

## INFORMER REGISTRATION/REACTIVATION APPLICATION PART C – RISK ASSESSMENT

### TO BE COMPLETED BY HANDLER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONTROLLER

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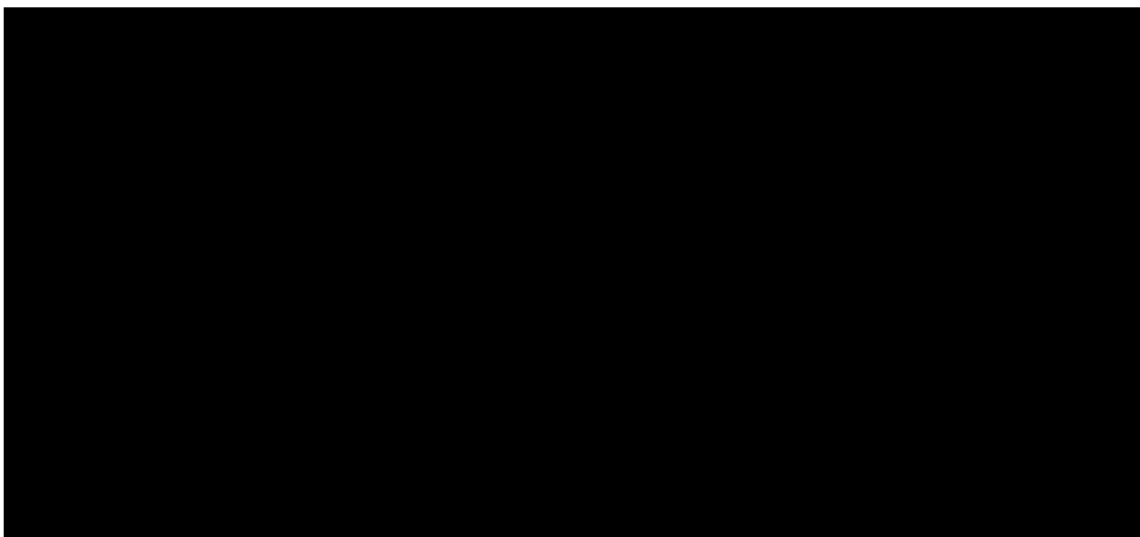
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#### RISK TO SOURCE OF COMPROMISE

The Risks: What can happen and how.	Level of Risk
<p>The Source is a criminal Barrister, who is extremely well known within the legal fraternity. The Source is a member of the executive committee of the Victorian Criminal Bar Association, and was the Treasurer of this organization in 2003/04. The Source is also very well known within the Police and criminal community. The Source has been depicted in various visual media regarding a number of high profile criminal matters over the past few years. Because of this, and the Source's frequent attendance at the major Melbourne Courts, the Source's physical appearance is easily identifiable. Any meeting between the Source and Handlers presents the risk of compromise.</p>	High
<p>The Source is currently acting for several members of the MOKBEL criminal cartel, including Tony MOKBEL [REDACTED] MNI: 903555700. This group has been known to employ extreme violence in the pursuit of their enterprises, and intelligence holdings indicate that this group regards breaches of their criminal code of silence as a matter of extreme concern. This group is very well resourced, and has obvious access to very large amounts of money. The greatest risk to the Source would be that of compromise of the Source's role to anyone connected with this group.</p>	High
<p>Over the past 12 months, the Source has had conversations with several Police members, including members of Operation PURANA and the Major Drug Investigation Division, regarding the possibility of the Source assisting Police. Some of these members are now aware that the Source has in fact formalized her relationship with Victoria Police. The Handler believes that it is highly likely that unidentified close work associates of these members are also aware of this fact. Further, current members of the Australian Federal Police and Australian Crime Commission may also be aware that the Source was considering the possibility of covertly assisting Police. The threat of compromise through a casual conversation, or otherwise, by these, or the other unknown members, must be considered a high risk.</p>	High
<p>In September 1993, The Source was charged with possessing and using Amphetamines (for which she received a Bond without conviction). The Source states that she does not use or have any interest in illicit drugs. The Source's work and lifestyle bring the Source into constant contact with criminals involved in the drug trade, who are likely to use drugs themselves, as well as having ready access to any illicit substances. It is unknown whether the Source would use "recreational" drugs, therefore the risk of compromise to the Source through this activity cannot be assessed.</p>	Significant
<p>It is believed that the Source has had intimate relationships with some Police members, and it is not known if any of these are ongoing. The Source does admit to being friends with some Police members, and appears to enjoy the company of male Police members. The Source will regularly meet other Police, either through work related contact, or through social activities, and the Source lives an active social life, predominantly within inner city Melbourne. Risk of compromise exists if the Source does not maintain a high level of awareness in her relationships with other Police members.</p>	High

