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# **Amended Originating process**

No. QUD178 of 2024

IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

**DISTRICT REGISTRY: QUEENSLAND** 

**DIVISION: COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATIONS** 

IN THE MATTER OF NGS CRYPTO PTY LTD (ACN 624 825 065)

**AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION** 

**Plaintiff** 

NGS CRYPTO PTY LTD ACN: 624 825 065 and others named in the schedule

**Defendants** 

#### A. DETAILS OF APPLICATION

This application is made under sections <u>461(1)(k)</u>, <u>583</u>, <u>601EE</u>, <u>1101B</u>, <u>1317E</u>, <u>1323</u> and 1324 of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) (**Corporations Act**), sections 19, 21, 23, 37AF and 37AG of the *Federal Court of Australia Act* 1976 (Cth) (**FCA Act**), and the inherent jurisdiction of the Court.

The Plaintiff seeks relief including declarations, and orders for interim <u>and final</u> injunctions restraining the conduct of the Defendants in relation to providing advice or dealing with financial products ostensibly in the investment of blockchain mining. The Plaintiff also seeks orders for the appointment of a receiver, asset preservation orders and other ancillary orders. The Plaintiff further seeks orders requiring the Fourth Defendant to deliver up his passport and prohibiting him from leaving Australia. The Plaintiff further seeks orders for the winding up of the First Defendant and the Third Defendant and for the winding up of the Scheme (as defined below).

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## **Definitions**

For the purpose of this Application:

**Australian Member:** includes any person, whether as an individual or a body corporate, based or registered in Australia, who has entered into an agreement (however described) through the Business, to invest in Blockchain Mining.

Blockchain Mining Product: means any facility constituted by an arrangement in the terms or substantially to the effect of the Mining Investment Agreement contained in Tab 16 of Exhibit PJC-3 to the affidavit of Peter James Connor sworn on 30 May 2024 and filed in this proceeding.

**Books**: includes a register, any other record of information, financial reports or financial records however compiled or recorded or stored, a document, papers, records, books of account, ledgers, journals, banking records, computer records, or other documents of any type whatsoever recording or evidencing any dealings of any of the Defendants in relation to the Business.

**Blockchain Mining**: means the process of verifying or validating blockchain transactions using blockchain technology to secure the network, and includes the following methods:

- a. 'Proof of Work', being a consensus mechanism in which participants on a decentralised network compete by using computational power to solve a mathematical equation on the blockchain; and
- b. 'Proof of Stake', being a consensus mechanism in which participants on a decentralised network lock up or 'stake' an amount of their cryptocurrency or crypto-tokens for the ability to validate blockchain transactions.

**Business:** means all activities and arrangements whereby the First or Second or Third Defendants, whether by themselves or any of them, or by their servants, agents or employees:

- a. provide recommendations or statements of opinion about superannuation products, cryptocurrency or Blockchain Mining;
- b. elicit or obtain funds from investors for the actual or ostensible purpose of providing to investors, or arranging for investors to acquire, an interest in a financial product, including:
  - i. superannuation products; and
  - ii. investments in or related to cryptocurrency, including Blockchain Mining.



## Corporations Act: means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

# **Dealing**: includes:

- (a) Removing, causing, procuring, assisting or permitting any Digital Currency Assets in the possession or under the control of the Defendants, to be removed from Australia or from the jurisdiction of this Court; and/or
- (b) Selling, charging, mortgaging, encumbering, securing, diminishing, disposing of, parting with possession, making any declaration of trust in relation to, exercising any power to vary or modify any trust deed or any interest under any trust over Digital Currency Assets owned by or under the control of the Defendants.

# **Dealing with Investor Funds:** *includes*

- (a) Removing, causing, procuring, assisting or permitting any Investor Funds in the possession or under the control of the first second or third defendant (as applicable) to be removed from Australia or from the jurisdiction of this Court;
- (b) Selling, charging, mortgaging, encumbering, securing, diminishing, disposing of, parting with possession, making any declaration of trust in relation to, exercising any power to vary or modify any trust deed or any interest under any trust in relation to Investor Funds in the possession or under the control of the first second or third defendant (as applicable).

Digital Currency: means any legal or equitable estate or interest (whether present, future, vested or contingent) including a thing in action, in or to any digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, digital token, blockchain asset, or right or interest which is recorded or transacted with using blockchain technology, or anything property, as defined under section 9 of the Corporations Act, that is a digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency or similar.

