



Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Victoria Registry

Division: General

No: VID1486/2025

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION

Plaintiff

SQM RESEARCH PTY LTD (ACN 122 592 036)

Defendant

ORDER

JUDGE: Justice Neskovcin

DATE OF ORDER: 13 July 2026

WHERE MADE: Melbourne

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

Evidence

1. By 26 August 2026, each party is to notify the other of the number of expert witnesses upon whose evidence they propose to rely and their fields of expertise.
2. By 11 September 2026, the plaintiff is to file and serve all lay and expert evidence on which it intends to rely, and a preliminary list of any documents to be tendered.
3. By 20 November 2026, the defendant is to file and serve any lay and expert evidence on which it intends to rely, and a preliminary list of any documents to be tendered.
4. By 21 December 2026, the plaintiff is to file and serve all lay and expert evidence in reply on which it intends to rely, and any supplementary preliminary list of any documents to be tendered.

Mediation

5. Pursuant to s 53A of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth), the proceeding be referred to a mediation to be held before 19 February 2027 and to continue until the mediator concludes the mediation.



6. The mediation referred to in order 5 is to be conducted with a mediator agreed between the parties, or failing agreement, by a Registrar of the Court.
7. By no later than 30 October 2026, the parties are to notify the Court if a Registrar of the Court is to conduct the mediation referred to in order 5.
8. Subject to further order, the costs of the mediation are to be paid by the parties in equal shares.

Case Management

9. The proceeding is listed for a further case management hearing at 10.00am on 26 February 2027.

Other Matters

10. Costs are reserved.
11. Liberty to apply.

Date orders authenticated: 13 July 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sia Lagos".

Registrar

Note: Entry of orders is dealt with in Rule 39.32 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011*.