

IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

BETWEEN:

DR LIZA LOVDAHL GORMSEN

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

Case No: 1433/7/7/22

- v -

(1) META PLATFORMS, INC. (2) META PLATFORMS IRELAND LIMITED (3) FACEBOOK UK LIMITED

Respondents/Proposed Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Applicant/Proposed Class Representative making an application for a Collective Proceedings Order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (SI 1648/2015), which was filed on 14 February 2022 and served on the Third Respondent on 24 February 2022 and served on the First and Second Respondents on 20 April 2022 (the "**CPO Application**")

AND UPON hearing counsel for the parties at a hearing on 30 January to 1 February 2023 (the "CPO Hearing")

AND UPON the Tribunal handing down judgment on the CPO Application on 20 February 2023 and staying the proceedings for a period of six months by an order dated 22 March 2023

AND UPON the Tribunal extending the stay of the proceedings until 6 October 2023 by an order dated 21 September 2023

AND UPON the Class Representative filing an application for permission to amend the collective proceedings claim form and filing additional evidence on 6 October 2023 (the "Revised CPO Application")

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Publicity

- 1. The Applicant publicise the Revised CPO Application by **4pm** on **19 December 2023**, according to the proposal set out in paragraphs 44 to 60 of the Amended Notice and Administration Plan and the Amended Draft CPO Application and Hearing Notice that are exhibited to the Fifth Witness Statement of Dr Liza Lovdahl Gormsen as Annexes A and D to LLG5-4.
- 2. The Applicant publicise by **4pm** on **19 December 2023**, in accordance with paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 of this Order, the right under Rule 76(10)(c) of persons with an interest to object to the Revised CPO Application or the authorisation of the Proposed Class Representative.
- 3. The Applicant publicise by **4pm** on **19 December 2023**, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Order, the right under Rule 79(5) of members of the proposed class to make an application to the Tribunal for permission to make oral submissions at the hearing of the Revised CPO Application.

Objections to the Revised CPO Application and applications for permission to make observations

4. Any person with an interest (including any member of the proposed class) may object to the Revised CPO Application or the authorisation of the Proposed Class Representative by writing to the Tribunal stating their reasons for objecting by **4pm** on **6 December 2023**. Any member of the proposed class may also seek permission to make oral observations at the Revised CPO Application hearing, by making an application for such permission, with reasons, as part of his/her written objections.

5. Any third party with a legitimate interest (who is not a member of the proposed class)

who seeks permission to make written and/or oral observations at the Revised CPO

Application hearing is to make such application, supported by reasons, to the Tribunal

by 4pm on 6 December 2023.

Response and replies to the Revised CPO Application

6. The Respondents are to file and serve their response to the Revised CPO Application,

and any application for summary judgment and/or strike out of all or part of the Revised

CPO Application, together with any accompanying factual and expert evidence, by

4pm on 13 December 2023.

7. The Applicant is to file and serve any reply to the Respondents' response to the Revised

CPO Application, and any reply to any application for summary judgment and/or strike

out, together with any accompanying factual and expert evidence, by 4pm on 20

December 2023.

Revised CPO Application hearing

8. The hearing of the Revised CPO Application is to be listed for 8 to 9 January 2024 with

a time estimate of 2 days.

9. The parties are to file and exchange skeleton arguments by 12pm on 4 January 2024.

10. The parties shall seek to agree the hearing and authorities bundles in accordance with

the Tribunal's Guide and Practice Direction of 25 February 2021 and file the agreed

bundles by 4pm on 4 January 2024.

Sir Marcus Smith

President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Drawn: 12 December 2023

Made: 12 December 2023

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