<p>The Source states that she has a very small group of people in whom she has total trust. These include Solicitor Jim VALOS of VALOS BLACK &amp; Associates. The Source may confide in VALOS as to her role as a Source. VALOS is also an active criminal defence lawyer [REDACTED]</p>	Significant
<p>[REDACTED] If VALOS became aware of the Source acting as such, it is unknown whether he would pass this information on to unknown third parties.</p>	
<p>The Source states that she is particularly close to her family. She also states that she keeps her family completely separate from her working life. It is unlikely that the Source would divulge her role to family members.</p>	Low
<p>The Source has stated a strong desire to be free of the clients who tend to consume a large proportion of the Source's time and resources, and thus create a great deal of stress to the Source. The Source states that her sole motivation for acting as a Source is to be rid of the clients in this category, specifically being those who belong to the MOKBEL criminal cartel. The Source feels she cannot initiate an end to these relationships in an open and direct manner with those concerned, due to tacit and subtle intimidation being applied to the Source. If the Source decides that Police are not acting on the intelligence provided appropriately, a feeling of frustration may cause the Source to take unknown radical action in order to rid herself of contact with these people.</p>	Significant
<p>As stated above, the Source states that she feels to be under a great amount of stress. If the Source is not able to withstand the psychological pressure of dealing with the targets, as well as acting as a Source, further emotional strain may result.</p>	Significant
<p>In 2004, the Source suffered a stroke, at age 31 years. The Source believes that this was largely caused by stress, emanating from an extremely hectic work schedule involving long hours, and prolonged contact with high level criminals. After this stroke, the Source did initially reduce her work load, however, it appears that she now has resumed an extremely busy schedule of work commitments.</p>	Significant
<p>The Source may possess other motivations and agendas not yet known to Handlers.</p>	High
<p>The source is an intelligent individual who appears to be acutely aware of the risk of physical harm if compromised. The Source is aware of the need for various security measures to be adhered to when dealing with Handlers. It appears unlikely that the source would ever declare herself as an informer in any circumstances.</p>	Moderate
<p>The source is entrenched in the Melbourne legal community, including having previously been the secretary of the Victorian Criminal Bar Association. Thus the Source has connections to numerous barristers and solicitors acting for various crime figures at all levels. Due to the very nature of this work, and the persons involved in its day to day business, interaction with these people presents a further avenue for potential compromise of the Source.</p>	Significant
<p>Information supplied by the Source may be passed on to other Law Enforcement Agencies, likely to be Federal agencies involved in significant drug investigations. This may be cause for further potential compromise of the Source.</p>	High
<p>The Source may come into possession of intelligence known only to the Source and the targets. If acted upon, this would compromise the Source.</p>	Significant
<p><b>Risk Determination:</b></p> <p>The overall risk of compromise to the source is considered HIGH.</p>	

**Control Measures:**



**RISK TO HANDLER(S) / CONTROLLER OF BEING JEOPARDISED**

The Risks: What can happen and how.

