connection to the Korean State.
 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 *Almäs 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
 6 a commercial transaction even if entered into with
 7 a State entity and even if it involved State-owned land.
 8 So if it is the State doing it, it can still remain
 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
 20 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 yesterday 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

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
 6 was not a Treaty violation. This is in the record at
 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
 20 a serious argument, and one they failed to rebut. The
 21 Claimant's position is essentially that because the NPS
 22 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

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
 6 United States.

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 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 {Day1/86:12}

24 Now, I like a challenge. So I tried to conceive of
 25 such a case and it was not difficult. Expropriation of

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.

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".
 7 This is on slide 74.
 8 The jurisprudence under ILC Article 4 points to two
 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
 17 that I have just described. I'll cite only one of them
 18 which we have put up on slide 75. This is
 19 *Staur v Latvia* which held that the entity at issue there
 20 was not a State organ under Latvian law and so it was
 21 not a de jure state organ, but recognised that it may
 22 nevertheless be a de facto state organ.
 23 The point here is very simple: if an entity is
 24 a State organ under domestic law, it is presumptively
 25 a State organ for the purposes of attribution.

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.
 5 The Claimant again got this wrong yesterday.
 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 *Almás v Poland*, citing

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

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.
 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 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.

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
 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.
 2 The NPS is set up as a corporation that has
 3 a separate independent legal personality from the state.
 4 The NPS has its own bank account and is subject to
 5 corporate tax.
 6 The NPS signs contract and owns property under its
 7 own name and can become an independent party in
 8 litigation .
 9 The Claimant has placed much emphasis on the fact
 10 that the NPS is a public institution under the Public
 11 Institutions Act, and it argues that just because this
 12 designation, the NPS forms part of the Korean
 13 Government.
 14 But this is a grave misunderstanding of Korean
 15 administrative law. A public institution is not an
 16 entity that forms part of the organised structure of the
 17 Korean Government. A public institution is not
 18 expressly defined. However, as you can see on the
 19 slide , the Public Institutions Act expressly provides
 20 that the Minister of Strategy and Finance may designate
 21 a legal entity, organisation or institution other than
 22 the State or a local government as a public institution .
 23 Therefore, public institutions are by their very nature
 24 not part of the State or a local government.
 25 While public institutions are entities that carry

1 out certain duties of a public nature, the Public
 2 Institutions Act seeks to establish a self –controlling
 3 and accountable management system with the aim of
 4 rationalising management. As you can see, these are not
 5 descriptions that are associated with entities that form
 6 a State government.
 7 As of 2019, there were 339 public institutions in
 8 Korea. As you can see on the slide, these public
 9 institutions include, for example, Kangwon Land,
 10 a casino in Korea. Kangwon Land has about 27% foreign
 11 investment and 17% domestic institutional investment.
 12 The Claimant argued during its opening yesterday
 13 that public institutions and central administrative
 14 agencies form the entire Korean administrative branch.
 15 That can be found at yesterday’s transcript, page 105,
 16 lines 10 to 19. {Day1/105:10}
 17 This Claimant twofold categorisation is in
 18 contradiction with the Claimant’s own expert,
 19 Professor CK Lee. In his second report,
 20 at paragraph 25, Professor Lee states that the
 21 designation as a public institution is not alone
 22 determinative of the question whether an entity forms
 23 part of the administrative branch.
 24 As you heard, Claimant’s submission is in direct
 25 contradiction to its own expert position and has no

1 ground under Korean law.
 2 The Claimant has also placed much emphasis on the
 3 fact that the NPS is an administrative agency, but
 4 again, the Claimant argument misunderstands the core
 5 concept of Korean administrative law.
 6 As the Claimant expert, Professor CK Lee, explained
 7 in paragraph 70 of his first report, an administrative
 8 agency defined in Article 2, sub–paragraph 4 of the
 9 Administrative Appeals Act, includes a governmental
 10 agency, a public organisation, and even an individual
 11 that exercises certain administrative power.
 12 As you can see on the slide, the definition of an
 13 administrative agency under this Act encompass all
 14 public and even private entities that perform some
 15 administrative functions.
 16 Whether an entity is an administrative agency under
 17 these two statutes is determined by the function it
 18 serves. If one entity serves any administrative
 19 function, it can be classified as an administrative
 20 agency.
 21 Therefore, even private parties such as the private
 22 Social Welfare Corporation operating on open issues can
 23 be an administrative agency if they exercise
 24 administrative power. The Claimant does not deny this.
 25 In short, as the Claimant expert acknowledged in his

1 report, an administrative agency is a broadly defined
 2 concept used in two Korean statutes, only relating to
 3 administrative proceedings.
 4 This concept cannot be used in determining whether
 5 an entity forms part of the organised structure of the
 6 Korean Government.
 7 Now we reach the conclusion.
 8 Korean law exhaustively defines entities that form
 9 part of the Korean Government. These entities are set
 10 up either under the constitution, under the Government
 11 Organization Act, or as central administrative agencies
 12 under other individual statute.
 13 The NPS is not a constitutional institution, and is
 14 not an institution set up under the Government
 15 Organization Act. Nor is it an institution set up as
 16 a central administrative agency under other individual
 17 statute.
 18 On the other hand, the NPS is an institution with
 19 separate legal personality that has its own bank account
 20 and pays corporate tax.
 21 Even though the NPS is classified as a public
 22 institution or an administrative agency, this does not
 23 make it a State organ for the purpose of Korean law.
 24 Thank you. My colleague Mr Terceño will address the
 25 issue of de facto State organ.