**Digital Currency Assets:** means Digital Currency held or controlled by the Defendants.

Facility: has the meaning given by section 762C of the Corporations Act.

Financial product advice: has the meaning given by section 766B of the Corporations Act.

Financial service: has the meaning given by section 766A of the Corporations Act.

Interest in the NGS Digital Mining Scheme: means a right to benefits produced by the NGS Digital Mining Scheme (whether the right is actual, prospective or contingent and whether it is enforceable or not).

Investor Funds: means money or moneys worth (including Digital Currency) received from or provided by any person who is in or who is a resident of Australia in connection with:

- (a) an investment in the Blockchain Mining Product:
- (b) a contribution to the NGS Digital Mining Scheme

monies, including in the form of Digital Currency, provided to the First or Second or Third Defendants or any of them, whether directly, or through any of the other Defendants, or any of the Defendants' authorised agents, servants and/or representatives, for the actual or ostensible purpose of providing to investors, or arranging for investors to acquire, an interest in a financial product, including:

superannuation products; and

Investments in or related to cryptocurrency, including Blockchain Mining.

**Issue**: has the meaning given by section 761E of the Corporations Act.

NGS Digital Mining Scheme: means all activities and arrangements whereby the first and third defendant and others associated with the first and third defendants, elicited or obtained funds from investors for the purpose of engaging in digital asset mining operations or otherwise using such funds for the purpose of providing a return to investors on the funds invested as referred to in paragraph 13 of the Plaintiff's concise statement dated 14 June 2024.

NGS Digital Mining Scheme Members: means those persons who at the date of the order for the winding up of the NGS Digital Mining Scheme have an interest in the NGS Digital Mining Scheme.

Receivers means the Receivers appointed by the Court on 10 April 2024.

SMSF: means a self managed superannuation fund within the meaning of section 17A of the Superannuation Industry Supervision Act 1996.

On the facts stated in the supporting affidavits of:

- (a) Peter James Connor;
- (b) Alex James Lynch;
- (c) Kristina Matia Hiratos:
- (d) Katie Nicholas Loizou;



- (e) Kaan Finney; and
- (f) Michael Spencer;

# And the affidavit of:

(g) Meredith Bennett to be sworn.

the Plaintiff claims the following relief:

#### **EX PARTE RELIEF**

#### Ex parte/short service orders

- 1. An order that the Plaintiff have leave to file in this Court the affidavits of:
  - (a) Peter James Connor;
  - (b) Alex James Lynch;
  - (c) Kristina Matia Hiratos;
  - (d) Katie Nicholas Loizou;
  - (e) Kaan Finney; and
  - (f) Michael Spencer; and
  - (g) Meredith Bennett.
- 2. An order that in the first instance, service of this Originating Process be dispensed with.
- 3. An order that in the first instance, paragraph 4 to 22 be returnable instanter.
- 4. An order that the time for service of this Originating Process, the affidavits referred to in paragraph 1 on the Defendants be abridged to 5pm AEST on 11 April 2024.

## Interim receiver and asset preservation orders

5. An order pursuant to sections 1323(1)(h) and (3) of the Corporations Act for the appointment effective on and from 6:00am AEST on Thursday, 11 April 2024, until further order, of a suitable person as receiver and/or receiver manager (**Receiver**), without security, over the Digital Currency Assets, whether within or without the State of Queensland, of the

Defendants for the purpose of identifying and securing the Digital Currency Assets of the Defendants.

- 6. An order the receiver have the following powers:
  - (a) The powers set out in sections 420(2)(a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (k), (n), (p), (q), (r) and (t) of the Corporations Act and can exercise these powers with respect to the Digital Currency Assets of the Defendants; and
  - (b) the power to apply to the Court for directions or further orders.
- 7. An order that the Defendants shall immediately deliver up to the Receiver all books, records and things, which relate to the Digital Currency Assets of the Defendants, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) all relevant credentials and passwords for access to any cryptocurrency or blockchain technology assets held by the Defendants, including but not limited to, the public and private access keys and/or addresses any hot or cold wallet held or controlled by the Defendants;
  - (b) any and all authentication devices required to facilitate access, operation or control of any cryptocurrency held or controlled by the Defendants;
  - (c) all relevant credentials and passwords for access to the authentication devices or systems, including emails, SMS or mobile apps, that facilitate access, operation or control of cryptocurrency held or controlled by the Defendants; and
  - (d) any hard wallet device containing cryptocurrency held or controlled by the Defendants together with that device's access code.
- 8. An order that the Plaintiff shall, upon request of the Receiver, deliver up to the Receiver copies of all books, records and things concerning the Digital Currency Assets, which have been obtained by the Plaintiff under Part 3, Division 3 and/or Division 3A of the Australian Securities and Investments Act 2001 (Cth) including, but not limited to:
  - (a) all relevant credentials and passwords for access to any cryptocurrency or blockchain technology assets held by the Defendants, including but not limited to, the public and private access keys and/or addresses any hot or cold wallet held or controlled by the Defendants;

