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File Title:	WELLS FARGO TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (AS OWNER TRUSTEE) & ANOR v VB LEASECO PTY LTD (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) ACN 134 268 741 & ORS
Registry:	NEW SOUTH WALES REGISTRY - FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
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Registrar

Important Information

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Originating application

No. of 2020

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: New South Wales
Division: General

Wells Fargo Trust Company, National Association (as owner trustee) and others named in schedule 1

Applicants

VB Leaseco Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 134 268 741 and others named in schedule 1

Respondents

To the Respondents

The Applicants apply for the relief set out in this application.

The Court will hear this application, or make orders for the conduct of the proceeding, at the time and place stated below. If you or your lawyer do not attend, then the Court may make orders in your absence.

You must file a notice of address for service (Form 10) in the Registry before attending Court or taking any other steps in the proceeding.

Time and date for hearing: [Registry will insert time and date]

Place: Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW

The Court ordered that the time for serving this application be abridged to [Registry will insert date, if applicable].

Filed on behalf of (name & role of party)	The Applicants		
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Date:

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Signed by an officer acting with the authority
of the District Registrar



Details of claim

On the grounds stated in the accompanying affidavit of Mr Dean Poulakidas sworn 29 June 2020, the Applicants claim:

Declaration of international interest

- 1 A declaration that the First Applicant holds (for the benefit of the Second Applicant) an “*international interest*” in the “*aircraft objects*” identified in Schedule 2 pursuant to Article 2 and 7 of the Convention on International Interests In Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, done at Cape Town on 16 November 2001 (**Cape Town Convention**).

Particulars

Section 7 of the International Interests In Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) Act (Cth) 2013 (**Act**) applies the Cape Town Convention and Protocol as a law of the Commonwealth.

Article 2.2(c) of the Cape Town Convention provides for an “*international interest*” to be “*vested in a person who is the lessor under a leasing agreement*”, constituted in accordance with the formal requirements of Article 7.

Declaration of failure to comply with Article XI of the Cape Town Aircraft Protocol

- 2 A declaration that the Notice dated 16 June 2020 given by the Third Respondent to the Second Applicant did not discharge the First or Third Respondent’s obligation under Article XI of the Cape Town Aircraft Protocol to “*give possession*” of the “*aircraft objects*” identified in Schedule 2.

Particulars

Section 7 of the International Interests In Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention) Act (Cth) 2013 (**Cape Town Convention Act**) applies the Cape Town Convention and Protocol as the law of the Commonwealth.

Article XI.2 of the Aircraft Protocol to the Convention on International Interests In Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, done at Cape Town on 16 November 2001 (**Cape Town Aircraft Protocol**) requires an insolvency administrator or debtor to “*give possession*” of an aircraft object.

By cover of letter dated 16 June 2020 from Clayton Utz, the Third Respondent gave a notice to the Second Applicant purporting to be a notice under section 443B(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).



The purported notice failed to give effect to the obligations of the Third Respondent or the First Respondent to give possession within the meaning of the Cape Town Aircraft Protocol.

Delivery up of aircraft objects

- 3 An order that the Respondents or any of them “*give possession*” of the “*aircraft objects*” identified in Schedule 2, by delivering up, or causing to be delivered up the “*aircraft objects*” to the Applicants in the manner set out in Schedule 3 at Coconut Creek, Florida, United States of America by no later than 31 July 2020.

Particulars

Section 7 of the Cape Town Convention Act applies the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol as the law of the Commonwealth.

Article XI.2 of the Cape Town Aircraft Protocol requires an insolvency administrator or debtor to “*give possession*” of an aircraft object.

The Applicants seeking the delivery up of the aircraft objects in the manner set out in Schedule 3 “*shall be deemed to be exercised in a commercially reasonable manner*” in accordance with Article IX.3 of the Cape Town Aircraft Protocol, because the exercise of that remedy is in conformity with a provision of the agreement between the parties (see the clause 18 of the General Terms Engine Lease Agreement as incorporated into each engine lease).

- 4 An order that unless and until the Respondents, or any of them “*give possession*” in accordance with prayer 3, or until further order of the Court, the Respondents are to preserve the aircraft objects in Schedule 2 by:
- (a) maintaining the Engines identified in Schedule 2 in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 3;
 - (b) maintaining insurance cover over the aircraft objects identified in Schedule 2 to the same or greater extent as was maintained at the date of appointment of the Third Respondent as administrators.