1 Further opening submissions by MR TERCEÑO
 2 MR TERCEÑO: Thank you, Sanghoon.
 3 So, as Mr Han has explained, the NPS is not an organ
 4 of the State under Korean law, and therefore it's not
 5 a de jure State organ under international law. So is it
 6 a de facto State organ? Again, we say the answer must
 7 be no.
 8 As explained by Judge Crawford, and we see this on
 9 slide 99, an entity may be a de facto State organ under
 10 ILC Article 4 only in exceptional circumstances.
 11 Exceptional circumstances can be shown where there
 12 is a particularly great degree of state control over the
 13 entity, as Judge Crawford noted, and turning to
 14 slide 100, as also stated in the Bosnian Genocide case:
 15 where the persons or entities concerned have acted with
 16 respect to the impugned conduct in "complete dependence"
 17 on the State due to that State control.
 18 The Bosnian Genocide decision confirmed the complete
 19 dependence test is one of State responsibility under
 20 international law and international law is of course the
 21 law applicable to the present dispute.
 22 Further, the complete dependence test has been
 23 applied by investment tribunals in the past, thus
 24 showing it is a test under investment law generally.
 25 These include Union Fenosa v Egypt which cited and

1 relied on the Bosnian Genocide case in the context of an
 2 investment dispute and we see that here on slide 101.
 3 The Claimant's only legal authority, CLA-135, which
 4 is an article on Attribution in Investment Arbitration,
 5 provides at page 29 Judge Crawford's confirmation that
 6 this test applies in the investment law context. We see
 7 this on slide 102.
 8 So the first question is whether the ROK exercises
 9 a particularly great degree of control over the NPS. It
 10 is undisputed that the NPS has a separate legal
 11 personality. As we've seen from the *Almàs v Poland*
 12 award, that creates a high bar to finding it to be
 13 a de facto state organ.
 14 The *Almàs* tribunal was concerned with the status of
 15 the Polish Agricultural Property Agency, and it found
 16 that the agency was supervised by the Minister for Rural
 17 Development, that Poland had control over the
 18 appointment and removal of its president and
 19 vice-president, that Poland could direct the agency
 20 through regulations, that the Council of Ministers was
 21 required to approve sales of shares held by the agency
 22 in companies of strategic importance to agriculture, and
 23 that the agency had the power to manage, sell and lease
 24 agricultural property on behalf of the state.
 25 Yet the *Almàs* tribunal held that the Polish

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

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

1 The term "powers" has a specific meaning here as
 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
 6 this Treaty, refers to "regulatory, administrative, or
 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 yesterday, 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
 25 State is the line between governmental and commercial

1 activities, and that the tribunal "must accordingly
 2 categorise the various acts" as commercial or
 3 governmental to determine attribution.

4 The United States in its non-disputing party
 5 submission confirms the ROK's position on this,
 6 affirming that attribution requires that the conduct in
 7 question was undertaken in exercise of governmental
 8 powers. You see this on slide 108.

9 Investment arbitration jurisprudence also confirms
 10 this view. In *Jan de Nul v Egypt*, for example, the
 11 tribunal considered whether the acts of the Suez Canal
 12 Authority were attributable to Egypt under ILC
 13 Article 5. That tribunal found that the Suez Canal
 14 Authority was empowered to exercise elements of
 15 governmental authority, but in relation to the acts that
 16 were complained of, it was not acting as a State entity.

17 You see this extract on slide 109. It is from CLA-7 at
 18 paragraph 169.

19 What that tribunal said was that it was only acting
 20 "like any contractor trying to achieve the best price
 21 for the services it was seeking".

22 The Claimant's response in its pleadings is to
 23 reject *Jan de Nul* and those tribunals that followed it
 24 as wrongly decided. It says this in its Rejoinder on
 25 preliminary objections at paragraph 94.

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
 16 entire point of the distinction in this regard.

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 that they
 22 repeated yesterday.

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

1 anti-trust context.

2 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
 4 paragraph 309. This precedent is *Al Tamimi v Oman*,
 5 where the tribunal held that:
 6 “Contracting parties to a Treaty may by specific
 7 provision [That is *lex specialis*] limit the
 8 circumstances under which the acts of an entity will be
 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 broader 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
 20 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”.

6 But the Treaty is not silent on attribution. It is
 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
 20 the Statement of Defence, and paragraphs 86 to 102 of
 21 the ROK’s Rejoinder which we ask the tribunal to
 22 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
 5 number 3, the Claimant bears the burden of proving the
 6 existence of a covered investment. We say that the
 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 yesterday 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
 20 characteristics are present and how strongly they show
 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
 13 and we do not know from this document whether that
 14 reference to company is to the Elliott Group in general
 15 or to the Claimant, and indeed in introducing the
 16 Claimant yesterday, you may have noticed that opposing
 17 counsel described the entire Elliott Group, ignoring
 18 that the Claimant here is a specific company within that
 19 group.
 20 Turning to slide 119, we see exhibit C-442, their
 21 other evidence for their commitment of capital. But
 22 this shows transactions on the Claimant's account, but
 23 it lists multiple Elliott Group companies as conducting
 24 many of the trades, including Elliott Advisors (HK)
 25 Limited, Elliott Advisors (UK) Limited, Elliott

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1 Management Corporation, Elliott MB2 Associates ML and
 2 and Elliott Capital Advisors LP.
 3 Again, despite counsel's description yesterday, none
 4 of these are the Claimant here. We address this further
 5 in paragraphs 358 to 363 of the Statement of Defence,
 6 and paragraphs 125 to 128 of the ROK's Rejoinder, but
 7 put simply, the Claimant's secretive approach to the
 8 origins and details of its investment leaves the
 9 tribunal without enough evidence to prove that the
 10 Claimant rather than one of its affiliates committed
 11 capital with respect to a large portion of its purported
 12 investment, meaning that the Claimant has failed to meet
 13 its burden at least with respect to that large portion.
 14 Without a commitment of capital into the Korean market,
 15 an American investor cannot take advantage of Treaty
 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
 24 happen; and second, therefore, what connection, if any
 25 at all, did it have to the merger about which 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 ██████'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 ██████. 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 ██████. Again,
 24 because of the coded references to various individuals
 25 in compliance with Korean privacy law, this requires

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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 ██████ 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

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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

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1 offing when it invested.