- (b) any and all authentication devices required to facilitate access, operation of control of any cryptocurrency held or controlled by the Defendants;
- (c) all relevant credentials and passwords for access to the authentication devices or systems, including emails, SMS or mobile apps, that facilitate access, operation or control of cryptocurrency held or controlled by the Defendants; and
- (d) any hard wallet device containing cryptocurrency held or controlled by the d Defendants together with that device's access code.
- 9. An order that the Plaintiff shall, upon the request of the Receiver, deliver up to the Receiver copies of the affidavits referred to in paragraph 1.
- An order that the Receiver's costs and expenses be payable from the Digital Currency Assets of the Defendants.
- 11. Further or in the alternative to the orders sought in paragraphs 5 to 10 above, and subject to paragraph 12 below, an order pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1323 of the Corporations Act that, until further order, the Defendants, by themselves and their servants, agents and employees are restrained from:
  - (a) removing, or causing or permitting to be removed from Australia all or any of the Digital Currency Assets of any of the Defendants;
  - (b) selling, charging, mortgaging or otherwise dealing with, disposing of and/or diminishing the value of all or any of the Digital Currency Assets of the Defendants;
  - (c) causing or permitting to be sold, charged, mortgaged or otherwise dealt with, disposed of, or diminished in value, all or any of the Digital Currency Assets of any of the Defendants; and
  - (d) without limiting the terms of sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) above, withdrawing, transferring or otherwise disposing of Digital Currency Assets available in any account with any bank, building society, cryptocurrency exchange, hot or cold crypto wallet, recorded in any blockchain or other financial institution (in Australia and elsewhere), in which the Defendants have any legal or equitable interest.



- 12. An order that the orders sought in paragraph 11 above, do not prevent:
  - (a) any bank, building society or financial institution from exercising any right of set-off which it may have in respect of a facility afforded by it to the Defendants prior to the date of this Order;
  - (b) the Defendants, from paying of any monies including in the form of Digital Currency, to the account or hot or cold crypto wallet of an Australian Member, representing any returns associated with that person's investment in the Blockchain Investment Products; and
  - (c) upon request by an Australian member to divest from or cease their investment in the Blockchain Investment Product, the Defendants paying to that person any monies including in the form of Digital Currency, representing the person's Investor Funds and returns associated with their investment in the Blockchain Investment Product.
- 13. An order that the orders sought in paragraphs 11(b) and 11(c) above, do not apply where the Australian Member is a past or present servant, agent, employee, or office holder of the First, Second or Third Defendants; or otherwise associated with a past or present servant, agent, employee or office holder of the First, Second or Third Defendants.

#### **Asset disclosure orders**

- 14. Except to the extent that a claim of privilege against self-incrimination or civil penalty privilege is made, an order that each of the Defendants deliver or cause to be delivered to the Plaintiff or any Receiver appointed to the Court, by 4pm on 26 April 2024, a full and detailed affidavit sworn or affirmed by themselves or a proper officer as the case may be:
  - (a) the name and address of any bank, building society, cryptocurrency exchange, or other financial institution (in Australia and elsewhere) at which there is any account in the name of or under the control of the Defendants, or which the Defendants have any legal or equitable interest, together with the number of such account, the name of such account and the balance of that account;
  - (b) a list of the locations (in Australia and elsewhere) of all Digital Currency and blockchain technology assets held or controlled by the Defendants, or which the Defendants have any legal or equitable interest, together with the public or private keys for any cold or hot wallets held or controlled by the Defendants and the nature and amount of the cryptocurrency held in any such wallets; and

