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Filing and Hearing Details

Document Lodged:	Interlocutory Application - Form 35 - Rule 17.01(1)(a)
File Number:	VID182/2018
File Title:	PARESHKUMAR DAVARIA & ANOR v 7-ELEVEN STORES PTY LIMITED & ANOR
Registry:	VICTORIA REGISTRY - FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
Reason for Listing:	Interlocutory Hearing
Time and date for hearing:	20/08/2021, 11:00 AM
Place:	By Web Conference, Owen Dixon Commonwealth Law Courts Building Level 7, 305 William Street, Melbourne



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Dated: 12/08/2021 3:23:07 PM AEST

Registrar

Important Information

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Form 35
Rule 17.01(1)



Interlocutory application

No: VID182/2018

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: General

Pareshkumar Davaria and others named in the schedule
Applicants

7-Eleven Stores Pty Ltd (ACN 005 299 427)
Respondent

To the Respondents and the following **Affected Parties**:

Stewart Alan Levitt, trading as Levitt Robinson

Galactic Seven Eleven Litigation Holdings LLC

Group Members (as defined in the Second Further Amended Originating Application)
who have not opted out of the proceeding

The Applicants apply for the interlocutory orders set out in this application.

The Court will hear this application, or make orders for the conduct of the proceeding, at the time and place stated below. If you or your lawyer do not attend, then the Court may make orders in your absence.

Time and date for hearing: 18 August 2021 at 10:00 am (first return)

Place: Federal Court of Australia, Victoria Registry

Date: 11 August 2021

Signed by an officer acting with the authority of the District Registrar

Filed on behalf of	The Applicants
Law firm	Levitt Robinson
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Orders sought

The Court notes that:

1. Pursuant to section 33ZB of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth) (the **FCA Act**), the persons affected and bound by these orders are:
 - (a) the Applicants;
 - (b) any group member in the proceeding that has not opted out of the proceeding (**Group Members**);
 - (c) Stewart Alan Levitt trading as **Levitt Robinson** (solicitors for the Applicants);
 - (d) **Galactic** Seven Eleven Litigation Holdings LLC (the litigation funder); and
 - (e) **7-Eleven** Stores Pty Ltd (ACN 005 299 427, the First Respondent).
2. Subject to Court approval, this proceeding and proceeding VID180/2018 have settled on the terms set out in the **Class Action Settlement Deed** dated 4 August 2021 between:
 - (a) the Applicants in this proceeding (Davaria Pty Ltd and Kaizenworld Pty Ltd), on their own behalf and on behalf of the Group Members in proceeding VID180/2018, and the Applicants in this proceeding (Mr Pareshkumar Davaria, Ms Khushbu Pareshkumar Davaria, Mr Jatinder Pal Singh, and Ms Suman Meet Kaur) on their own behalf and on behalf of the Group Members in that proceeding;
 - (b) Levitt Robinson;
 - (c) Galactic; and
 - (d) 7-Eleven;collectively, the **Proposed Settlement**.

Part A – Interim Orders

The Applicants seek orders that:

1. Pursuant to sections 33X and 33Y of the FCA Act, the Applicants have leave to distribute a notice of proposed settlement which adopts the text to be exhibited to an affidavit of Brett Richard Imlay to be sworn (**Settlement Notice**), in the manner set out in paragraphs [2] and [3] below.
2. By 1 September 2021, for the purposes of sections 33X and 33Y of the Act, the Applicants shall:
 - (a) cause a copy of:
 - (i) the Settlement Notice;