2 I have an extract on slide 123 with that seminal

3 proposition as expressed by the tribunal in Maffezini v

4 Spain.

5 So those are introductory observations having been

6 made. Let me turn to the first alleged breach, the

7 alleged breach of the minimum standard of treatment.

8 I begin with a note on the applicable standard which

9 I trust is uncontroversial and I understand to be agreed

10 between the parties but nonetheless may be useful for

11 framing my observations that follow.

12 Conduct must be egregious. It must be manifestly

13 arbitrary to amount to a breach of this obligation.

14 A finding of arbitrariness supporting a finding of

15 breach of the minimum standard cannot be based merely on

16 a determination that the State made a choice that an

17 international tribunal considers to be the wrong choice.

18 On slide 124 I have an extract from the award in

19 Cargill v Mexico that sets it out. Mere mistakes in

20 process or the weighing of various factors at play are

21 not enough.

22 With that standard in mind, I turn now to address

23 briefly three subjects. The first is the process in the

24 NPS's decision on how it would vote its shares. The

25 second is the substance of that decision, the NPS's

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1 weighing of the various factors before it. And the

2 third is causation in the context of liability.

3 So first on process, the NPS's decision on the

4 merger was, as we know, made by the members of its

5 Investment Committee on July 10, 2015, by vote of its

6 members and it voted to support the merger by

7 a majority.

8 To answer the process question, that is the question

9 of whether the process involved the kind of

10 arbitrariness that could sound in a breach of the

11 minimum standard of treatment, we say, gentlemen, you

12 need only look to the language of the Voting Guidelines

13 by which the NPS made that decision to vote in favour.

14 The decision to have the matter decided at the

15 Investment Committee was supported by those guidelines.

16 Those guidelines provide expressly that decisions as to

17 how the NPS should exercise its voting rights are in the

18 first instance to be made by the investment committee.

19 They go on to provide that if the IC finds -- and again

20 that is the verb used -- that it is difficult to decide

21 whether to vote for or against a particular matter, the

22 IC may -- again that is the word used, may -- refer the

23 matter to the external Special Committee. The relevant

24 guidelines are once again before you on slide 125.

25 Here there was no such finding of difficulty by the

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1 Investment Committee, and it did not avail itself of the

2 right to refer the matter to the external Special

3 Committee Committee.

4 Now, this process question, which committee should

5 have decided, that is so central to the Claimant's

6 claim, has been considered in Korea by the NPS

7 compliance department, by the NPS audit department, and

8 by the Korean courts. None of them, not one of those

9 bodies, has found that it was wrong for the Investment

10 Committee rather than the Special Committee to have

11 considered and decided how the NPS should vote. I don't

12 have the extracts in the deck, but for your note, those

13 determinations are in the record at C-505 at page 33,

14 C-509 at page 28, C-446, C-84 and R-20 at pages 43 to

15 46.

16 Now, our focus is on the language of the NPS

17 guidelines. By contrast, we say, the Claimant muddies

18 with reference to what the NPS did in another vote. As

19 we know, that is the vote in the wholly unrelated but

20 close in time merger of two companies in the SK group.

21 Now, in light of the express language of the

22 guidelines, we say that is altogether irrelevant. What

23 the NPS did for the Samsung merger finds support in the

24 applicable guidelines.

25 But a point of context from the data is important.

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1 The NPS's referral of voting decisions to the Special

2 Committee was altogether the exception rather than the

3 norm.

4 THE PRESIDENT: Mr Lingard, what is your position on the --

5 which I understand is the Claimant's argument that the

6 Voting Guidelines should be read in light of the fund's

7 regulations which you say is slightly different

8 language?

9 MR LINGARD: Let me make two observations, if I may,

10 Mr President, in response to that question.

11 The first is this. As a matter of fact, that is not

12 what has happened in practice. Let me support that

13 observation with some data. Of the 25,000 votes handled

14 by the NPS in a decade period, 2006 to 2015, only 14 of

15 that 25,000 were referred to the Special Committee.

16 And in that same decade period only one vote on

17 a merger was referred to the Special Committee. Only

18 one, and that is the SK merger on which the Claimant so

19 heavily relies.

20 So as a matter of practice, we say that reading,

21 Mr President, is not borne out.

22 As a matter of text, we say --

23 MR GARIBALDI: I'm sorry, I did not understand your answer.

24 What reading is not borne out?

25 MR LINGARD: As I understand the position put to me 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.
 25 That is the starting point, and so the question

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 exercising 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 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, SK&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

1 the proposition I just offered at footnotes 488, 703 and
 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
 25 exercised their vote. The NPS, we say, could vote its

1 shares as it pleased.
 2 As a matter of fact, we know, and we know that at
 3 the time the Claimant knew, that the IC members were
 4 motivated by the impact of this merger on the NPS's
 5 sizeable holdings across the entire Samsung Chaebol.
 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 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
 25 will see [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]. And we can
 2 also see [REDACTED]
 3 [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED].
 5 Let me turn then to causation in the context of
 6 liability . It is a closely related question to the
 7 substance of the deliberations I have already been
 8 looking at.
 9 You will of course be aware that there are
 10 allegations that individual IC members were pressured
 11 into voting for the merger. And also, as I addressed
 12 earlier today, that there were fabrications of synergy
 13 calculations conducted by members of the research team
 14 at the NPS.
 15 So the first point in the context of causation for
 16 liability is whether those allegations, if made out,
 17 would have made a difference, would have changed the
 18 vote of the members of the Investment Committee.
 19 As I sought to show you earlier today, the members
 20 of the Investment Committee evidently considered the
 21 merits of the merger well beyond the data that was
 22 presented to them by the research team. And there is no
 23 evidence in the record before you that any of the IC
 24 members were swayed by the alleged pressure that was
 25 brought to bear.

