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Announcement

(USA Tax Software and Relationship with Wolters Kluwer NV)

This afternoon, Wolters Kluwer N.V.¹ headquartered in Alphen aan den Rijn, Netherlands and Chapple Blondet SRL entered into a formal arrangement which provides Chapple Blondet with access to their professionals, software and data systems.

Wolters Kluwer is, among other matters, the successor to Commerce Clearing House. Chapple Blondet and its predecessor firms have maintained a relationship with Wolters Kluwer and its predecessor firms spanning more than 105 years. My personal relationship commenced on 1 July 1979.

Wolters Kluwer has care, custody and control over the only viable United States of America tax compliance software. I was part of the *beta* testing back in the early 1980s. So, this is a bit like going home for me.

It is also true, like some of my *maestros'* work in the past, Wolters Kluwer has published some of my prior work over the years including my testimony before the United States Department of Treasury concerning these very matters. They have published some of my other work specifically that focused on alternative energy systems which remains a part of the law yet today some of which centers in Germany.² Fond memories and hopes for the future.

¹ One can see greater detail here: <https://wolterskluwer.com/>. Wolters Kluwer is a private company. The ordinary shares are listed on Euronext.

² This work focuses on “trash to energy”, “waste to energy” and recycling of hot water and hot air so it is used in the productive processes more than one time. When I reference “energy” here, the energy produced is electricity, some of which ran factories and offices as well as pumped back into the power grids.

Indeed, during our rather lengthy conversations leading up to this arrangement, we are of like minds with respect to these very serious problems we face today on a global basis. The people at Wolters Kluwer continue to work long hours, including in the face of that 17 April 2018 melt down of the United States Department of Treasury.

Of course, our predicament is not limited to the United States of America nor are the solutions. Neither the predicament nor the solutions are vaguely limited to systems of taxation in any given sovereign. Many are and must be inclusive. Wolters Kluwer and Chapple Blondet have never been limited in our collective and individual work. Quite the contrary.

We are part of the solution.

Chapple Blondet has about US\$70,000 in hardware and software currently invested in meeting these challenges. This was and continues to be engineered by me explicitly to support Wolters Kluwer's software as well as other matters. Likewise, Wolters Kluwer in no way limits their work to taxation, whether within the United States of America's system or elsewhere nor does Chapple Blondet.

In any event, I would imagine we will commence downloading this software into Chapple Blondet's systems on Monday 4 June 2018.³

We have commenced reviewing accounting software to replace QuickBooks, certain archival software, certain secure document remittance systems as well as management systems with Wolters Kluwer.

For a delightful change, I am a bit more optimistic.

Chapple Blondet looks forward to working to solutions together with the people of Wolters Kluwer in the coming days and years and with our clients, colleagues and friends.

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³ Chapple Blondet's archives of this software currently commence with fiscal 1997.