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#### JUDGMENT/ORDER

**COURT DETAILS** 

Court Supreme Court of NSW

Division Equity

List Equity General

Registry Supreme Court Sydney

Case number 2021/00179305

**TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS** 

First Applicant PP New Pty Ltd

ACN 088406437

First Respondent

**DATE OF JUDGMENT/ORDER** 

Date made or given 2 November 2021 Date entered 4 November 2021

### **TERMS OF JUDGMENT/ORDER**

ORDERS:

Her Honour, Ward CJ in Eq. makes the following orders:

1. Make orders in accordance with the Short Minutes of Order provided to the Court, initialled and dated by her Honour today.

### Short Minutes of Order:

- 1. The Second Plaintiff (New Trustee) has leave to file in Court the affidavit of Catherine Margaret Conneely sworn 28 October 2021 and the affidavit of Catherine Margaret Conneely sworn 2 November 2021.
- 2. Pursuant to section 81 of the Trustee Act 1925 (NSW) (Trustee Act), and sections 61 and 90 of the Civil Procedure Act 2005 (NSW) (Civil Procedure Act) and rules 2.1 and 36.1 of the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW), New Trustee is authorised to undertake the following course of action (Second Course of Action):
- (a) provide notice (Second Notice) to the current and past members of the APM Security Plan Sickness & Accident Fund ABN 57 413 197 086 (Fund), creditors, claimants and contributories or potential creditors, claimants and contributories of the Fund, and the persons who have been acting as officeholders on behalf of the Fund (together, Interested Persons):
- (i) of the orders made in respect of this application and any reasons for judgment;
- (ii) of New Trustee's intention to issue the Report (as defined in sub-paragraph (c) below) to Interested Persons and convene and hold a meeting (First Meeting) of Interested Persons by 31 December 2021, unless adjourned in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) below;
- (iii) seeking any additional information and documentation about the Fund and the Fund trust (Trust);

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- (iv) seeking notification of any claims in respect of any property (Property) held on trust for the Fund under the Trust; and
- (v) seeking their opinion about the winding up of the Fund or any alternatives to winding up the Fund:
- (b) issue the Second Notice by:
- (i) sending the Second Notice to the known email addresses of the Interested Persons;
- (ii) sending the Second Notice to the known postal addresses of the Interested Persons;
- (iii) publishing the Second Notice on
- https://www.kordamentha.com/creditors/apm-security-plan-sickness-accident-fund (the New Trustee Website); and
- (iv) publishing the Second Notice in the The Australian, the Sydney Morning Herald and the Daily Telegraph;
- (c) prepare and issue a report to Interested Persons (Report) via email to known email addresses of Interested Persons and downloadable from the New Trustee Website, which Report is to include information about the following:
- (i) the appointment of New Trustee as trustee of the Fund;
- (ii) the Fund's history, current status, property, affairs, and financial circumstances;
- (iii) New Trustee's investigations into the affairs of the Fund and work undertaken since its appointment;
- (iv) an outline of options concerning the future of the Fund and, if and to the extent that New Trustee considers it appropriate, any recommendation(s) and the reasons for any such recommendation(s);
- (v) notice of the First Meeting (which must be provided not less than two weeks before the scheduled date of the First Meeting); and
- (vi) a proxy form to vote at the First Meeting in respect of the future of the Fund and any other resolutions that New Trustee considers appropriate for this purpose;
- (d) hold the First Meeting via video teleconference;
- (e) if required, adjourn the First Meeting (Adjourned First Meeting) for a period of no more than 45 business days and prepare and issue a supplementary report to Interested Persons (Supplementary Report), subject to the following:
- (i) any Supplementary Report is to be issued to Interested Persons via email to known email addresses of Interested Persons and downloadable from the New Trustee Website, and is to include:
- (A) notice of the Adjourned Meeting (which must be provided not less than two weeks before the scheduled date of the Adjourned Meeting); and
- (B) a proxy form to vote at the Adjourned Meeting in respect of the future of the Fund and any other resolutions New Trustee considers appropriate for this purpose; and
- (ii) the Adjourned Meeting is to be held via video teleconference;
- (f) following the First Meeting or any Adjourned Meeting, make an application to the Court to report on the outcome of the meeting(s), and seek directions and orders for the future of the Fund, further conduct of the management of the Fund, and/or the determination of any questions arising in connection with the Trust and/or the Fund;
- (g) for the purposes of the above sub-paragraphs:
- (i) conduct any further review of the books and records of the Fund and any additional information obtained after issuing the Second Notice;
- (ii) liaise with the Interested Persons, financial institutions and any other persons associated with the Fund: and