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1 Let me illustrate that point on slide 128 with
 2 a statement to the special prosecutor by investment
 3 committee member Mr [REDACTED]. We see [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED]
 6 [REDACTED].
 7 In the event, what is this Mr [REDACTED]'s response? Well,
 8 [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
 9 as we see, [REDACTED].
 10 So what did he do when it came time to vote? He
 11 abstained, and that abstention was wholly consistent
 12 with his stated view that [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED], and I say that is
 14 wholly consistent because, as you will recall from my
 15 earlier comments, if there was no decision one way or
 16 another at the IC, the decision would in fact be
 17 referred to the Special Committee.
 18 The short point is this. Mr [REDACTED]'s conversation with
 19 [REDACTED] evidently did not change his mind. We address the
 20 other allegations of so-called pressure at paragraphs
 21 260 to 264 of our Rejoinder.
 22 There is as we've already heard a closely related
 23 causation point at the IC level about whether the
 24 members would have voted differently but for the synergy
 25 calculations presented by NPS staff. You will recall ,

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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

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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 ██████ in the
 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
 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 ██████ who was a member of the
 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.

25 He was also on the Special Committee when it voted

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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 ██████'s
 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:
 5 the tenor of the claim advanced against us, we say,
 6 reeks of faux naivete. More importantly, it is a claim
 7 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.

10 I showed you some of these earlier, and they
 11 demonstrate that Elliott knew, as it bought its shares,
 12 that Samsung might in Elliott's thinking get government
 13 support for the merger if only Samsung lobbied for it,
 14 given Samsung's size and status.

15 We see that in an internal Elliott email on
 16 slide 131 from February 2015. See there the reference
 17 to Government support for the merger.

18 As we turn to slide 132, with another internal email
 19 from the next month, March of 2015, Elliott evidently
 20 considered that the stability of the Samsung Group was
 21 important to the Korean Government and the Blue House in
 22 particular because the Samsung Group was so large that
 23 its performance was a proxy for the performance of the
 24 Korean economy as a whole.

25 Now, to be clear, it is not our case that the

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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
5 believed and what it was advised as it continued to
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
16 take you back to the documents that support it, but
17 please, if you would, recall the unambiguous advice to
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
21 R-255.

22 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)

(A short break)

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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

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1 Operational Guidelines. Mr [REDACTED] 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,

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.

24 I think that takes us to our really very brief
 25 submissions on the national treatment claim. I don't

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 [REDACTED] family that we say the Claimant fails
 23 appropriately to disaggregate, and that comparison
 24 simply cannot work. Different members of the [REDACTED] family
 25 had different holdings in different Samsung Group

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
 6 such transactions.

7 The Claimant was seeking to keep the fact of those
 8 transactions which my learned friend Mr Partasides
 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
 20 the trading profit on the Cheil swaps in his second
 21 report.

22 We are now therefore faced with a position where the
 23 Claimant seeks to recover very large sums of money —
 24 we'll discuss what those precise sums may be a little
 25 later — which represent a return of nearly 90% on its

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
 20 approximately \$560 million.

21 Now it claims, I think, and we'll come on to this,
 22 \$540 million in damages plus interest. That is, as
 23 I have said, a nearly 90% return on its investment. Its
 24 investment that it began just a few months before the
 25 breaches that it alleges on the part of the Republic of

1 Korea.

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

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
 20 question by Mr Garibaldi just before the break or before
 21 the break to my partner Mr Terceño is of some help. The
 22 question was: would there have been a claim had there
 23 been an expropriation of the Claimant's shares in SC&T
 24 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,
 2 what the damages for that would have been. What would
 3 the fair market value of those shares have been? We say
 4 it can only have been the market price, and the right
 5 that the Claimant had, which it has exercised, and in
 6 respect of which, as we will see in a moment, it may
 7 recover tens of millions of dollars more, it has been
 8 compensated through the buy back proceedings and the —
 9 the buy back right and the appraisal price proceedings.

10 We will also come on to talk about the changing
 11 story on the Claimant’s part of how it would have
 12 realised this so-called intrinsic value.

13 The Claimant began with saying that it was going to
 14 unlock the full potential of SC&T so the market would
 15 then pay it what it calculates as the intrinsic value of
 16 its shares, and it would do that, and we see this in its
 17 Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim,
 18 paragraphs 20 and 21 on slide 135, by taking a positive
 19 stand against proposed management decisions likely to
 20 devalue a company.

21 This is what it says its business is and what it
 22 would have been able to do to unlock the full potential
 23 of SC&T.

24 As we heard yesterday, Elliott has been going for
 25 some time and this is not the first investment that

1 Elliott has tried in South Korea, trying to use its
 2 famed activist skills in order to unlock the full
 3 potential, as it would put it, of a company.