- (c) a list of all escrow accounts which hold Digital Currency on behalf of the Defendants.
- 15. An order that in the event that the Defendants wish to object that compliance with the order sought in paragraph 14 above, on the basis that it may tend to incriminate the Defendant or make the Defendant liable to a civil penalty, the relevant Defendant must, in accordance with section 128A of the *Evidence Act 1995* (Cth):
  - (a) prepare, file and serve on the Plaintiff an affidavit disclosing so much of the information required to be disclosed by paragraph 14 above to which no objection is taken;
  - (b) prepare an affidavit containing so much of the information required to be disclosed by paragraph 14 above which objection is taken and deliver it to the Court in a sealed envelope; and
  - (c) prepare, file and serve on the Plaintiff a separate affidavit setting out the basis of the objection.

#### Travel restraint orders

- 16. An order pursuant to section 1323(1)(k) of the Corporations Act that, until further order, the Fourth Defendant be prohibited from leaving Australia or attempting to leave Australia.
- 17. An order pursuant to section 1323(1)(j) of the Corporations Act that, by a time fixed by the Court, the Fourth Defendant deliver up to the Brisbane Registry of this Court all passports in his name which are in his possession, custody or control.
- 18. An order that the documents delivered up to the Brisbane Registry pursuant to paragraph 17 above be held by the Registry until further order.
- 19. An order that, until further order, the Fourth Defendant be restrained from applying for the issue of an Australian or non-Australian passport or other document permitting international travel.
- 20. An order that, in the event that the Fourth Defendant cannot locate any passport or other document permitting international travel, the Fourth Defendant promptly:
  - (a) give notification to the Australian Passport Office, or other relevant authorities for the issue and control of Australian passports or travel documents, or, in the case of a foreign passport or travel document, the relevant authority responsible for the issue

and control of such passports or travel documents, confirming that he has lost his passport or travel document; and

(b) file and serve an application stating that fact and exhibiting a copy of the above notification sent.

## Service of orders on third parties

- 21. An order that to the extent necessary, the Plaintiff has leave to give to:
  - (a) any bank, building society, cryptocurrency exchange, or other financial institution through which, to the best of the Plaintiff's belief, Digital Currency Assets belongs to the Defendants;
  - (b) any other person or entity, holding or controlling Digital Currency Assets, which, to the best of the Plaintiff's belief, belongs to the Defendants;
  - (c) the relevant authorities that issue and control of passports; and
  - (d) the Australian Border Force,

notice of the making of any of the foregoing interim orders by giving a copy of the minute of the orders to a person apparently in the employ of any such entity or person.

## **Non-publication orders**

- 22. An order pursuant to sections 37AF(1)(a) and (b) and 37AG(1)(a) of the FCA Act that, in order to avoid prejudice to the proper administration of justice, the publication or disclosure of the following is prohibited until 5pm AEST, 11 April 2024, except to enable the Plaintiff to serve the Defendants, and provide copies of the orders to the entities set out in paragraph 21 above for the purpose of enforcing the orders:
  - (a) any ex-parte orders obtained by the Plaintiff;
  - (b) this Originating Process;
  - (c) the affidavits referred to in paragraph 1 (including exhibits) filed by the Plaintiff in support of the ex-parte orders; and
  - (d) any written submissions advanced by the Plaintiff in support of the ex-parte orders.

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#### **INTERIM RELIEF**

## Injunctive relief

- 23. An interim order pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1324 of the Corporations Act that until further order, the First and Second and Third Defendants, by themselves and their servants, agents and employees be restrained from:
  - (a) promoting, advertising, or marketing superannuation products, cryptocurrency or Blockchain Mining in Australia:
  - (b) promoting or carrying on the Business in Australia;
  - (c) promoting or carrying on any financial services business in Australia;
  - (d) receiving, taking, or accepting new Investor Funds from any person in Australia;
  - dealing with Investor Funds, in any account with any bank, building society, cryptocurrency exchange, or hot or cold crypto-wallet, recorded in any blockchain or other financial institution (in Australia and elsewhere); and
  - (f) either directly or indirectly carrying on a financial services business in Australia in contravention of section 911A of the Corporations Act.

