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Affidavit

No. NSD616/2021

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: New South Wales
Division: General

Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141 and another named in the Schedule
Applicants

Forum Finance Pty Limited ACN 153 301 172 and others named in the Schedule
Respondents

Affidavit of: Caitlin Maria Murray
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Occupation: Solicitor
Date: 2 February 2023

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I, Caitlin Maria Murray of Level 40, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Solicitor, say on oath:

- I am a partner of the firm of solicitors, MinterEllison and the solicitor for the first applicant, Westpac Banking Corporation and the second applicant Westpac New Zealand Limited (together, **Westpac**, or the **Applicants**).

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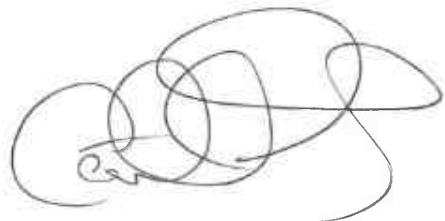
2. Shown to me at the time of swearing this affidavit and exhibited to this affidavit is a paginated bundle of documents marked 'Exhibit CMM-29' (**CMM-29**). Throughout this affidavit I make reference to documents which appear at CMM-29.

Background

3. I have previously sworn affidavits in relation to these proceedings, including (but not limited to) my affidavit sworn 1 December 2021 in support of Westpac's application seeking an order granting Westpac leave to serve the Applicants' Fourth Further Amended Originating Application (**4FAOA**) and Second Further Amended Statement of Claim (**2FASOC**) outside Australia pursuant to rule 10.43 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011 (Cth)* (**Rules**) in accordance with the *Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters* done at the Hague on 15 November 1965 (**Hague Convention**) on certain respondents in the Hellenic Republic (**Greece**).
4. On 7 December 2021, his Honour Justice Lee granted Westpac leave to serve the 4FAOA and 2FASOC outside of Australia pursuant to rule 10.43 of the Rules and the Hague Convention (orders 4 and 5) (the **Service Out Orders**). Specifically leave was granted to serve the 4FAOA and the 2FASOC in Greece on the Forty-Second respondent, Iugis Hellas IKE. A copy of the orders made by his Honour Justice Lee on 7 December 2021 are at pages 1 to 6 of CMM-29.
5. As set out further below, the applicants have not received confirmation that service on Iugis Hellas IKE has been effected in the Hellenic Republic and I now swear this affidavit in support of an application for orders that served be deemed effective on Iugis Hellas IKE.

The Hague Convention

6. On 1 February 2023, I caused a search to be undertaken of the Private International Law section of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department's website to obtain updated information as to the appropriate method of transmitting documents for service in Greece.
7. I believe that Australia, the UK and Greece are all parties to the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters 1965 (**Hague Convention**). A copy of an extract from the website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, a global inter-governmental organisation (<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=17>), which lists the countries who are a party to the Hague Convention is located at pages 7 to 10 of CMM-29.
8. A copy of the Hague Convention is at pages 11 to 16 of CMM-29.
9. I have also caused searches to be conducted on the website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, which details the reservations which members states have made to the Hague Convention and the manner in which documents will be served by the member states' Central Authority.

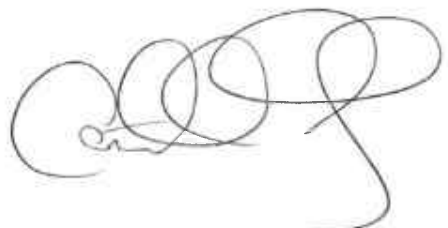
10. In relation to Greece, the Hague Conference on Private International Law has published on its website information about the Central Authority and practical information, which appears at pages 17 to 19 of CMM-29.
11. Based on this information:
- (a) Greece has declared that formal service will be effected only if the document to be served is written in, or translated into, Greek;
 - (b) the competent Australian Central Authority shall forward the request to the Greek Central Authority, which is the Ministry of Justice, Department of International Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Criminal Cases;
 - (c) upon receipt of the documents, the Greek Central Authority shall forward them to the competent Public Prosecutor, namely the Prosecutor of the district where the person being served is resident (in this case, Thessaloniki) and the service of documents will be performed by a process server; and
 - (d) the Public Prosecutor or the Greek Central Authority shall then send the Certificate of Service under Article 6 of the Hague Convention to the Australian Central Authority.
12. Both Australia and Greece have made declarations of applicability for Article 15(2) of the Hague Convention. The details of Greece's declaration are at page 20 of CMM-29. The details of Australia's declaration obtained from the website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law are at page 21 of CMM-29.