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- (iii) identify the Property and liabilities of the Fund, including any Property held in the name of individuals or other third parties on behalf of the Fund;
- (h) open new accounts (each a New Account) in the name of the Fund with St George Bank for each of the following accounts (each a Bank Australia Account) presently held with Bank Australia in the name of the Fund:
- (i) transaction account 7311;
- (ii) term deposit 0423;
- (iii) term deposit 0430;
- (iv) term deposit 0445;
- (v) term deposit 0482;
- (vi) term deposit 1168;
- (vii) term deposit 1169;
- (viii) term deposit 1166;
- (ix) term deposit 1167; and
- (x) term deposit 0486;
- (i) transfer the funds held in each Bank Australia Account into the corresponding New Account;
- (j) in respect of the New Accounts and the following accounts in the name of the Fund presently held with St George Bank, to the extent the account is a term deposit, reinvest the term deposit as required:
- (i) transaction account 4771;
- (ii) term deposit 5349;
- (iii) term deposit 5671; and
- (iv) term deposit 4611;
- (k) obtain professional representation and advice for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) to (j) above.
- 3. Pursuant to section 7 of the Court Suppression and Non-publication Orders Act 2010 (NSW), on the grounds that the order is necessary to prevent prejudice to the proper administration of justice and otherwise necessary in the public interest and that public interest significantly outweighs the public interest in open justice, until further order of the Court, the following documents (Documents):
- (a) pages 80, 223, 226, 229, 232, 233, 234, 235 and 237 of exhibit marked "BCW-1" to the affidavit of Bernard Colin Walrut affirmed 22 June 2021; and
- (b) confidential exhibit marked "CMC-4" to the affidavit of Catherine Margaret Conneely sworn 28 October 2021,

are to be marked "confidential" on the Court file and are not to be provided or disclosed to any person other than:

- (a) New Trustee and the officers and staff of KordaMentha; and
- (b) the legal advisors of the New Trustee.
- 4. Pursuant to section 85 of the Trustee Act, New Trustee is relieved from any personal liability for breach of trust in connection with the reinvestment of the following term deposits:
- (a) St George Bank term deposit 5349;
- (b) St George Bank term deposit 4611; and
- (c) Bank Australia term deposit 0445.

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- 5. Pursuant to section 93 of the Trustee Act, New Trustee's costs and expenses of and incidental to this application are to be paid on an indemnity basis out of the assets of the Trust.
- 6. Pursuant to section 59(4) of the Trustee Act, New Trustee's future remuneration and disbursements in connection with the Second Course of Action are to be paid from the assets of the Trust on an indemnity basis, as and when New Trustee considers appropriate, subject to order 8 below.
- 7. Pursuant to section 90 of the Civil Procedure Act, New Trustee make such application for advice and/or orders as it may be advised, within 120 days of holding the First Meeting or Adjourned First Meeting as contemplated by order 2 above, and any Interested Persons shall be entitled to seek leave to appear in any such proceeding.
- 8. Vary Order 10 of the orders made on 22 June 2021 to require the Second Plaintiff to make application to the Court for review of its remuneration and disbursements paid in accordance with:
- (a) Order 8 of the orders made on 22 June 2021; and
- (b) Order 6 above,

within four weeks after the Court determines the application referred to at Order 2(f) above.

- 9. Pursuant to section 90 of the Civil Procedure Act that, at least every six months from the date hereof until further or other order, New Trustee make an application to the Court for review of its remuneration and disbursements paid in accordance with order 6 in the prior six-month period.
- 10. New Trustee have leave to apply to Ward CJ in Eq in chambers on five (5) days' notice to amend or vary the terms of orders 2 and 7, or if any circumstances so require.

### **SEAL AND SIGNATURE**



Signature Chris D'Aeth
Capacity Principal Registrar
Date 4 November 2021

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## **FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT Applicant(s)**

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