# **FINAL RELIEF**

# Injunctive relief

#### **First Defendant**

- 24. An order pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1324 of the Corporations Act, that until further order, the First and Second and Third Defendants either, by itself, or by its officers, themselves and their servants, agents and employees be representatives or employees is permanently restrained and an injunction is granted restraining it from:
  - (a) <u>arranging the issue or acquisition of the Blockchain Mining Product;</u>
  - (b) arranging the issue or the acquisition of an interest in the NGS Digital Mining Scheme;
  - (c) <u>dealing with Investor Funds</u>;
  - (d) doing any act in furtherance of or in connection with the promotion in Australia of the Blockchain Mining Product or the NGS Digital Mining Scheme;

- (e) promoting the arrangement, and arranging for the issue to or acquisition by any person of a beneficial interest in a SMSF;
- (f) providing any financial product advice, including, without limitation, opinions or recommendations or reports of either of those things relating to the Blockchain Mining Product, the NGS Digital Mining Scheme or beneficial interests in a SMSF;
- (g) <u>otherwise carrying on a financial services business in Australia, within the meaning of</u>
  Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act; and
- (h) providing any financial service on behalf of a person who carries on a financial services business.
- (a) promoting, advertising, or marketing superannuation products, cryptocurrency or Blockchain Mining in Australia;
- (b) promoting or carrying on the Business in Australia;
- (c) promoting or carrying on any financial services business in Australia;
- (d) receiving, taking, or accepting new Investor Funds from any person in Australia;
- (e) dealing with Investor Funds, in any account with any bank, building society, cryptocurrency exchange, or hot or cold crypto-wallet, recorded in any blockchain or other financial institution (in Australia and elsewhere); and
- (f) either directly or indirectly carrying on a financial services business in Australia in contravention of section 911A of the Corporations Act.

# **Second Defendant**

- 25. An order pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1324 of the Corporations Act, that the Second Defendant either, by itself, or by its officers, servants, agents, representatives or employees is permanently restrained and an injunction is granted restraining it from:
  - (a) arranging the issue or acquisition of the Blockchain Mining Product;
  - (b) <u>arranging the issue or the acquisition of an interest in the NGS Digital Mining Scheme:</u>
  - (c) <u>dealing with Investor Funds;</u>

- (d) doing any act in furtherance of or in connection with the promotion in Australia of the Blockchain Mining Product or the NGS Digital Mining Scheme;
- (e) providing any financial product advice, including, without limitation, opinions or recommendations or reports of either of those things relating to the Blockchain Mining Product, the NGS Digital Mining Scheme or beneficial interests in a SMSF;
- (f) otherwise carrying on a financial services business in Australia, within the meaning of Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act;
- (g) providing any financial service on behalf of a person who carries on a financial services business.

#### **Third Defendant**

- 26. An order pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1324 of the Corporations Act, until further order, the Third Defendant, by itself and its officers, servants, agents and employees is permanently restrained and an injunction is granted restraining it from:
  - (a) <u>issuing the Blockchain Mining Product to a person who is in or who is a resident of Australia;</u>
  - (b) <u>issuing any interest in the NGS Digital Mining Scheme to a person who is in or who is</u> a resident of Australia;
  - (c) promoting the arrangement, and arranging for the issue to or acquisition by any person who is in or who is a resident of Australia of a beneficial interest in a SMSF;
  - (d) <u>dealing with Investor Funds</u>;
  - (e) doing any act intended to induce persons in Australia to use financial services provided by the first defendant or which is likely to have that effect;
  - (f) doing any act in furtherance of or in connection with the promotion in Australia of the Blockchain Mining Product or the NGS Digital Mining Scheme;
  - (g) providing any financial product advice to any person who is in or who resides in Australia, including, without limitation, opinions or recommendations or reports of either of those things relating to the Blockchain Mining Product, the NGS Digital Mining Scheme or beneficial interests in a SMSF; and

(h) otherwise carrying on a financial services business in Australia, within the meaning of Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act.

#### Declaration

- 27. A declaration pursuant to sections 1101B and/or 1317E of the Corporations Act or section 21 of the FCA Act that the First and Second and Third Defendants contravened sections 911A(1) and 911A(5B) of the Corporations Act, by carrying on a financial services business in this jurisdiction without holding an Australian financial services licence.
- 28. Declarations pursuant to section 1317E of the Corporations Act or section 21 of the FCA Act that the First and Second Defendants contravened section 911B(4) of the Corporations Act by providing financial services in Australia on behalf of the Third Defendant in circumstances where the Third Defendant was carrying on a financial services business and did not hold an Australian Financial Services Licence, thereby contravening sub-section 911B(1).
- 29. A declaration pursuant to section 1317E of the Corporations Act or section 21 of the FCA Act that from 21 February 2018 until the date of this order the Third Defendant has operated the NGS Digital Mining Scheme in Australia in contravention of section 601ED(8) of the Corporations Act.
- 30. A declaration pursuant to section 21 of the FCA Act that the Third Defendant contravened section 601CD of the Corporations Act by carrying on business in this jurisdiction without being registered to do so under Part 5B.2 of the Corporations Act and without having applied to be so registered.

