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Press Release

According to its chairman's declarations, APPAC, the individual shareholders' association, may have filed a complaint for forgery and the use of forged documents against the senior management of the Vivendi Universal group.

These accusations, like the other allegations contained in his declarations, are completely groundless. There are no inconsistencies or falsifications in the minutes or extracts of minutes from a Vivendi Universal board meeting.

APPAC's allegations are therefore libelous, and VU will in due time go before the appropriate Court, in the same way as it responded to APPAC's wrongful writ of January 16, 2004, by a counterclaim for damages.

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