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Fairfax Media Retraction and Apology

The defamation proceedings brought by Mr Reid against Fairfax Media in the Supreme Court of New South Wales have now been settled on confidential terms.

Fairfax Media has published a retraction and apology in relation to certain articles it published late last year concerning EFG and Mr Jeremy Reid. A copy of that apology is attached.

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For further information please visit our website www.everest.com.au



Apology

Last December the *Herald* published several articles in print and online concerning Jeremy Reid and the Everest Financial Group. The articles examined Mr Reid's dealings with Dr Joe Ross and redemptions by Mr Reid out of an Everest fund. The *Herald* accepts that the assertions in the articles were incorrect. At no time did Everest, Mr Reid or any other Everest employee act dishonestly or in breach of their obligations. The *Herald* apologises for the hurt to Mr Reid and any damage to his or Everest's reputation.