- (ii) this application (the **Approval Application**);
- (iii) the Class Action Settlement Deed (accessible only to group members who have not opted out of this proceeding or proceeding VID182/18 (**Group Members**) by entering a passcode provided by Levitt Robinson);
- (iv) the **Settlement Scheme** exhibited to an affidavit of Brett Richard Imlay to be sworn (accessible only to Group Members by entering a passcode provided by Levitt Robinson);
- (v) the Third Further Amended Originating Application in VID180/2018;
- (vi) the Third Further Amended Statement of Claim in VID180/2018 (**VID180 3FASOC**);
- (vii) 7-Eleven's Defence to the VID180 3FASOC;
- (viii) the Applicants' Reply to 7-Eleven's Defence to the VID180 3FASOC;
- (ix) the Third Further Amended Originating Application in VID182/2018;
- (x) the Second Further Amended Statement of Claim in VID182/2018 (**VID182 2FASOC**);
- (xi) 7-Eleven's Defence to the VID180 3FASOC;
- (xii) the Applicants' Reply to 7-Eleven's Defence to the VID182 2FASOC; and
- (xiii) a blank form in Word for the making of objections to the Proposed Settlement (in the form of the notice of objection marked **Z** annexed to the Settlement Notice at **Annexure A**)

to be displayed on the Levitt Robinson website at the link <https://www.levittrobinson.com/7-eleven-class-action>;

- (b) cause a copy of the Settlement Notice together with a blank objection form to be issued by email or by post (where an active email address is not available or a bounce back message to a previously sent email has been received) to Group Members to the extent such details are available to the Applicants;
- (c) arrange for an advertising campaign on the Facebook website (to run until the Approval Hearing), which comprises:
 - (i) the image of the 7-Eleven logo, in the form to be provided by 7-Eleven to Levitt Robinson, and
 - (ii) the logo of Levitt Robinson,
 - (iii) together with text within the image providing "Class Action Settlement Notice", and with further text below the image providing:



- (iv) “The 7-Eleven Class Actions have settled. Read more in the Settlement Notice, which can be accessed at the following link”,
- (v) after which a link is inserted to the website <http://levitrobinson.com/7-eleven-class-action/>,

to reach an estimated audience of not less than 10,000 people targeted at persons who are located in Australia and match with at least one of the following interests:

- (vi) 7-Eleven;
 - (vii) Franchising;
 - (viii) Franchisee;
 - (ix) Franchise Manager;
 - (x) Convenience Store;
 - (xi) Convenience Food; and
 - (xii) Class Action.
3. By 1 September 2021, the District Registrar of the Victorian Registry of the Federal Court of Australia shall cause a copy of these orders, together with its Annexures, to be displayed on the Federal Court website at an address beginning <https://www.fedcourt.gov.au> and be available for inspection at the District Registry of the Federal Court in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane and Perth.
 4. By 8 September 2021, the Applicants file and serve any non-confidential affidavit material and outline of submissions in support of the Approval Application.
 5. By 15 September 2021, the Applicants have leave to file any affidavit or exhibit or part thereof, in respect of which confidentiality orders are to be sought, in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential Affidavit - Not to be Opened Except by Direction of a Judge or the Court", and be excused from any requirement to serve any such affidavit or exhibit on any party.
 6. By 22 September 2021, 7-Eleven and Galactic file and serve any affidavit material and any outline of submissions in relation to the Approval Application.
 7. Any person who wishes to oppose the making of orders in accordance with the Approval Application must do so by:
 - (a) sending a completed objection form (in the form of the notice of objection marked **Z** annexed to the Settlement Notice) so that it is received by the Victorian District Registry of the Federal Court of Australia, either via email to vicreg@fedcourt.gov.au or by post to the Registry, Federal Court of Australia, 305 William Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, by 29 September 2021; or
 - (b) appearing at the Approval Hearing.



8. If, before the Approval Hearing, the solicitors for any party receive a notice purporting to be an objection form referable to this proceeding or proceeding VID180/2018, the solicitors must email the notice to vicreg@fedcourt.gov.au (copying the solicitors for 7-Eleven, ANZ and Galactic) within one (1) business day of receipt (and before the commencement of the Approval Hearing), and the notice shall be treated as though it was received by the Court at the time it was received by the solicitors.
9. The parties have leave to inspect the Court file and to copy any objection forms filed with the Court.
10. Any obligation of service in these orders is an obligation to serve the parties and Galactic.
11. The Applicants to distribute sealed copies of this order to Galactic within one (1) business day of receiving notification from the Court that the orders have been sealed.
12. The parties and Galactic have liberty to apply.