# Winding up

- 31. An order pursuant to section 461(1)(k) of the Corporations Act that the First Defendant be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act and liquidators be appointed for the purposes of winding up the First Defendant.
- 32. An order pursuant to section 583 of the Corporations Act that the Third Defendant be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act and liquidators be appointed for the purposes of winding up the Third Defendant.
- 33. An order pursuant to section 601EE(1) of the Corporations Act for the winding up of the NGS Digital Mining Scheme.



- 34. Orders pursuant to section 601EE(2) of the Corporations Act that:
  - (a) <u>liquidators be appointed for the purposes of winding up the NGS Digital Mining Scheme;</u>
  - (b) <u>subject to any further order of the Court:</u>
    - (i) the winding up of the NGS Digital Mining Scheme be conducted as if the NGS

      Digital Mining Scheme Members were incorporated as a 'company' or
      'corporation' for the purposes of the Corporations Act and the provisions of Parts

      5.4B, 5.6, 5.7B and 5.9 of the Corporations Act and Schedule 2 to the

      Corporations Act (Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations)) applied to the
      winding up (with such modifications as are reasonably necessary in the
      circumstances); and
    - (ii) the liquidators of the NGS Digital Mining Scheme have power to do, in Australia and elsewhere, all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the winding up of the Scheme, or incidental to the attainment of the winding up of the Scheme, including the functions and powers set out in Chapter 5 of the Corporations Act (with such modifications as are reasonably necessary in the circumstances) as if each reference there to a 'company' or 'corporation was a reference to the NGS Digital Scheme Members as notionally incorporated.

#### Other orders

- 35. An order that the Defendants pay ASIC's costs of and incidental to the proceeding.
- 36. The parties have liberty to apply on three business days' notice in writing.
- 37. Such further or other orders as the Court considers appropriate.

Date: 29 November 2024

Lawyer for the Plaintiff

This application will be heard by the Federal Court of Australia, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay (cnr Tank Street), Brisbane, QLD at \*am/\*pm on

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# B. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S) (IF ANY)

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**ASHMORE OLD 4124** 

If you or your legal practitioner do not appear before the Court at the time shown above, the application may be dealt with, and an order made, in your absence. As soon after that time as the business of the Court will allow, any of the following may happen:



- (a) the application may be heard and final relief given;
- (b) directions may be given for the future conduct of the proceeding;
- (c) any interlocutory application may be heard.

Before appearing before the Court, you must file a notice of appearance, in the prescribed form, in the Registry and serve a copy of it on the plaintiff.

*Note* Unless the Court otherwise orders, a defendant that is a corporation must be represented at a hearing by a legal practitioner. It may be represented at a hearing by a director of the corporation only if the Court grants leave.

# C. APPLICATION FOR WINDING UP ON GROUND OF INSOLVENCY Not applicable

#### D. FILING

Date of filing:

Registrar

This originating process is filed by Savas Miriklis, Legal Practitioner for the Plaintiff.

#### **E.SERVICE**

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It is intended to serve a copy of this Originating Process on the Defendants following the making of an ex-parte application for interim orders.



## **SCHEDULE**

No. 178 of 2024

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Queensland

Division: Commercial & Corporations

Interested Person ANTHONY NORMAN CONNELLY, KATHERINE SOZOU AND

WILLIAM JAMES HARRIS AS JOINT AND SEVERAL RECEIVERS

First Defendant NGS CRYPTO PTY LTD (ACN 624 825 065)

Second Defendant NGS DIGITAL PTY LTD (ACN 630 115 543)

Third Defendant NGS GROUP LTD (HK COMPANY NUMBER 1963940)

Fourth Defendant BRETT ALLAN MENDHAM

Fifth Defendant MARK JAMES TEN CATEN

Sixth Defendant RYAN TODD BROWN