4 If we look at slide 136 we will see that it tried
 5 this with Hyundai, and this is a report from the NIKKEI
 6 from 23 January 2020 which shows that there was an
 7 attempt, again very significant amounts of money
 8 involved, to influence Hyundai in just the way that
 9 Elliott says and asks you to find it would have been
 10 able to influence Samsung, and it left with losses
 11 totalling 500 billion Korean Won, \$430 million.

12 That was the first of the Claimant’s — the first
 13 iteration of the Claimant’s plans as to how it would
 14 unlock the allegedly hidden value.

15 Secondly, the Claimant was going to do nothing
 16 because the share price would organically grow to match
 17 what it called its intrinsic value. This passive plan
 18 can be seen if we go to the next slide from its amended
 19 Statement of Claim and, as we see here, from Mr Smith’s
 20 first witness statement at paragraph 14.

21 Mr Smith explains that the discount may reduce more
 22 or less organically over time as the trading price tends
 23 towards the intrinsic value of the company.

24 So that’s the organic passive plan.

25 What the Claimant ignored in its first submissions,

1 and what Mr Boulton ignored in his first report, was
 2 that the discount to what it called intrinsic value is
 3 a perennial feature of the Korean market. It had
 4 persisted for decades and there was nothing to suggest
 5 that it would simply disappear. No other Chaebols have
 6 seen their discount simply fade away.

7 Thirdly, we have learned that it was neither the
 8 Claimant’s activism that was going to double the value
 9 of the SC&T shares, nor an organic natural process of
 10 the market seeing the light that would have caused the
 11 narrowing of the discount. Instead, and this is the
 12 case that was put to you yesterday, it was the merger
 13 itself, the rejection of the merger would serve to
 14 immediately increase the share price by more than double
 15 overnight. This has been referred to as a catalyst. It
 16 is the catalyst plan and if we go to slide 138 we see
 17 from my learned friend’s Reply at paragraph 595 that
 18 Mr Boulton has confirmed that the substantial majority
 19 of the observed discount would disappear immediately
 20 after the merger. This is then the catalyst plan.

21 Now, since the Reply and Mr Boulton’s second report,
 22 we have had the Claimant’s Rejoinder on preliminary
 23 objections which was accompanied by a third witness
 24 statement from Mr Smith.

25 Mr Smith says that once the merger had been defeated

1 he would have put restructuring proposals to the Samsung
 2 Group and the [REDACTED] 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
 2 that.
 3 But one part, he says, would disappear
 4 instantaneously; the other part 5 to 15% of discount, he
 5 says would continue.
 6 The Claimant's position seems to have been that
 7 there would be no discount when it came to sell its
 8 shares or realise its — the value of the shares, and
 9 that is why on Ms Snodgrass' slides yesterday we had
 10 three columns, a 5% remaining discount, a 15% remaining
 11 discount, and a nil remaining discount, and it is that
 12 last which is the Claimant's claim in its Reply when it
 13 quantifies its loss at approximately \$540 million.
 14 Be that as it may, the Claimant invested in two
 15 broad periods. It bought shares before the merger
 16 announcement and it bought shares after the merger
 17 announcement.
 18 So far as the shares bought after the merger
 19 announcement are concerned, as I mentioned this morning,
 20 we say that the Claimant bought those shares in full
 21 understanding of the commercial risk that it took that
 22 the merger would in fact go through.
 23 I have a couple of slides with extracts from the
 24 decision in RosInvest Co v Russia which I will take you
 25 through very quickly. RosInvest Co, as you will know,

1 is another Elliott or was another Elliott company, and
 2 it is a very similar situation that that tribunal was
 3 faced with that you are faced with now.
 4 It is where the Claimant in that case RosInvest, in
 5 this case Elliott, takes a risk, a gamble, and buys
 6 shares in the hope that it has bought at a low price and
 7 will be able to sell at a higher price when the shares
 8 more closely match what it considers to be their real
 9 value. That is what the RosInvest tribunal is saying in
 10 this extract on slide 140.
 11 If we go back to Mr Smith's witness statement, that
 12 is a paragraph that we have seen before, and that is
 13 pretty much what Mr Smith says at that stage his plan
 14 was.
 15 We say that so far as the 3.4 million shares that
 16 the Claimant bought after the merger announcement are
 17 concerned, this is exactly the same position, and as the
 18 RosInvest tribunal found on the next, as you see from
 19 the next slide, it is not for this tribunal to realise
 20 and implement the Elliott Group's buy low and sell high
 21 strategy.
 22 So that's one parcel of shares. The tribunal should
 23 reject any claim in relation to those shares. Elliott
 24 willingly undertook the risk about which it now
 25 complains that the merger would happen.

1 As to the other shares, the 7.7 million shares that
 2 Elliott bought before the merger announcement, it has
 3 been fully compensated. It availed itself of the buy
 4 back right that we have talked about and it complained,
 5 with other SC&T shareholders, about the price that was
 6 offered under the relevant statute at which those buy
 7 back shares would have been bought by SC&T.
 8 It therefore went to court with other SC&T
 9 shareholders, and after a first instance decision which
 10 valued the shares at 57,000—odd Korean Won a share,
 11 there was an appeal to the Seoul High Court and the
 12 shares were then re—evaluated and the new value was
 13 66,602 Korean Won per share. The judgment of the Seoul
 14 High Court is at exhibit C—53.
 15 That judgment is itself under appeal, as we
 16 discussed this morning and as my learned friend said
 17 yesterday, but it is important for you to understand
 18 that the Claimant had a right to be compensated —
 19 I come back to the learned arbitrator Mr Garibaldi's
 20 question about expropriation — for the value of its
 21 shares. It availed itself of that right and it has been
 22 compensated for it.
 23 What is interesting about the Seoul High Court
 24 decision is that the court decided — first it decided
 25 that there had been no proof of share price manipulation

