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No: VID182/2018

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: General

Pareshkumar Davaria and others named in the Schedule
Applicants

7-Eleven Stores Pty Ltd (ACN 005 299 427) and another named in the Schedule
Respondents

**Reply to the First Respondent's Defence to the Second Further Amended
Statement of Claim**

(filed pursuant to the Orders made by Middleton J on 5 March 2021)

*This pleading is intended to be read in conjunction with the most recently filed Statement of Claim in proceeding VID180/2018 (for which leave has been granted) (**Current VID180 SOC**). Defined terms in this pleading have the same meaning as in that Statement of Claim.*

A. INTRODUCTION

1. As to paragraph 1 of the First Respondent's Defence to the Further Amended Statement of Claim (**Defence**), the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 1 of the SOC;
 - (b) adopt the allegation of fact that during the Relevant Period persons were or commenced to be Nominated Directors under standard-form Franchise Agreements entered into with 7-Eleven; and
 - (c) otherwise join issue therewith.

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1A. As to paragraph 1A of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 1A of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

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2. The Applicants adopt the admission in paragraph 2 of the Defence.

3. The Applicants adopt the admission in paragraph 3 of the Defence.

3A. The Applicants adopt the admission in paragraph 3A of the Defence.

3B. The Applicants adopt the admission in paragraph 3B of the Defence.

4. As to paragraph 4 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 4 of the SOC;
- (aa) adopts the matters of fact set out subparagraph 4(b)(i) therein and in the particulars subjoined to subparagraph 4(b)(ii) therein;
- (ab) adopts the matters of fact set out subparagraph 4(d)(i) therein and in the particulars subjoined to subparagraph 4(d)(ii) therein; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

4A As to paragraph 4A of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 4A of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

4B As to paragraph 4B of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 4B of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

4C As to paragraph 4C of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 4C of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

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5. As to paragraph 5 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 5 of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

6. As to paragraph 6 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 6 of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

B. FRANCHISOR DISCLOSURES – CODE BREACHES AND MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE CONDUCT – APPLICANTS AND FRANCHISEES

7. As to paragraph 7 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 7 of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

B1. Reliance and loss – applicants

8. As to paragraph 8 of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 8 of the SOC; and
 - (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

9. As to paragraph 9 of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 9 of the SOC; and
 - (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

10. As to paragraph 10 of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 10 of the SOC; and
 - (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

11. As to paragraph 11 of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 11 of the SOC; and
 - (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

12. As to paragraph 12 of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 12 of the SOC; and
 - (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

- 12A As to paragraph 12A of the Defence, the Applicants:
 - (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 12A of the SOC; and

(b) otherwise join issue therewith.

12B As to paragraph 12B of the Defence, the Applicants:

(a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 12B of the SOC; and

(b) otherwise join issue therewith.

12C As to paragraph 12C of the Defence, the Applicants:

(a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 12C of the SOC; and

(b) otherwise join issue therewith.

12D The Applicants join issue with paragraph 12D of the Defence.

13. The Applicants join issue with paragraph 13 of the Defence.

B2. Foregone Income & Guarantee Losses – Group Member

14. As to paragraph 14 of the Defence, the Applicants:

(a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 14 of the SOC; and

(b) otherwise join issue therewith.

15. As to paragraph 15 of the Defence, the Applicants:

(a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 15 of the SOC; and

(b) otherwise join issue therewith.

16. As to paragraph 16 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 16 of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

17. The Applicants join issue with paragraph 17 of the Defence.

17A. As to paragraph 17A of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraphs 106 to 121 of the SOC; and
- (b) otherwise join issue therewith.

17B. The Applicants join issue with paragraph 17B of the Defence.

C. BANK CLAIMS

C1. Relationship between the Bank and 7-Eleven

18. ~~[Not used] As to paragraph 18 of the Defence, the Applicants:~~

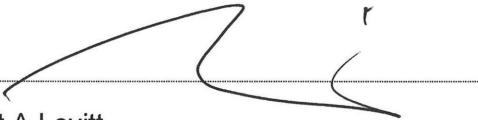
- ~~(a) adopt any express or implied admissions made therein, in respect of the allegations made in paragraph 18 of the SOC; and~~
- ~~(b) otherwise join issue therewith.~~

19. As to paragraph 19 of the Defence, the Applicants:

- (a) join issue therewith;
- (b) say, without reversing any onus of proof, inter alia, that loss and damage suffered by the Applicants and Franchisees, was:
 - (i) as to any actual or potential liability under a guarantee in respect of monies borrowed by the Applicants in VID 180/18 for the purpose of purchasing and operating the Campbelltown, Northmead or South Melbourne Stores,

- (A) a chance of a loss that did not eventuate earlier than September 2015; and
- (B) suffered subsequent to, and consequent upon:
 - (1) the matters pleaded in paragraphs 90 to 92(e) of the SOC; and
 - (2) in respect of the Campbelltown Store, the matters pleaded in paragraphs 94A to 94D of the SOC;
- (ii) as to any loss stemming from the giving up of alternative employment, or from the loss of the ability to pursue alternative employment, suffered incrementally and progressively throughout the duration of the operation of Stores by the Applicants in VID 180/18.

Date: 28 April 2021



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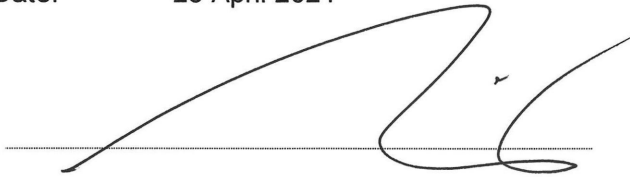
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This amended pleading was prepared by Philip Tucker, counsel.

Certificate of lawyer

I, Stewart A Levitt, certify to the Court that, in relation to this Reply filed on behalf of the Applicants, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for each allegation in the pleading.

Date: 28 April 2021

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Stewart A Levitt

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Solicitor for the Applicants

Schedule

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Third Applicant:	JATINDER PAL SINGH
Fourth Applicant:	SUMAN MEET KAUR
Second Respondent:	ANZ BANKING GROUP LIMITED