Level of Risk

<p>Risk to Handlers may exist in the form of physical violence if seen in company with the Source by criminals and a Handler/Source relationship is suspected.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>Risk to Handlers may occur if sighted in the company of the Source by members of the Legal fraternity or other Police. Within some Police circles, the Source is commonly regarded as a legal practitioner who is of questionable integrity in her dealings with criminals. Any perceived association with the Source may bring suspicion or allegations of corruption, or worse, compromise of the Handler/Source relationship.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The Source has a large group of friends and associates, the majority of whom are well educated astute individuals involved in the legal fraternity. Risk to Handlers (and the Source) exist if the Source fails to [REDACTED]</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The source has no history involving violence, and has not been known to act in an inappropriate manner.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>The Source is a Barrister working exclusively in Criminal Law, and has represented many high profile criminals. If the Source is motivated to divulge Source handling methodologies, this could cause extreme danger of compromise to Handlers.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The Source is rumoured to have previously had personal relationships with known criminals. If this was to occur, the Source may directly or inadvertently reveal her role. This would bring extreme risk to any member performing Handling duties of the Source.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The Source has represented many individuals who have made allegations against Police, and the Source has expressed a personal view that she has been involved in defending a number of matters involving corrupt Police members in recent times. It has not yet been established if these allegations are true. Nonetheless, it is likely that the Source harbours great suspicion of all Police. [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Significant</p>
<p>[REDACTED] Through misunderstanding, it is possible that the Source may wrongly assume that correct procedures are being done for other than legitimate reasons. It is unknown what course</p>	

<p>of action the Source would take if she suspected that Handlers were not acting appropriately.</p> <p>The Source has previously had intimate relationships with some Police. Risk to Handlers exists if the Source were to attempt to form an other than professional association with Handlers.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p><b>Risk Determination:</b></p> <p>The risk of a handler or controller being jeopardized is considered HIGH.</p> <p><b>Control Measures:</b></p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%; min-height: 100px;"></div>	

**RISK TO THE INTEGRITY OF INFORMATION**

The Risks: What can happen and how.	Level of Risk
<p>The Source made the initial approach to Police to supply information. The Source has stated a clear motivation for acting as a Source, however, if other unidentified motivations exist, the integrity of information may be jeopardized.</p>	<p>Significant</p>
<p>Within a short time, the Source has provided credible and valuable intelligence to police. The Source is well positioned to obtain tactically viable intelligence in relation to the criminal activities of the MOKBEL cartel. Intelligence supplied by the Source is considered accurate, however, on occasion the information may be obtained via third parties who may not be directly involved in the matters reported on. This may cause concern regarding the accuracy of information supplied.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>Source potential to provide intelligence on Major organized crime figures has not yet been developed to its full potential.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>The Source may not always be included within the inner circle of the criminals upon whom she may be able to provide intelligence. Information gaps may exist, which the Source may feel the need to fill by assumption or speculation. If this was not clarified with Handlers, inaccurate information is at risk of being received and disseminated.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>The source has a brief history of providing credible and valuable intelligence to police. The source is well positioned to obtain tactically viable intelligence in relation to the criminal activities of a number of persons. Intelligence supplied by the source is considered accurate, however, the source could [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Significant</p>
<p>Current resources at Crime Department level do not allow for secure recording and dissemination of intelligence, and breaches of security of information have occurred in the past. Even allowing for the upgraded security levels implemented by M.D.I.D., the targets on which the Source can supply information are extremely well resourced and are believed to actively seek avenues to initiate corrupt activities to meet their needs.</p>	<p>High</p>
<p>The Source has expressed pity regarding the personal plight of certain criminals who are currently pending trial for major drug trafficking matters. It is not known if the Source would fail to report, or minimized the reported involvement, of any person for whom she</p>	<p>Significant</p>

<p>felt some degree of sympathy.</p>	
<p><b>Risk Determination:</b> The risk to the integrity of the information is considered HIGH.</p> <p><b>Control Measures:</b></p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 200px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	

**RISK TO VICTORIA POLICE OF EXPOSURE**

The Risks: What can happen and how.	Level of Risk
<p>It is possible that the Source enjoys acting as a police agent. Although this does not seem to be the Source's main motivation for assisting police, risk exists if the Source becomes over enthusiastic about this role.</p>	Moderate
<p>The Source has an extremely confident and strong personality. Whilst this is may be a bonus in assisting the Source to [REDACTED] and the like, it may tend to make the Source less likely to detect signs of suspicion exhibited by persons with whom she has contact.</p>	Moderate
<p>The Source has been involved as a defence barrister in numerous County and Supreme Court trials involving well known criminal identities, and as a result is extremely well versed in police procedures. However, it is likely that the Source is not totally au fait with the intricate nature of some methodologies, for example, [REDACTED] or, [REDACTED], and the detail of some other matters. Deployment of this Source will increase her knowledge of covert police methodology. Having regard to the Source's career focus, this presents risk to Victoria Police.</p>	High
<p>The Source is highly likely to supply intelligence that will trigger tactical responses, and, because of her position with the likely targets, these actions and results will be clearly visible to the Source. This may provide further evidence of Police methodology to the Source.</p>	High

