

# IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

BETWEEN:

## (1) UNLOCKD LIMITED (2) UNLOCKD MEDIA TECHNOLOGY LTD (3) UNLOCKD MEDIA OPERATIONS LTD

Applicants/Claimants

Case No: 1283/5/7/18 (T)

- v -

## (1) GOOGLE IRELAND LTD (2) GOOGLE COMMERCE LTD (3) GOOGLE LLC

Respondents/Defendants

#### **ORDER**

**UPON** the application of the Claimants for a stay of these proceedings

**AND UPON** reading correspondence between the parties and the first witness statement of Ms Louise Brittain, Joint Administrator for the Second and Third Claimants (together with Mr Matthew Waghorn "**the UK Administrators**"), dated 10 October 2018, in support of the Claimants' application for a stay

**AND UPON** hearing counsel for the UK Administrators on behalf of the Claimants and leading counsel for the Defendants at a case management conference on 15 October 2018

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The proceedings be stayed until **Monday**, **18 March 2019** to allow the UK Administrators time to seek third party litigation funding for these proceedings.
- 2. If the Administrators are successful in securing a binding commitment from a third party litigation funder to provide funding for these proceedings, they shall:

(1) notify the Tribunal and the Defendants of that fact promptly and in

writing; and

(2) apply for the CMC to be restored and listed for a date as soon as possible.

3. If, at any time, the Administrators conclude that they have been unsuccessful in

securing a binding commitment from a third party litigation funder to provide

funding for these proceedings, they shall notify the Tribunal and the Defendants

of that fact promptly and in writing, so that appropriate directions for the

disposal of these proceedings can be made.

4. Unless the UK Administrators have already notified the Tribunal and the

Defendants in accordance with paragraphs 2 or 3 above:

(1) by 4pm on **Wednesday**, **19 December 2018**, the UK Administrators shall

write to the Tribunal, copied to the Defendants, to provide an update on

the progress of the UK Administrators' efforts to secure funding for these

proceedings;

(2) by 4pm on Monday, 18 February 2019, the UK Administrators shall notify

the Tribunal in writing, copied to the Defendants: (i) whether the UK

Administrators have been successful in securing a binding commitment

from a third party litigation funder to provide funding for these

proceedings; and, if so, (ii) whether the Claimants intend to seek to amend

their pleadings in these proceedings;

(3) if any amendments are sought, by 4pm on Monday, 4 March 2019, the

Claimants shall file and serve draft re-amended pleadings for

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Drawn: 16 October 2018

consideration at the restored case management conference; and

(4) the case management conference shall be restored for a hearing on

Monday, 18 March 2019.

5. Costs reserved.

6. There be liberty to apply.

The Hon Mr Justice Birss

Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

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