Company details for Iugis Hellas IKE

13. In July 2021, a report was provided by Control Risks, a global risk and strategic consulting firm engaged by MinterEllison on behalf of Westpac. This report said (at page 6) that "Bill Papas" was the Administrator and 98% shareholder of Iugis Hellas IKE and that Anastasios Chalemis held the remaining 2% of Iugis Hellas IKE's shares. A copy of the relevant extracts of that report are at pages 22 to 24 of CMM-29.
14. A company extract for Iugis Hellas IKE with a certified translation is at pages 25 to 28 of CMM-29.
15. On 8 December 2022, I was informed by Mr Christos Paraskevopoulos of the Greek law firm Bernitsas and verily believe that Papadimitriou Vasileios had been appointed as liquidator of Iugis Hellas IKE.
16. It is my understanding that "Vasileios" and "Vasilios" are the Greek origin names for Basile.
17. On 15 December 2022, I caused Mr Paraskevopoulos to obtain a certified translation of a representation certificate from the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Department of Registry) for Iugis Hellas IKE. That representation certificate for Iugis Hellas IKE records that on 9 March 2022, Papadimitriou Vasileios was appointed as liquidator of Iugis Hellas IKE. A copy of that certified translation of the representation certificate is at pages 29 to 32 of CMM-29.

Attempts to serve Iugis Hellas IKE

18. After the Service Out Orders were made, the Applicants have undertaken the following steps to effect service on each of the Greek based respondents to the Proceedings including Iugis Hellas IKE in accordance with those orders:
- (a) on 9 December 2021, Andrew Clarke, a solicitor of MinterEllison attended the Department of Foreign Affairs (**DFAT**) office in Canberra to submit Westpac's 4FAOA and 2FASOC to be apostilled (as required by Greek authorities). I am informed by Mr Clarke and verily believe that it was not possible for this to be completed at this time, as due to the size of the documents, each needed to be bound and notarised before the documents could be apostilled;
 - (b) on 15 December 2021, after the 4FAOA and 2FASOC had been bound and notarised, Mr Clarke attended the DFAT office for the pleadings to be apostilled;
 - (c) on 22 December 2021, the apostilled 4FAOA and 2FASOC were transmitted in hard copy to Greece, to the applicants' Greek Legal advisers the firm Bernitsas in Greece by express international shipping for the purposes of being translated into the Greek language;
 - (d) on 6 June 2022, the apostilled Pleadings bound with the official translations were delivered, in hard copy to MinterEllison;
 - (e) I am informed by Michael Swain, a solicitor of MinterEllison, and verily believe that on 22 June 2022 he delivered to the registry of the Federal Court of Australia six boxes each containing three copies of the following documents in respect of each Greek respondent including Iugis Hellas IKE (one box per respondent):
 - (i) a request for service abroad under rule 10.64 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth) in accordance with Form 25;
 - (ii) a summary of documents to be served in accordance with Form 26;
 - (iii) an English and Greek translated version of the apostilled the 4FAOA and 2FASOC;
 - (iv) a receipt for a payment of 50 Euros to the Hellenic Ministry of Justice (which were made in respect of each Greek respondent; i.e. six payments of 50 Euros), the Greek Central Authority, which they require under the Hague Convention to affect service;
 - (f) on 13 July 2022, I was copied to an email from Ms Bernadette Henderson, Principal registry, Legal of the Federal Court of Australia, that confirmed that the documents, including the Form 25 and Forum 26 were ready to be dispatched to Greece;
 - (g) on 14 July 2022, I was copied to a further email from Ms Henderson that said that the documents had been dispatched to Greece;