<p>The Source has suggested that her business premises be "bugged" or that the Source carry a recording device, in order to make recordings of conversations with potential targets and others. Lack of control over the Source's actions regarding this could lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compromise of source identity</li> <li>• Jeopardise investigations</li> <li>• Adversely affect Victoria Police</li> </ul> <p>Because of the Source's occupation and particular position, if compromised, the handling of this Source would come under extreme scrutiny. This could cause embarrassment and criticism of the Force. This must be considered and balanced against the proposition of not utilizing the Source, and the potential resultant harm to the public that may occur through lack of intelligence against very large scale drug traffickers</p> <p>There is no current intelligence to suggest the source is criminally active, although there has been speculation on this subject. The Source is aware that she has previously been captured on electronic surveillance, which the Source states was always due to communications regarding routine matters with legitimate clients. Further, because of her position within the community, the Source is unlikely to be criminally overtly active, at the very least through fear of denting her reputation as a lawyer.</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Significant</p> <p>Moderate</p>
<p><b>Risk Determination:</b>                  The overall risk to Victoria Police of exposure is considered HIGH.</p> <p><b>Control Measures:</b></p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 150px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	

**RISK OF PUBLIC HARM**

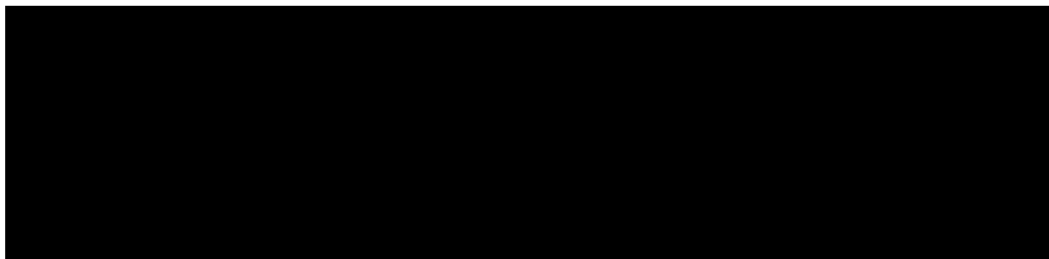
The Risks: What can happen and how.	Level of Risk
<p>Tasking and deployment of the Source will involve the Source fraternizing with high level criminals, however, this occurs during the course of the Source's day to day business. This is an environment in which the Source feels comfortable and would pose no risk of harm to the public.</p>	Moderate
<p>The Source displays to Handlers a high degree of a feeling of moral duty to uphold the law. Whereas this position must be constantly scrutinized, it appears unlikely that the Source would be openly involved in activities that would have a negative impact on her position, and thus the general community.</p>	Low
<p>This source is not motivated by a need to avoid court imposed penalties. Public confidence will not be adversely impacted through the provision of letters of assistance to this source.</p>	Low
<p>This source does not represent any threat of violence towards the public.</p>	Low

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**Risk Determination:**

The overall risk of Public Harm is considered MODERATE.

**Control Measures:**

Completed by (Handler):

Peter Smith-O

Date:

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**OVERALL ASSESSMENT****Risk Determination:**

The overall risk determination is HIGH.

The nominated control measures are considered appropriate.

**Value: (Intelligence / Deployment):**

This Source has extensive connections to both high level and local criminal identities.

To date, the Source has established a short history of providing wide ranging and accurate intelligence.

This Source has the ability to provide accurate and timely intelligence concerning local and major crime.

The Source is capable of being deployed in the criminal environment. High level suspects appear to trust the Source and speak openly in their presence.

The Source is a criminal barrister in the Victorian legal community and represents many high profile criminal identities. One group of clients is the MOKBEL family, who are regarded as one of the major drug trafficking consortiums in Australia.

The effective utilisation of the Source has the potential to impede major crime and reduce the illicit drug trade. Failure to do so will have the opposite effect.

**Recommendation:**

Source is considered high risk and is both strategically and tactically viable. DSU management is therefore recommended.

Completed by (Controller):

Black-O

Date:

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