

From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re:
Date: Tue, 06 Jan 2015 23:54:38 +0000

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On Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 7:26 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hi Richard,

Sure, that is totally understood. I have seen the spate of utterly idiotic negative publicity in the news, and I'm sorry you guys have to deal with that. From my view I see two possibilities: a) that crap is all made up by greedy people seeking money and fame, b) maybe some variation of what is alleged did happen, but if so it was surely an occurrence among reasonably mature people who mutually consented at the time, so why is it anybody else's business? Our society is pretty f**ked in some ways.... But obviously you guys have already figured that out ;-p

I don't want to push you guys at a difficult time, but given my own situation I do feel moved to ask if Jeffrey might still be able to help with \$25K for my "corporate contribution" to the OpenCog Hong Kong project. He has helped in this way every year since 2010, usually via a donation to Humanity+. If it's simply not possible given the circumstances I do understand, but I wanted to remind of this option just in case it was forgotten given all the other mess happening on your end. Of course if it's not possible I will do my best to find the \$25K elsewhere so OpenCog Hong Kong can keep going.

I look forward to discussing our research proposal with Jeffrey again once this latest bout of media idiocy dies down ... as it always does given some time as you know...

Yours,
Ben

On Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 5:28 PM, Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Good afternoon
> Due to the current environment with all the bad press Jeffrey is receiving we are going to have to put this funding on hold
> Please feel free to reach out with any questions
> Thank you and happy new year
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> Richard Kahn
> HBRK Associates Inc.
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]

> tel [REDACTED]
> fax [REDACTED]
> cel [REDACTED]
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>> On Jan 4, 2015, at 9:17 AM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> hello again,
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>> So, I'm curious as to the status -- has Jeffrey decided to fund this
>> proposal? I haven't actually heard from him about it, only from you.
>> But I assume he's been on holiday during the Xmas / New years period
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>> thx ;)
>> ben

>> On Wed, Dec 31, 2014 at 11:34 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>> Hi Richard,
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>>> Ah, one more thing. Just in case you decide to wire funds *today*
>>> (Dec. 31) ... if you want to wire them to a business account (rather
>>> than a charitable organization), it would be better to use the
>>> following information:

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>>> ***
>>> Practical Visionaries Limited
>>> HSBC, Hong Kong
>>> SWIFT code: [REDACTED]
>>> Account number: [REDACTED]
>>> ***

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>>> This is because wiring \$\$ to my US company Novamente LLC on the last
>>> day of 2014 would result in Novamente needing to pay tax on the \$\$...

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>>> Thanks
>>> Ben

>>> On Wed, Dec 24, 2014 at 8:37 PM, Ben Goertzel <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>> Hi Richard,
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>>>> Below is the bank information. When you've done the wire, please let
>>>> me know to which account you have sent the funds and in what amount,
>>>> so I can verify it was received.

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>>>> 1)
>>>> If you want to supply the funds as a donation to a 501(c)3 nonprofit,
>>>> then wire them to Humanity+ via

>>>> Wells Fargo
>>>>
>>>> Bank Account: [REDACTED]
>>>> Routing Number: [REDACTED]

>>>> Account holder: Humanity Plus

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>>>> -- or --

>>>> 2)

>>>> If you want to supply the funds as a payment to a commercial corporation, then the information is:

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>>>> SunTrust Bank

>>>> Acct # [REDACTED]

>>>> Routing # [REDACTED]

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>>>> Acct holder: Novamente LLC

>>>> Acct holder address:

>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>> [REDACTED]

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>>>> Thanks a lot,

>>>> Ben

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>>>> On Wed, Dec 24, 2014 at 6:23 PM, Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>>> Please advise whom we shall direct funds to for attached. Please provide wiring instructions as well. Thank you.

>>>>>

>>>>> Richard Kahn

>>>>> HBRK Associates Inc.

>>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>>> [REDACTED]

>>>>> Tel [REDACTED]

>>>>> Fax [REDACTED]

>>>>> Cell [REDACTED]

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>>>>> Begin forwarded message:

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>>>>> From: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

>>>>> Date: December 23, 2014 at 2:31:37 PM EST

>>>>> To: Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]>

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