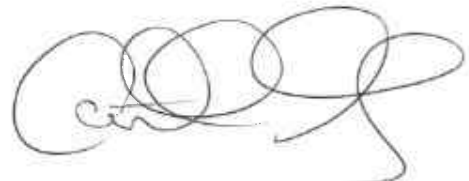
- (h) between 6 September 2022 and 14 September 2022, I was copied to various emails exchanged between Mr Clarke and Ms Henderson in relation to the status of the requests for service aboard in respect of each of the Greek respondents; and
- (i) on 15 September 2022, I was copied to an email sent from Ms Henderson to Mr Clarke to the effect that the 4FAOA and 2FASOC were unable to be served on Iugis Hellas IKE because "the recipient was unknown at the address given" attached to which was a certificate dated 24 August 2022 endorsed by 'The Prosecutor' recording the location of the endorsement as 'THESSALONIKI' (**Certificate of Non-Service**)

(a copy of an email chain with the emails with Ms Henderson referred to in subparagraphs (f) to (i) above together with the Certificate of Non-Service are at pages 33 to 45 of CMM-29).

Service on Mr Papas

Service on Mr Papas in Australia

- 19. The proceedings were commenced on 28 June 2021, at which time the only respondents were Forum Finance and Mr Papas. On 1 July 2021, Mr Papas filed a notice of address for service in the proceeding and on 8 July 2021 filed a Notice of Acting – Appointment of Lawyer, copies of which is at pages 46 to 49 of CMM-29.
- 20. On 23 September 2021, Iugis Hellas IKE was joined to the proceeding by the Third Further Amended Originating Application and the Further Amended Statement of Claim. A copy of Third Further Amended Originating Application and the Further Amended Statement of Claim was served on Mr Papas' solicitor, by email from Mr Clarke on 23 September 2021. A copy of the email without annexures is at page 50 of CMM-29.
- 21. On 27 September 2021 Mr Panetta filed a notice of ceasing to act, a sealed copy of which appears at pages 51 to 52 of CMM-29.
- 22. On 11 November 2021, sealed copies of the 4FAOA and 2FASOC were served on Mr Papas, by email from Mr Clarke to law@panetta.com (being the email address in the Notice of Address for Service) and the solicitors for the other parties to the proceedings at that time. A copy of the email without annexures is at pages 53 to 54 of CMM-29.
- 23. I caused Michael Swain, Alana Galasso (solicitors of MinterEllison) and Larissa Vella-Xuereb of Runmore Associates (a licensed commercial agent), to undertake steps to serve Mr Papas:
 - (a) via Mr Papas' physical address for service in the proceedings being the following address in Mr Papas' Notice of Address for Service: c/-Panetta Lawyers, Level 6, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000;
 - (b) in accordance with the additional methods to those listed in paragraph 23(a) above contained within the orders of Lee J dated 10 March 2022 which the applicants in the proceedings and the related proceedings were ordered to serve material which they will rely upon at trial, being:

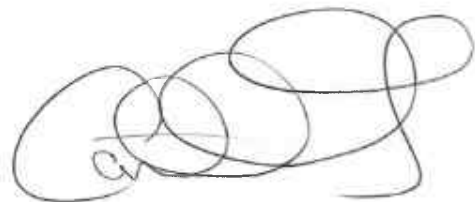



- (i) sending a short message service (sms) to the "Greek phone number" for Mr Papas, being the number identified in confidential exhibit RVP-02 tendered on 6 October 2021 in the Westpac proceeding, containing an unprotected online file share link with the material to be served; and
- (ii) sending an unprotected online file share link with the material to be served to via email to Rebekah Giles of Company (Giles) at the address rebekah@companygiles.com.au.