Rent or other amounts payable under section 443B of the Corporations Act

- 5 A declaration that the Notice dated 16 June 2020 given by the Third Respondent to the Second Applicant did not satisfy the requirements of section 443B(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (**Corporations Act**), and did not (pursuant to section 443B(4)) have the effect of relieving the Third Respondent of their obligations under section 443B(2) of the Corporations Act in respect of the property identified in Schedule 2.



- 6 An order that the Third Respondent pay rent or other amounts payable pursuant to section 443B(2) of the Corporations Act in respect of the property identified in Schedule 2 from 16 June 2020 until the date of this order.

General

- 7 Interest.
- 8 Costs.
- 9 Such further and other order as the Court thinks fit.

Interlocutory relief

- 10 An order that this Originating Process be listed for an urgent first case management hearing at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 1 July 2020 with a view to fixing a hearing date in respect of prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4 on an urgent basis.
- 11 An order that the time for service of the Originating Process and affidavit of Dean Poulakidas sworn 29 June 2020 together with a copy of these Orders (collectively the **Documents**), be abridged to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, 30 June 2020.
- 12 An order that service of the Documents may be effected on the Respondents by emailing a copy of the documents to:
- (a) Orla McCoy of Clayton Utz at omccoy@claytonutz.com;
 - (b) Timothy Sackar of Clayton Utz at tsackar@claytonutz.com;
 - (c) Graeme Tucker of Clayton Utz at gtucker@claytonutz.com;
 - (d) Salvatore Algeri of Deloitte at saalgeri@deloitte.com.au.

Applicants' address

The Applicants' address for service is:

Place: c/- Norton Rose Fulbright Australia, Level 5, 60 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000

Email: noel.mccoy@nortonrosefulbright.com

The Applicant's address is 60 E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Suite 209, Larkspur, California 94939 USA, Attention: General Counsel.



Service on the Respondent

It is intended to serve this application on all Respondents.

Date: 30 June 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "NM", written over a horizontal dotted line.

Signed by Noel McCoy
Lawyer for the Applicant

**Schedule 1**

No.

of 2020

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: New South Wales
Division: General

Applicants

Second Applicant: **Willis Lease Finance Corporation**

Respondents

Second Respondent: **Virgin Australia Airlines Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 090 670 965**

Third Respondent: **Vaughan Neil Strawbridge, John Lethbridge Greig, Salvatore Algeri & Richard John Hughes (in their capacity as voluntary administrators of the First and Second Respondents)**

Date: 30 June 2020

**Schedule 2**

No.

of 2020

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: New South Wales
Division: General

Schedule of “aircraft objects”**Engines**

- 1 CFM International Engine, Model CFM56-7B24 with engine serial number 888473.
- 2 CFM International Engine, Model CFM56-7B24 with engine serial number 897193.
- 3 CFM International Engine, Model CFM56-7B24 with engine serial number 896999.
- 4 CFM International Engine, Model CFM56-7B24 with engine serial number 894902.

Accessories, parts, and equipment

- 5 Engine stands:
 - (a) (for Engine 888473) with serial numbers:
 - (i) Cradle: P/N D71CRA00005G02, S/N MCC150728-1-3;
 - (ii) Base: P/N D71TRO00005G03, S/N MCC150728-1-3;
 - (b) (for Engine 897193) with serial numbers:
 - (i) Cradle: P/N D71CRA00005G02, S/N MCC150728-1-4;
 - (ii) Base: P/N D71TRO00005G03, S/N MCC150728-1-4;
 - (c) (for Engine 896999) with serial numbers:
 - (i) Cradle: P/N D71CRA00005G02, S/N MCC170335-1-1;
 - (ii) Base: P/N D71TRO00005G03, S/N MCC170335-1-1; and
 - (d) (for Engine 894902) with serial numbers:



- (i) Cradle: P/N AM-2811-4800, S/N 769;
- (ii) Base: P/N AM2563-200, S/N 1216.