1 but that there had been many rumours of it, and it
 2 therefore decided that the fairest way to value the
 3 shares that were being sold back to the company was when
 4 all influence of the merger could be said to have been
 5 removed.
 6 So it valued the shares for a period leading up to
 7 December 2014 to come up with the higher price of
 8 66,000—odd Won per share compared to the first instance
 9 decision's 57,000—odd Won per share.
 10 Simple arithmetic will show that if you multiply the
 11 difference between those two figures by the number of
 12 shares, 7.7 million—odd shares in SC&T, you get to
 13 72.4 billion Won, which at the exchange rate used by the
 14 Claimant is something like 64, just under \$64 million.
 15 That is what under the Settlement Agreement with
 16 Samsung, if the Seoul High Court decision is upheld,
 17 that is what Elliott will receive over and above the
 18 amount that it has already received in the appraisal
 19 price litigation and the settlement.
 20 There was some doubt — we heard from my learned
 21 friend Mr Partasides yesterday that you needn't worry
 22 about that. That's a question of double recovery if it
 23 happens at all.
 24 There is some doubt about the enforceability or the
 25 unenforceability as a matter of Korean law of the

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.

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
8 trust prices for they impound all available information
9 about the value of each security. The courts agree. On
10 the next slide we have a Delaware court decision. On
11 the slide after, a decision of the Korean courts, and we
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-9
18 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.

22 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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1 were actively traded. Indeed, SC&T was more actively
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 yesterday from
13 the Claimant about the allegations in the second
14 prosecution of ██████ relate to allegations first that
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
25 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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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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1 calculation.
 2 On the bases of these analyses, the Claimant drew 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
 8 shares up to a perceived discount of 40%, and it would
 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.
 16 Professor Dow has shown this in his second report
 17 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
 25 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.

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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
8 choices, increases that to no less than 115,000 Won per
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
16 should be, and higher than the Claimant's own values at
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.
20 You've seen that in the previous slide, the market price
21 and the average target price from analysts.

22 Moreover, Mr Boulton's division of the discount into
23 a holding company discount and an excess discount is
24 unsupported and contrary to all economic evidence.

25 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 therapeutic 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, [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED] -- you will
2 remember the slide that you were shown yesterday
3 a number of times by the Claimant -- if the merger were
4 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 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]. 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

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

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,
25 members of the tribunal, at pages 40 and 41, there are

1 lengthy quotations from the guidelines. There is then
2 an analysis of those guidelines at pages 44 and 45, and
3 in particular at page 44 the court determines that:

4 "It would be in strict adherence to the guidelines
5 for the Investment Committee to determine whether it is
6 difficult to decide ..."

7 And it goes on. That's at page 44, and the analysis
8 on this judgment then concludes at page 46. Again the
9 file reference is exhibit R-20. Thank you very much for
10 allowing me the opportunity to provide that pincites.

11 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

12 I suggest we break now for ten minutes and we will
13 continue with the examination of Mr Smith. 5.10. Thank
14 you very much.

15 (4.57 pm)

(A short break)

17 (5.07 pm)

18 MR JAMES NICHOLAS BARRY SMITH (called)

19 THE PRESIDENT: Welcome back. Are both parties ready to
20 proceed?

21 MR PARTASIDES: We are, sir.

22 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

23 Good afternoon, Mr Smith.

24 You have a declaration of fact witness in front of
25 you, or should have. Could you please read that for the

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.
 5 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.
 6 If you could speak up a little bit, it will be
 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?
 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have copies of all three.
 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?
 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I confirm their contents.
 20 THE PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you very much.
 21 I'm sure you have been explained by counsel how this
 22 works, but just to make sure that there is a full
 23 understanding, you will be first examined by counsel for
 24 the Claimant, direct examination, a short examination.
 25 Then there will be a cross-examination by counsel for

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1 the Respondent which will take a bit longer, and then at
 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.
 7 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Claimant.
 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.
 17 Q. I'm going to ask you that same question, if I may,
 18 again. Do you have any corrections to make to your
 19 first witness statement?
 20 A. No, it's my error. The word "immediately" in
 21 paragraph 29 is — should be removed. The words "it —
 22 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?
 4 A. Not that I'm aware of.
 5 MR PARTASIDES: Thank you very much. Mr President, there
 6 will be no direct examination of Mr Smith beyond that.
 7 Cross-examination by MR LINGARD.
 8 MR LINGARD: Mr Smith, very good afternoon. We met earlier.
 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
 20 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
 3 will suffice, please give me a yes or no; is that
 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.
 14 I understand you joined Elliott in 2001; that's right,
 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.
 21 Q. And you moved to Hong Kong in 2005?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. And with that move you became portfolio manager; do
 24 I have that right?
 25 A. It was at the end of 2005 actually, but after that move,

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1 yes.
 2 Q. Understood, thank you.
 3 Did that represent a promotion from analyst,
 4 Mr Smith?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. And as portfolio manager you had responsibility for
 7 Elliott '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.
 15 Q. I see, that's clear, thank you. Your promotion to head
 16 of office was accompanied by promotion to managing
 17 director in 2007; do I have that right?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. And with that promotion, am I to understand that you
 20 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?

