

Berezovsky Agrees to Britain's Biggest Divorce

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LONDON — Self-exiled businessman Boris Berezovsky has agreed to Britain's biggest divorce settlement to date, his second wife's lawyer said Friday.

Deborah Levy said Galina Besharova, 52, got the settlement after Berezovsky, 65, admitted unreasonable behavior.

Levy, of WGS solicitors, declined to confirm the precise amount of money involved in the settlement but said it was larger than the previous record, set when insurance broker John Charman paid his former wife Beverley £48 million (\$78 million).

She gave no further details.

The couple met when Berezovsky was a professor of mathematics in Moscow. His fortune was built later, after he founded the first Mercedes dealership in the former Soviet Union. They were married in 1991.

Britain's The Guardian newspaper reported last year that the settlement could be as much as £100 million (\$154 million), though Berezovsky laughed off the reported figure when contacted by The Associated Press.

Forbes magazine estimated he was worth \$1.1 billion in a 2007 list of the world's richest people.

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