Part B – Settlement Approval

The Applicants seek orders that:

13. Pursuant to sections 33V and 33ZF of the FCA Act that the settlement of this proceeding as against 7-Eleven be approved on the terms set out in:
 - (a) the Class Action Settlement Deed dated 4 August 2021 between:
 - (i) the Applicants (Davaria Pty Ltd and Kaizenworld Pty Ltd), on their own behalf and on behalf of the Group Members in proceeding VID180/2018, and the Applicants' directors/shareholders (Mr Pareshkumar Davaria, Ms Khushbu Pareshkumar Davaria, Mr Jatinder Pal Singh, and Ms Suman Meet Kaur) on their own behalf and on behalf of the Group Members;
 - (ii) Levitt Robinson;
 - (iii) Galactic; and
 - (iv) 7-Eleven; and
 - (b) the Settlement Scheme.
14. Within 56 days of the Court ordering its approval of the Class Action Settlement Deed, 7-Eleven to pay the **Settlement Sum** of \$98,000,000 to a trust account nominated by Levitt Robinson.
15. Pursuant to section 33V and 33ZF of the FCA Act, each of the Applicants be paid \$40,000 out of the Settlement Sum.
16. Pursuant to section 33V and 33ZF of the FCA Act, the Applicants' legal costs and disbursements for the conduct of this proceeding and proceeding VID180/2018, and the administration of the Settlement Scheme in this proceeding and proceeding VID180/2018,



in the amount referred to in an affidavit to be sworn by Stewart Levitt (in the case of costs of the proceedings) and by Brett Imlay (in the case of the costs of the settlement approval and administration of the settlement), be paid out of the Settlement Sum.

17. Pursuant to section 33V and 33ZF of the FCA Act, and pursuant to the equitable jurisdiction of this Court, the Applicants be authorised to pay to Galactic, out of the Settlement Sum, a Common Fund Order of 25% of the Settlement Sum (being \$24,500,000), or such other amount as the Court deems fair and reasonable.
18. Pursuant to section 33ZF of the FCA Act or otherwise, the Applicants be authorised *nunc pro tunc* on behalf of the Group Members bound by these orders to enter into and to give effect to the Class Action Settlement Deed and the obligations, rights, releases and transactions contemplated in it for and on behalf of those Group Members.
19. Stewart Alan Levitt be appointed as the Administrator of the Settlement Scheme.
20. On the date that is 7 days after the payment by 7-Eleven of the Settlement Sum into the trust account of Levitt Robinson, (being a date after the expiry of the applicable appeal period), the proceeding be dismissed.
21. The security for 7-Eleven's costs and any interest thereon held in the Federal Court's high-interest bearing account be paid to Levitt Robinson's trust account, to be returned to Galactic.
22. All existing undertakings (save for confidentiality undertakings provided in respect of the production of documents under subpoena) be discharged.
23. There be no order as to costs as between the Applicants and 7-Eleven.
24. All existing costs orders in favour of the Applicants as against 7-Eleven, or in favour of 7-Eleven as against the Applicants, be vacated.
25. Orders for the preservation of the confidentiality of the documents referred to in paragraph 5.
26. Liberty to apply.

Service on the Respondents

It is intended to serve this application on the First Respondent and distribute this application to the Affected Parties.

Date: 11 August 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stewart A Levitt'.

Signed by Stewart A Levitt
Lawyer for the Applicants
By his Special Counsel
Brett Richard Imlay

**Schedule**

No: VID182/2018

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: General

Applicants:

Second Applicant:

KHUSHBU DAVARIA

Third Applicant:

JATINDER PAL SINGH

Fourth Applicant:

SUMAN MEET KAUR