6 Quick engine change (**QEC**) units and accessories:

- (a) (for Engine 888473) – as specified in Appendix A of the Aircraft Engine Lease Agreement between the First Applicant and First Respondent executed on or about 28 August 2019;
- (b) (for Engine 897193) – as specified in Appendix A of the Aircraft Engine Lease Agreement between the First Applicant and First Respondent executed on or about 24 May 2019;
- (c) (for Engine 896999) – as specified in Appendix A of the Aircraft Engine Lease Agreement between the First Applicant and First Respondent executed on or about 14 June 2019; and
- (d) (for Engine 894902) – as specified in Appendix A of the Aircraft Engine Lease Agreement between the First Applicant and First Respondent executed on or about 13 September 2019.

Data, manuals, and records

7 The following records in respect of each of the Engines:

- (a) all records and relevant access and log in codes delivered by the Applicants to the First Respondent on the Delivery Date (as defined in the General Terms Engine Lease Agreement **GTA**) including a copy of the life-limited parts profile status attached as Appendix B to each Engine Aircraft Engine Lease Agreement;
- (b) all Engine records generated by the First Respondent as specified at Exhibit F to GTA;
- (c) Engine Certification Statement in accordance with Exhibit E of the GTA;
- (d) complete and legible engine condition monitoring (**ECM**) data, including both take off and cruise performance and mechanical parameters covering the complete installation term of the Engine since delivery;



- (e) with respect to any part installed by the Respondents or any of them, during the term of the Engine lease and not removed prior to the return of an Engine:
- (i) manufacturer, part number, nomenclature and serial number of life-limited parts, time controlled parts and serialised parts; and
 - (ii) historical records including but not limited to:
 - (A) serviceability status of the part at installation (ie FAA or EASA or CASA Release to Service tag in accordance with the requirements of section 6(c)(ii) of the GTA);
 - (B) for life-limited parts, time controlled parts and serialised parts, total time and cycles, time and, if applicable, cycles since overhaul as may be applicable and total time and, if applicable, cycles of the Engine at the time of part installation; and
 - (C) additionally for a life-limited part, documentation tracing usage of the part since new; and
- (f) any other Engine records generated by the Respondents during the Lease Term (as defined in section 2(b) of the GTA).

**Schedule 3**

No.

of 2020

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: New South Wales

Division: General

Maintenance in a manner consistent with cl 18.3(e) of the GTA:

- 1 As at the time the aircraft objects in Schedule 2 are returned to the Applicants, the aircraft objects must have all due maintenance completed in accordance with the Approved Maintenance Program (as defined in the GTA) and must be in as serviceable a condition and good repair as when delivered to the First Respondent, fair wear and tear excepted in a manner consistent with cl 18.3 of the GTA.

Serviceable Tags as required by cl 18.3(g) of the GTA

- 2 Upon the return of the Equipment to the First Applicant, the Respondents must affix a serviceable tag to each of the Engines, pursuant to FAA/EASA requirements:
 - (a) either a completed FAA Form 8130-3 (marked approved for Return to Service in accordance with 14 CFR 43.9 and Release to Service in accordance with EASA Part 145.A.50); or
 - (b) alternatively, EASA Form One (marked approved for Release to Service in accordance with EASA Part 145.A.50 and Return to Service in accordance with 14 CRF 43.9); and
 - (c) an FAA Form 337.

All maintenance tasks related to the return of the Equipment (including, without limitation, Equipment testing, inspections, MPD tasks, preservation tasks, Equipment Repairs, Airworthiness Directives accomplished, Service Bulletins accomplished, and any other associated tasks) are to be included on the serviceable tag, in a manner consistent with cl 18.3(g) of the GTA.

**Shipment in a manner consistent with clause 18.3(h) of the GTA**

- 3 Prior to returning the aircraft objects in Schedule 2 to the Applicants, the Respondents or any of them must prepare each Engine identified in Schedule 2 for shipment by:
- (a) capping and plugging all openings of the Engine;
 - (b) preserving the Engine for long-term preservation and storage for a minimum of 365 days in accordance with the applicable manufacturer's procedures for the Engine;
 - (c) completely sealing the Engine in a Moisture Vapour Proof (MVP) Bag if provided by the Lessor or with heavy gauge vinyl plastic if the Lessor does not provide an MVP Bag;
 - (d) otherwise preparing the Engine for shipment and, if applicable, the shipment of the Engine, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications/recommendations; and
 - (e) Any trucks used for shipment of the Engines must be equipped with air ride or air cushion tractors and trailers.