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1 A. Yes.
 2 Q. And a Mr Nicholas Maran?
 3 A. Yes.
 4 Q. And a Mr Daniel Chinoy?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. And did Messrs Choi, Maran and Chinoy report to you,
 7 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 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 of
 16 the role , yes.
 17 Q. And reviewing analyst reports, sir ?
 18 A. Yes, to an extent.
 19 Q. If we come to Korea specifically, am I right in saying
 20 that Elliott had been analysing investments in Korea
 21 since at least 2002?
 22 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?
 2 A. Again, that's correct. That tracking wasn't continuous
 3 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.
 6 Q. And I have it right, don't I, that Elliott first took an
 7 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?
 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 Q. And you tell us in your second witness statement that
 6 you resigned in order to pursue a new stage in your
 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 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.
 20 Q. And are you, sir -- I ask for good order only -- being
 21 compensated for your testimony in these proceedings?
 22 A. Yes, I am being compensated only the -- on the basis
 23 really of time spent. I have no stake or interest in
 24 the outcome of these proceedings.
 25 Q. We talked about the Claimant's filing of its amended

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1 Statement of Claim on April 4, 2019. On that same date
 2 the Claimant filed the first expert report of
 3 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 2020?
 16 A. I haven't reviewed that report.
 17 Q. Let's then come in our chronology to 2014, Mr Smith, and
 18 before Elliott's investment in Samsung C&T that is the
 19 subject of this arbitration. To situate ourselves in
 20 our chronology, you know, do you not, that in May of
 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
 2 scenarios within the Samsung Group. That's right, isn't
 3 it?
 4 A. I disagree with that statement. We had brainstormed
 5 around the concept of potential restructuring within the
 6 group. That had not become detailed work. It's also
 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
 22 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
 6 more relevant."
 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
 16 potential scenarios. I requested that the team look
 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

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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 A. 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?"
 20 So my question, sir, was simply to ask you to
 21 confirm that in April of 2014 you projected that Samsung
 22 Everland, the company later known as Cheil, may get
 23 listed?
 24 A. Yes, I'm suggesting it may get listed in this email,
 25 yes.

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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
 5 possibility of. You will point me to which point in the
 6 email that that's referred to.
 7 Q. I'm still on point 1, sir.
 8 A. Okay.
 9 Q. 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 ..."
 14 Which I understand to be financial holding company:
 15 "... is likely to be Samsung Everland ..."
 16 A. Yes.
 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
 23 that's correct. I know it is now.
 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 --
 6 A. Sorry, I didn't finish reading it.
 7 Q. Sorry, take your time. (Pause)
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. So looking at point 8 on page 2 of R-247, do I have it
 10 right, sir, that you recognised in April of 2014 that
 11 the greatest problem for the Samsung Group was the [REDACTED]
 12 family's relatively low aggregate ownership of Samsung
 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.
 17 Q. And you recognised it as the greatest issue; that's
 18 right, isn't it, sir?
 19 A. In this high level brainstorming memo, yes, I call it
 20 the greatest problem.
 21 Q. And staying in this email, April 2014, I'm now moving to
 22 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 [REDACTED] family
 3 sought to shore up its ownership of Samsung Electronics,
 4 there was a risk of value transfers between different
 5 parts of the group?
 6 A. Yes, I'm talking there about a transfer from the
 7 perspective of the family. So they have a greater value
 8 of their investment in the financial businesses within
 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
 16 financial side. That's what I'm referring to when I say
 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
 5 number 2 of R/247. There you ask your colleagues:
 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 --
 20 if it might be helpful to turn to, if not now, perhaps
 21 later. We had the intention later in time to make
 22 proactive suggestions to the family as to how they could
 23 restructure in a fair and value enhancing way a number
 24 of their subsidiaries in the group.
 25 Q. We have your testimony and we will come on to the

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1 restructuring plans in due course.
 2 Let's for now stay with our chronology, and I want
 3 to come to your first purchase of shares in Samsung C&T,
 4 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.
 12 Perhaps you can take a moment to study it, Mr Smith,
 13 and then I'll put my question.
 14 (Pause)
 15 A. Yes, I have read the paragraph.
 16 Q. You say there that it was upon your team reviewing
 17 a research note from Nomura that you first considered
 18 the specific possibility of the merger between Samsung
 19 C&T and Cheil. I have that right, Mr Smith?
 20 A. That's correct.
 21 Q. And that was at the end of January 2015?
 22 A. I think it was the 25th or the 26th.
 23 Q. Very good. To situate us precisely, the first share
 24 purchase was January 29th; that's right, isn't it?
 25 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.
 8 A. Yes, I'm at that tab.
 9 Q. You have that Nomura report in front of you, Mr Smith?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 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?
 14 A. Yes.
 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?
 20 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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1 third on this cover page of the Nomura report that
 2 caused you to consider the specific possibility of the
 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 A. 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 A. 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 A. Yes.
 21 Q. And then thereafter Nomura explains that -- it says:
 22 "We think that the appropriate holding company
 23 discount" --
 24 A. Sorry, can I make notes and underline things as you
 25 speak?

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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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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,

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1 isn't it?

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
7 this. But I see the points that you're referencing.

8 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?

15 A. It doesn't appear in Nomura's opinion that it's linked
16 to that because they are advising people to accumulate
17 shares in the 50% discount.

18 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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1 working quick enough to run the calculations in my head
2 to check that.

3 Q. I promise I shan't ask you to do that. I just wanted to
4 ensure that we share an understanding of what Nomura
5 here is saying in the report that encouraged you to buy
6 SC&T shares for the first time, and I understand that we
7 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 expressed that as shares rather than swaps, I was aware
13 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?

21 A. It was the report that first raised the possibility of
22 a 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.

6 Q. The first of those is Samsung Electronics. We're
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

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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.

6 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.

11 A. Just people call discounts different things and apply
12 them in different ways.

13 Q. I understand. And so the discount they are applying is
14 to 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 was
24 low, that's correct.