24. I am informed by Michael Swain, Alana Galasso and Larissa Vella-Xuereb and verily believe that they took the steps referred to at paragraphs 23(a) – (b) above, including by:

- (a) on 10 June 2022, attending the office of Panetta Lawyers at Level 6, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000 and providing the following documents in hardcopy to the receptionist of Panetta Lawyers:
 - (i) a sealed copy of the 4FAOA in English and a certified Greek translated copy of the 4FAOA, bound together with ribbon and containing an official Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Apostille Stamp Number CHCH-E7-10907;
 - (ii) a sealed copy of the 2FASOC in English and a certified Greek translated copy of the 2FASOC, bound together with ribbon and containing an official DFAT Apostille with Stamp Number CHCH-8G-10937; and
 - (iii) a letter dated 9 June 2022 addressed to Basile Papadimitriou in his role as administrator and legal representative for Mazcon Investments Hellas IKE, copying Panetta Lawyers, in respect of the service of the above documents and a certified Greek translated copy of that letter (the **Letter**)
(a copy of the Letter is at pages 55 to 58 of CMM-29).
- (b) on 20 June 2022, sending a WhatsApp message to the "Greek phone number" for Mr Papas which contained an unprotected Google Drive link (**Google Drive**) uploaded to which were the following documents:
 - (i) a sealed copy of the 4FAOA in English
 - (ii) a certified Greek translated copy of the 4FAOA
 - (iii) a sealed copy of the 2FASOC in English
 - (iv) a certified Greek translated copy of the 2FASOC
 - (v) the Letter;

(screenshots of that WhatsApp message and the contents of the Google Drive is at pages 59 to 61 of CMM-29).

(c) on 20 June 2022, sending an email to Rebekah Giles of Company (Giles) at the address rebekah@companygiles.com.au containing an unprotected Google Drive link uploaded to which were the following documents:

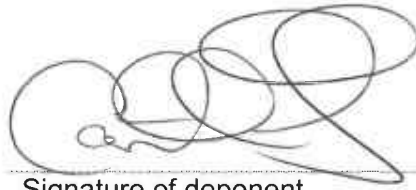
- (i) a sealed copy of the 4FAOA in English
- (ii) a certified Greek translated copy of the 4FAOA
- (iii) a sealed copy of the 2FASOC in English
- (iv) a certified Greek translated copy of the 2FASOC
- (v) the Letter

(a copy of that email (together with a receipt status generated by MinterEllison Information Technology confirming receipt of that email by the recipient) is at pages 62 to 63 of CMM-29).

25. A copy of his Honour Justice Lee J's orders dated 10 March 2022 appears at pages 64 to 79 of CMM-29.

Sworn by the deponent
at Sydney in New South Wales
on 2 February 2023

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Signature of deponent

Before me:



Signature of witness

Solicitor
Level 40, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer
Place NSW 2000.

As a witness, I certify the following matters concerning the person who made this affidavit (**deponent**):

1. I saw the face of the deponent.
2. I have known the deponent for twelve months.

Schedule of Parties

No. NSD616/2021

Federal Court of Australia
 District Registry: New South Wales
 Division: General

Applicants

First Applicant Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141
 Second Applicant Westpac New Zealand Limited (company registration
 number company number 1763882)

