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Registrar

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ThirdSecond Further Amended Originating application starting a representative proceeding under Part IVA of the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976

(filed pursuant to leave granted by Middleton J on 22 February 2021)

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

Respondent

To the Respondent

The Applicants apply for the relief set out in this application which has been amended pursuant to the decision of Middleton J on 22 February 2021.

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:

Place: Federal Court of Australia
Law Courts Building
305 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Date:

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

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Details of claim

Terms defined in the ~~Third~~ ~~Second~~ Further Amended Statement of Claim and ~~Third~~ ~~Second~~ Further Amended Originating Application in the representative proceedings VID180 of 2018 (**Franchisee Proceeding**) commenced by Davaria Pty Limited on 19 February 2018 against the First Respondent (**7-Eleven**) ~~and~~ 7-Eleven, Inc ~~and the Second Respondent in this proceeding~~ (~~Bank~~) (**VID180 SOC**) and the ~~Second~~ Further Amended Statement of Claim in these proceedings (**VID182 SOC**), carry the same meaning when used in this Originating Application.

On the grounds stated in the VID182 SOC and (to the extent applicable) in the VID180 SOC, the Applicants claim:

1. Damages against 7-Eleven:
 - (a) pursuant to section 236 of the *Australian Consumer Law* (Cth) set out in Schedule 2 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (**CCA**), as applicable pursuant to section 131 of the CCA, and/or its cognates as applicable, pursuant to legislation in the States and Territories of Australia (collectively, **ACL**), or alternatively section 82 and/or 87 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) (**TPA**), for misleading or deceptive conduct within the meaning of section 18 of the ACL or section 52 of the TPA respectively, or alternatively section 12GF of the *Australian Securities and Investment Commission Act 2000* (Cth) (**ASIC Act**);
 - (b) pursuant to section 236 of the ACL or section 82 of the TPA, or alternatively section 12GF of the ASIC Act, for unconscionable conduct within the meaning of section 21 of the ACL or section 51AC of the TPA, or alternatively section 12CB of the ASIC Act.
2. ~~[Deleted] Damages against the Bank:~~
 - ~~(a) — for breach of contract; and/or~~
 - ~~(b) — pursuant to section 12GF of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* (**ASIC Act**) for unconscionable conduct within the meaning of section 12CB of the ASIC Act.~~
3. ~~[Deleted] Orders against the Bank pursuant to section 12GM of the ASIC Act to the effect that the personal guarantees and mortgage (or other forms of security) entered into by the Applicants and some or all of the Group Members be set aside or varied due to the unconscionable conduct of the Bank within the meaning of section 12CB of the ASIC Act.~~
4. Interest.
5. Costs.



6. Such further order as this Honourable Court deems fit or the nature of the case requires, including orders pursuant to sections 237 and 243 of the ACL and/or section 87 of the TPA, and/or section 12GM of the ASIC Act:
- (a) for indemnity in respect of any liability that the Applicants (or any of them) have or may incur owing to, or stemming from, obligations incurred in respect of loans obtained or financing arrangements entered into (including the provision of security) for the purposes of or associated with the Applicants in the Franchisee Proceeding entering into Franchise Agreements and operating Stores; and
- (b) for indemnity in respect of, or cancelling or declaring void or unenforceable, any guarantee, indemnity or other liability assumed or incurred by the Applicants under the Franchise Agreements.

Questions common to claims of group members

7. The questions of law or fact common between the claims of the Applicants and the Group Members against 7-Eleven are:

Misleading Conduct

- (a) whether the Group Members are entitled to recover loss and damage, or to compensatory or other remedies, as a consequence of the contraventions of section 52 of the TPA or section 18 of the ACL by 7-Eleven referred to in paragraphs 14 to 17 of the VID182 SOC; whether 7-Eleven made any, and if so which, of the following representations:
- (i) the Renewal Representation Business Opportunity Representation;
- (ii) the 7-Eleven Business Opportunity Statements;
- (iii) the Volume Pricing Representation;
- (iv) the Goodwill Value Representation;
- (v) the Average Store Financials Accuracy Representation (to the extent it constituted an implied representation);
- (vi) the Future Average Payroll Cost Representation (to the extent it constituted an implied representation);
- (vii) the Advertising Fund Representation; and
- (viii) the 7-Eleven Supplier Representation,
- (being the Misleading or Deceptive Conduct Representations);



(b) whether the Misleading or Deceptive Conduct Representations were made in trade or commerce;

Unconscionability

(c) whether 7-Eleven knew the matters in subparagraphs 106 (a)(i), (a)(ii), (a)(iii), (a)(vi), (d), (g), (h), (j) and (l) of the Statement of Claim in the Franchisee Proceeding.

8. ~~[Deleted]The questions of law or fact common between the claims of the Applicants and the Group Members against the Bank are:~~
- ~~(a) Whether the Banks Loan Contracts contained the terms referred to in paragraphs 30 and 31 of the VID182 SOC;~~
 - ~~(b) Whether the Guarantees contained the terms referred to in paragraph 19 of the VID182 SOC;~~
 - ~~(c) Whether the Bank, in advancing loan funds to the Represented Franchisees and/or entering into the Guarantees, breached one or more of the terms in (a) and (b) above;~~
 - ~~(d) Whether the Group Members are entitled to recover loss and damage as a consequence of the contraventions of section 12CB of the ASIC Act by 7-Eleven referred to in paragraphs 43 and 44 of the VID182 SOC.~~

Representative action

9. The Applicants bring this application as a representative party under Part IVA of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth).
10. These proceedings are brought as representative proceedings by the Applicants on behalf of themselves and all persons (**Group Members**)~~who~~:
- (a) (**Nominated Director**s) who were or commenced to be the nominated directors identified in a standard-form franchise agreement (**Franchise Agreement**) with 7-Eleven at any time between 20 February 2012 and 19 February 2018 (**Relevant Period**);
 - (b) (**Guarantors**) who provided indemnities, guarantees, mortgages or other securities (**Guarantees**) in respect of a Franchisee's obligations under a Franchise Agreement or Bank Loan Contract entered into by a Franchisee and which Guarantee(s) was extant during the Relevant Period.

~~and who have suffered loss and damage as a result of the conduct of either or both of 7-Eleven or the Bank, alleged in the VID182 SOC.~~

**Applicants' address**

The Applicants' address for service is

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Service on the Respondent

It is intended to serve this application on the Respondent.

Date: 15/3/2021.

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Stewart A Levitt

Solicitor for the Applicants

Schedule



No: VID182/2018

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Victoria

Division: General

Second Applicant:

KHUSHBU DAVARIA

Third Applicant:

JATINDER PAL SINGH

Fourth Applicant:

SUMAN MEET KAUR

~~Second Respondent: ANZ BANKING GROUP LIMITED~~