**IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1811/5/7/26 (T)

BETWEEN:

**ESSENDI AUSTRIA GMBH AND OTHERS**

**Claimants**

and

**(1) VISA EUROPE LIMITED**
**(2) VISA EUROPE SERVICES LLC**
**(3) VISA UK LIMITED**
**(4) VISA INC.**
**(5) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED**
**(6) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED**
**(7) MASTERCARD EUROPE SA**
**(8) MASTERCARD/EUROPAY UK LIMITED**

**Defendants**

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**UMBRELLA PROCEEDINGS ORDER**
**(ADDITIONAL HOST CASES)**

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**UPON** the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form in the Proceedings (the "**Essendi Proceedings**") being issued in the High Court on 28 September 2026 (CP-2025-000004) (the "**Re-Re-Amended Claim Form**")

**AND UPON** the Claimants having served the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form upon the Defendants on 9 October 2026 (deemed service of the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form thus being 13 October 2026)

**AND UPON** the Order of the High Court sealed on 19 October 2026 transferring the Essendi Proceedings from the High Court to the Competition Appeal Tribunal

**AND UPON** the Umbrella Proceedings Order of the President dated 4 July 2022 in Case No 1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings designating various individual merchant interchange fee proceedings listed in the schedule to that order as "Host Cases" and designating all issues, matters or features arising out of the Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings as Ubiquitous Matters (the "**Umbrella Proceedings Order**")

**AND UPON** the Order of the Tribunal made on 23 December 2022 (as amended by Orders of the Tribunal dated 10 May 2023 and 20 October 2023) giving directions regarding the future conduct of the Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (the "**Future Conduct Order**")

**AND UPON** the Judgment of the Tribunal in Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants [2025] CAT 37 (the "**Trial 1 Judgment**")

**AND UPON** the Judgment of the Tribunal in Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants [2026] CAT 11 (the "**Trial 2 Judgment**")

**AND UPON** the case management conference that took place on 7 and 8 July 2026

**AND UPON** the application made by the Visa Defendants on 31 July 2026 seeking an order to vary the Umbrella Proceedings Order to provide a cut-off date for new claimants to become Host Cases under the Umbrella Proceedings Order for the purpose of Trial 3 (the "**Cut-Off Application**")

**AND UPON** the Tribunal's Ruling on the Cut-Off Application made on 12 August 2026

**AND UPON** the Tribunal's order made on 14 August 2026 varying the Umbrella Proceedings Order in relation to participation in Trial 3 of the Umbrella Proceedings

**AND UPON** considering the letter from the solicitors for the Claimants dated 21 October 2026 proposing that the Essendi Proceedings be designated as Host Cases in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Umbrella Proceedings Order and the schedule thereto are varied to include these proceedings which are named as Host Cases in case name and number: "1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings", for any element of the Essendi Proceedings that have been validly transferred pursuant to the Order of the High Court sealed on 19 October 2026.

2. The Future Conduct Order shall apply to the Essendi Proceedings.

3. The parties shall be bound by the outcome of any determinations in the Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (including any appeals) in respect of all Ubiquitous Matters except those matters dealt with by the Trial 1 and Trial 2 Judgments.

The parties may seek to have the Trial 1 and Trial 2 judgments apply by other means, including by agreement.

4. There be liberty to apply.

5. Costs in the case.

**The Honourable Mrs Justice Bacon**
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 2 November 2026
Drawn: 2 November 2026