

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH CHARLES O'BOYLE

DATED THIS DAY

19th OF *March*

2009

I, JOSEPH CHARLES O'BOYLE, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
2. I have a higher certificate in physical science which was awarded by the University of Ulster in 1982 and a certificate from the British Examining Board in 1995 in occupational hygiene covering noise and vibration. My experience in noise measurement is primarily in terms of occupational exposure, monitoring the noise levels that people in industry are exposed to in the work place.
3. I joined the Industrial Research and Technology Unit [IRTU] in 1979. The IRTU was a government body and specialised in offering a service to industry across a broad range of scientific applications. In 1995 IRTU was the approved body for type testing of power generators on sound and noise levels.
4. I refer to a report I submitted on 26 June 1997 [page **8165**] for the Royal Ulster Constabulary. I had initially been approached by my Principal Officer at the IRTU about how it would be possible to determine whether someone could hear a sound inside of a vehicle. My response was along the lines, it depends on the person's hearing acuity; it depends on the background noise in the vehicle; that it depends on