



**IN THE COMPETITION  
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case Nos:	
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BETWEEN:

**BLANC RESTAURANTS LIMITED AND OTHERS**

Claimants

- v -

**MASTERCARD INCORPORATED AND OTHERS**

Defendants

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** the application of the Claimants for permission to amend the details of the Claimants in the Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim by letter dated 12 February 2026 enclosing draft Amended Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim (the *Claimants' Letter*)

**AND UPON** the Claimants confirming that where a Claimant entity has been withdrawn from the Proceedings, the other Claimant entities within the same corporate group as the withdrawn Claimant entity remain jointly and severally liable for any adverse costs attributable to that withdrawn Claimant entity, and will not seek a reduction of any adverse costs liability as a consequence of the withdrawal

**AND UPON** the Defendants and Claimants agreeing to the terms of this Order without prejudice to any argument they may wish to make in the future on the impact of the withdrawal on the adverse costs liability of any claimant from a different corporate group to the withdrawing Claimant

**AND UPON** the Claimants confirming that any newly added Claimant entity is part of the same corporate group as the existing Claimants and agrees to be bound by the same obligations, including in respect of adverse costs

**AND UPON** the Claimants confirming that, for limitation purposes, the date on which any newly added Claimant entity will be considered to have brought their claim is the date on which they are, in fact, added to the Proceedings as Claimants

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY CONSENT THAT:**

1. The Claimants have permission to amend their Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim in the form attached to the Claimants' Letter.
2. The Claimants shall, no later than 14 days after the date of this Order, file amended Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim in the Proceedings to reflect the amendments for which permission has been granted in paragraph 1 above.
3. The Defendants shall, no later than 28 days after receipt of the amended Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim, if so advised, file an amended Defence addressing any substantive matters arising from the amendments. For the avoidance of doubt, the Defendants need not file an amended Defence simply to reflect the amendments to the details of the existing Claimants and/or the changes to the Claimants.
4. The Claimants shall, no later than 28 days after receipt of any amended Defence, if so advised, file an amended Reply responding to any substantive matters raised by the amendments to the Defence. For the avoidance of doubt, the Claimants need not file an amended Reply simply to reflect amendments to the details of the existing Claimants and/or changes to the Claimants in any amended Defence.
5. The reasonable costs of amending the Claim Forms and Particulars of Claim and of any consequential amendments to the Defence and/or Reply shall be borne by the Claimants.

**Mr Justice Michael Green**

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 16 February 2026

Drawn: 18 February 2026