



3.55pm It emerges that Rupert Murdoch will use adverts in weekend papers to apologise for the hurt caused by phone hacking

We are sorry.

[Faded text, likely the start of an apology letter]

4.30pm Rupert Murdoch meets Milly Dowler's family and gives a "full and sincere apology"



5.15pm No 10 releases details of Mr Cameron's meetings with media owners, editors and staff since May 2010

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to write about economics of *Morning Herald*, owned by Rupert Murdoch's main company. From 1984 to 1991 secretary to Paul Keating, Australia's Finance Minister, who was Minister. Mockridge was recruited by Murdoch's main hold-out for his Australian newspaper to the chief executive's teeth in pay-TV when he became chief executive of Fox's joint venture with the Australian company Telstra. He moved to Hong Kong to help Murdoch's interests in Asia, where he became Murdoch's trusted lieutenant. In Italy the number of Bsky Italia more than doubled operating profits in the first year to \$230 million. He was made a main shareholder of BskyB in 2009. Mockridge is married to Lucia



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Tom Mockridge in London yesterday: "He's steady, tough and clearly the boss"

Baresi, an Italian, and they have young twins, a boy and a girl. A colleague said of him: "He's steady, he's tough and he's very clearly the boss. But he manages to combine being forceful with being quite diplomatic." His tasks will be to get a grip on the operating businesses in News Inter-

national and to restore battered staff morale, leaving dealing with the phone-hacking inquiry to Will Lewis, the group general manager of News International. One urgent question for Mr Mockridge will be whether to launch a Sunday edition of *The Sun*.

Closed paper's staff may sue

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Former *News of the World* staff are in discussions to sue News International over the closure of the paper. More than 30 journalists are understood to have spoken to Silverman Sherliker, a City law firm, about the possibility of launching a group action against the paper's owners for "stigma damages".

Any lawsuit is expected to argue that phone-hacking by previous staffers on the paper put them at a "serious disadvantage" in finding new work.

"We have been approached by at least two groups of employees," a spokesman for the firm said. "We're only at the beginning of a 90-day consultation process, but there's a high level of interest in the possibility of a class lawsuit."

There is no limit to the potential level of damages for stigma, the firm said. "Up to one month ago being a *News of the World* journalist was a prestigious job. Now everyone asks them whether they were involved in tapping Milly Dowler's voicemail."

News International said that it would "offer employment opportunities to the vast majority of staff who lost their jobs as a result of the closure of the *News of the World*".