



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1582/7/7/23
1572/7/7/22

BETWEEN:

AD TECH COLLECTIVE ACTION LLP

Class Representative

– and –

(1) ALPHABET INC.

(2) GOOGLE LLC

(3) GOOGLE IRELAND LIMITED

(4) GOOGLE UK LIMITED

Defendants

CONSENT ORDER (DIRECTIONS)

UPON the Tribunal’s judgment dated 5 June 2024.

AND UPON the Tribunal’s orders dated 23 March 2023, 25 May 2023 and 13 June 2023.

AND UPON the CMA’s letter dated 18 June 2024 expressing its intention to make observations pursuant to rule 50(2) of the Tribunal’s Rules.

AND UPON the application filed by the Defendants on 26 June 2024 seeking permission to appeal the Tribunal’s judgment dated 5 June 2024 (the “Defendants’ PTA Application”).

AND UPON the decision by the Tribunal dated 28 October 2024 refusing the Defendants' PTA Application.

AND UPON the application filed by the Defendants on 11 November 2024 seeking permission from the Court of Appeal to appeal the Tribunal's judgment dated 5 June 2024 (the "Court of Appeal PTA Application").

AND UPON the parties agreeing to the terms of this Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Class Representative shall be permitted to file and serve an amended Claim Form in the form provided to the Defendants on 26 April 2024 within 7 days of the date of this Order.
2. The Defendants shall file and serve their defence(s) by no later than 4pm on the date one month from the Court of Appeal's refusal of the Court of Appeal PTA Application, but in any event not before 4pm on 4 April 2025.
3. Paragraph 1 of the Tribunal's order dated 23 March 2023 be deleted and replaced with the following text:

"The deadline by which the Defendants shall make an application to dispute the Tribunal's jurisdiction under Rule 34(4) of the Tribunal's Rules be extended until 4pm on the date one month from the Court of Appeal's refusal of the Court of Appeal PTA Application, but in any event not before 4pm on 4 April 2025."
4. The Tribunal's order dated 25 May 2023 is set aside, and paragraph 1 of the Tribunal's order dated 13 June 2023 be deleted and replaced with the following text:

"The deadline by which the Defendants shall make an application to dispute the Tribunal's jurisdiction under Rule 34(4) of the Tribunal's Rules be extended until 4pm on the date one month from the Court of Appeal's refusal of the Court of Appeal PTA Application, but in any event not before 4pm on 4 April 2025."
5. The Class Representative shall file and serve its reply by no later than 4pm on the date three months from the Court of Appeal's refusal of the Court of Appeal PTA Application, but in any event not before 4pm on 6 June 2025.

6. A case management conference (CMC) shall take place on the first available date after four months from the Court of Appeal's refusal of the Court of Appeal PTA Application but in any event not before 18 July 2025, to consider further directions, with an additional day in reserve to hear any challenge to jurisdiction made by the Defendant(s).
7. The parties shall file and exchange skeleton arguments 10 days before the date of the CMC.
8. The parties shall seek to agree the hearing and authorities bundles for the CMC in accordance with the Tribunal's Guide and Practice Direction of 25 February 2021 and file the agreed bundles 7 days before the date of the CMC.
9. The confidentiality ring established by the Confidentiality Ring Order of 14 June 2023 shall continue to apply to the Proceedings until the CMC listed in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Order.
10. Should the Court of Appeal PTA Application be granted, paragraphs 2 – 9 of this order shall be vacated.
11. There shall be liberty to apply.
12. Costs in the case.

Mr Justice Roth
Acting President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 14 January 2025
Drawn: 14 January 2025