25 Q. It was precariously thin, even?

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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.
7 Q. Do you have it in front of you, Mr Smith?
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.
22 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 [REDACTED] family

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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 [REDACTED] 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.
15 Q. Staying with me on this same email on the second page of
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 A. I see that, yes.
5 Q. 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 [REDACTED] family. That's right, isn't
8 it?
9 A. 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 A. Yes.
15 Q. "The board of Samsung C&T would likely act in favour of
16 the family ... despite the open registrar; we believe
17 both the board and the management were installed and
18 controlled by the [REDACTED] family."
19 Do you see that?
20 A. Yes, I see that. And yes, I see that.
21 Q. Very good. We've been looking at Elliott internal
22 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 A. That's correct. Spectrum Asia were one of a number of
9 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
16 another consultant called IRC.
17 Do I understand correctly that you had IRC prepare
18 a report on the NPS?
19 A. 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.
24 Q. Which firms, sir?
25 A. I believe it was [REDACTED].

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1 Q. And how about investment banks?
 2 A. We did not -- I believe it was [REDACTED]. To be
 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.
 6 Q. You don't know, sir, that Deutsche Bank prepared
 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
 12 refused to produce it in evidence. I don't have it to
 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
 17 IRC, Spectrum, [REDACTED] and we discussed just now
 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
 22 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?
 2 A. Yes, IPREO -- I thought you were meaning at this period
 3 of time, IPREO is a proxy specialist that we engaged
 4 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
 7 understand the identity of the shareholders of a company
 8 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.
 13 Let's then come to look in more detail at the first
 14 of those advisers, the one you refer to your witness
 15 statements. It's IRC.
 16 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
 21 at IRC was a gentleman by the name of Martin Yupangco?
 22 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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1 Q. Let's look at IRC's first report to you. It's at
 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
 6 March 1 2015. You see that on the cover, Mr Smith?
 7 A. I do, yes.
 8 Q. And just to contextualise once again by reference to
 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 A. 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
 24 supportive of Samsung's strategy as a general matter.
 25 Do I have that 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 Q. 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.
 14 A. Yes.
 15 Q. You say in the second sentence there:
 16 "The report further confirmed [that's the IRC
 17 report] that although the NPS could be expected to be
 18 supportive of Samsung's strategy as a general matter,
 19 that support would not trump the application of its
 20 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

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1 now.
 2 So it's {C/151/1}, the first IRC report of March 1,
 3 2015.
 4 Go with me, if you would, to {C/151/3}.
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. This is IRC's summary of its advice to Elliott. Take
 7 a moment to read the last bullet there for me, sir.
 8 (Pause)
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. It says:
 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?
 17 A. I do, yes.
 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
 20 the execution price for the appraisal right for Samsung
 21 C&T was not above its market price?
 22 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

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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, yes. {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
 6 appraisal price, the NPS voted in favour of the merger?
 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.
 19 Q. And we see there in the first sentence of the second
 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
 5 the Hyundai merger. After it failed the first time,
 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.
 11 Q. Let's then go to the next example. It's on page 8 of
 12 IRC's first report to you, {C/151/8}. Page 8 is headed
 13 "Merger of Lotte Chemical and KP Chemical -- 2009"; do
 14 you see that?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. And go with me to the last sentence of the second
 17 paragraph. You see there in IRC's advice to you that
 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
 22 price?
 23 A. Are you asking me to look at the two diagrams and deduce
 24 that?
 25 Q. You can look at the diagrams, sir, or at the text in the

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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?
 6 A. Yes.
 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.
 14 Q. Now, in this report to you, IRC also looked at the NPS's
 15 investment holdings across the Samsung Group. Let's
 16 look at those together. It requires us to go back
 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
 25 "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
 6 Elliott of some 20.4 trillion Korean Won in Samsung
 7 Group companies. We see that, sir?
 8 A. I see that number, yes.
 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
 17 that subject. To do that can I ask you to go back with
 18 me to the summary, please, on page 3 {C/151/3}.
 19 A. I'm on page 3.
 20 Q. And look with me at the second bullet point there. Do
 21 you see it, sir?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. It says:
 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
 6 Committee or Experts Voting Committee would necessarily
 7 vote on a Chaebol merger, did it, sir?
 8 A. IRC's analysis indicated to me that the — for
 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
 14 that the only criterion that NPS used in assessing how
 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.
 20 Q. I have your testimony, sir, that there was a strong
 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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1 cross binder, the same volume, and it's tab 14
 2 {C/166/1}.
 3 A. Yes.
 4 Q. We can see on the cover it's dated April 20, 2015. Do
 5 you see that, Mr Smith?
 6 A. I do, yes.
 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 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
 16 exercise of voting rights". Do you have it, Mr Smith
 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.
 22 Q. Just take a moment to read that third bullet.
 23 (Pause)
 24 A. Yes.
 25 Q. IRC's advice was that if the NPS fund's interest in

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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
 4 exercised after deliberation and resolution by the
 5 Investment Committee. Do you see that in that third
 6 bullet point?
 7 A. 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 A. 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 A. The hyphenated section?
 15 Q. Exactly. It's a dash rather than a bullet?
 16 A. 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 A. 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

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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.

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1 Is there anything else that either counsel would
 2 like to raise before we close today?
 3 MR PARTASIDES: Not on our side, thank you, Mr President.
 4 MR TURNER: Not on ours. Thank you.
 5 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. We will then resume
 6 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.
 7 (6.13 pm)
 8 (The hearing adjourned until 9.00 am on
 9 Wednesday, 17 November 2021)

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