Respondents

First Respondent Forum Finance Pty Limited (in liquidation) ACN 153 301 172
 Second Respondent: Basile Papadimitriou
 Third Respondent Vincenzo Frank Tesoriero
 Fourth Respondent: Forum Group Financial Services Pty Ltd (provisional
 liquidators appointed) ACN 623 033 705
 Fifth Respondent: Forum Group Pty Ltd (Receivers Appointed) (in liquidation)
 ACN 153 336 997
 Sixth Respondent: Forum Enviro Pty Ltd (provisional liquidators appointed)
 ACN 168 709 840
 Seventh Respondent: Forum Enviro (Aust) Pty Ltd (provisional liquidators
 appointed) ACN 607 484 364
 Eighth Respondent 64-66 Berkeley St Hawthorn Pty Ltd ACN 643 838 662
 Ninth Respondent 14 James Street Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 638 449 206
 Tenth Respondent 26 Edmonstone Road Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 622 944
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 Eleventh Respondent 5 Bulkara Street Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 630 982 160
 Twelfth Respondent 6 Bulkara Street Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 639 734 473
 Thirteenth Respondent 23 Margaret Street Pty Ltd ACN 623 715 373
 Fourteenth Respondent 1160 Glen Huntly Road Pty Ltd ACN 639 447 984
 Fifteenth Respondent 14 Kirwin Road Morwell Pty Ltd (administrators appointed)
 ACN 641 402 093
 Sixteenth Respondent Canner Investments Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 624 176 049
 Seventeenth Respondent 123 High Street Taradale Pty Ltd (administrators appointed)
 ACN 639 872 512
 Eighteenth Respondent 160 Murray Valley Hwy Lake Boga Pty Ltd ACN
 (administrators appointed) 641 392 921
 Nineteenth Respondent 31 Ellerman Street Dimboola Pty Ltd (administrators
 appointed) ACN 641 392 887
 Twentieth Respondent 4 Cowslip Street Violet Town Pty Ltd (administrators
 appointed) ACN 639 872 352
 Twenty-First Respondent 55 Nolan Street Maryborough Pty Ltd (administrators
 appointed) ACN 641 392 912

Twenty-Second Respondent	89 Betka Road Mallacoota Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) ACN 641 393 179
Twenty-Third Respondent	9 Gregory Street Ouyen Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 641 392 707
Twenty-Fourth Respondent	9 Main Street Derrinallum Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) ACN 639 872 736
Twenty-Fifth Respondent	286 Carlisle Street Pty Limited (in liquidation) ACN 610 042 343
Twenty-Sixth Respondent	275 High Street Golden Square Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) ACN 639 870 545
Twenty-Seventh Respondent	Mazcon Investments Hellas IKE
Twenty-Eighth Respondent	Palante Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 135 344 151
Twenty-Ninth Respondent	Anastasios Giamouridis
Thirtieth Respondent	The Forum Group of Companies Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 151 964 626
Thirty-First Respondent	Iugis Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 632 882 243
Thirty-Second Respondent	Iugis (UK) Limited (Company Number 10745974)
Thirty-Third Respondent	Iugis Holdings Limited (Company Number 11123437)
Thirty-Fourth Respondent	Iugis Global Financial Services Limited (Company Number 11785331)
Thirty-Fifth Respondent	Iugis Finance Limited (Company Number 11124046)
Thirty-Sixth Respondent	Spartan Consulting Group Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 168 989 544
Thirty-Seventh Respondent	Intrashield Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 133 426 534
Thirty-Eighth Respondent	Tesoriero Investment Group Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 161 088 115
Thirty-Ninth Respondent	Mangusta (Vic) Pty Ltd ACN 631 520 682
Fortieth Respondent	193 Carlisle Street Enterprises Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 612 615 237
Forty-First Respondent	8-12 Natalia Ave Oakleigh Pty Ltd (in liquidation) ACN 643 838 626
Forty-Second Respondent	Iugis Hellas IKE
Forty-Third Respondent	Iugis Energy SA
Forty-Fourth Respondent	Eric Constantinidis
Forty-Fifth Respondent	Giovanni (John) Tesoriero
Forty-Sixth Respondent	Moussa (Tony) Bouchahine
Forty-Seventh Respondent	Louisa Maria Agostino
Forty-Eighth Respondent	D&D Group O.E
Forty-Ninth Respondent	Aromatika Fyta Olympou Theion Ike
Fiftieth Respondent	A Giamouridis P.C.

