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Commercial List Statement

COURT DETAILS

Court Supreme Court of NSW

Division Equity
List Commercial

Registry Supreme Court Sydney

Case number 2018/00076580

TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS

First Plaintiff Giabal Pty Ltd Second Plaintiff Geoffry Underwood

First Defendant Gunns Plantations Limited (in Liquidation)

Second Defendant Gunns Limited (in Liquidation)(Receivers & managers

Appointed)

Number of Defendants 11

FILING DETAILS

Filed for Andrew Gray, Defendant 10

Mathew Gary Wallace, Defendant 11

Legal representative

Legal representative reference

Telephone

Peter Haig

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

In accordance with Part 3 of the UCPR, this coversheet confirms that both the Lodge Document, along with any other documents listed below, were filed by the Court.

Commercial List Statement (Cross-Claim Statement.pdf)

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COMMERCIAL LIST CROSS-CLAIM STATEMENT

COURT DETAILS

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Division Equity

List Commercial

Registry Sydney

Case number 2018/00076580

TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS

First plaintiff Giabal Pty Ltd

Second plaintiff Geoffry Underwood

First defendant Gunns Plantations Limited (in Liquidation)

Number of defendants

TITLE OF THIS FIRST CROSS-CLAIM

First cross-claimant Andrew Gray, Tenth Defendant

Second cross-claimant Matthew Wallace, Eleventh Defendant

First cross-defendant Gunns Plantations Limited (In Liquidation) (Receivers

and Managers Appointed)

Number of cross-defendants 9

FILING DETAILS

Filed for Andrew Gray, First Cross-Claimant and Tenth Defendant

Matthew Wallace, Second Cross-Claimant and Eleventh

Defendant

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PRELIMINARIES

A. The terms defined in the Commercial List Statement filed by the Plaintiffs on 20 March 2018 (CLS) and in the Commercial List Response filed by the First and Second Cross-Claimants on 16 July 2018 (CLR) have the same meaning in this document, unless otherwise defined or stated.

A NATURE OF DISPUTE

- The Plaintiffs in the Proceedings have brought representative proceedings against the First and Second Cross-Claimants (the **Cross-Claimants**) and the First to Ninth Cross-Defendants (the **Cross-Defendants**) on their behalf and on behalf of Group Members in relation to investments that they made in the Gunns Woodlot Schemes for the 2002-2006 and 2008-2009 financial years.
- As set out in the CLR, the Cross-Claimants deny that the Plaintiffs or the Group Members are entitled to the relief claimed by them against the Cross-Claimants.
- However, for the purposes of this Cross-Claim only, the Cross-Claimants allege that, if they are liable to the Plaintiffs, then the Cross-Defendants are liable.

B ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE

If (which is denied) the First and/or Second Cross-Claimants are liable to the Plaintiffs then the key issues likely to arise as between the Cross-Claimants and the Cross-Defendants are the following:

- Whether any or all of the Cross-Defendants are liable for the same loss or damage as the First and/or Second Cross-Claimants within the meaning of s 3(1)(c) of the Wrongs Act 1954 (Tas) (Tas Act), or alternatively s 5(1)(c) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1946 (NSW) (NSW Act), or alternatively any other similar or equivalent provision of any other applicable legislation.
- Whether the First and/or Second Cross-Claimants are entitled to contribution from any or all of the Cross-Defendants in equity.
- 3 The amount of contribution recoverable from those Cross-Defendants.

C FIRST AND SECOND CROSS-CLAIMANTS' CONTENTIONS

For the purposes of this Cross-Claim only, if, contrary to the denials and non-admissions set out in the CLR, the Plaintiffs prove the allegations they have made against the First and/or Second Cross-Claimants and one or both of them is liable to the Plaintiffs, then:

Allegations made by Plaintiffs

- The Cross-Claimants repeat against the Cross-Defendants the allegations made by the Plaintiffs in the following paragraphs of section C of the CLS:
 - (a) as against the First Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 1, 14-52, 56-64, 65-67, 73-76, 79-80, 87-90 and 101-103;
 - (b) as against the Second Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 2-3, 14-52, 56-64, 68, 73-76, 81, 95-96 and 101-103;
 - (c) as against the Third Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 4, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103;
 - (d) as against the Fourth Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 5, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-85, 91-94 and 101-103;
 - (e) as against the Fifth Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 6, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103;
 - (f) as against the Sixth Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 7, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103;
 - (g) as against the Seventh Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 8, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103;
 - (h) as against the Eighth Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 9, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103; and
 - (i) as against the Ninth Cross-Defendant, the allegations in paragraphs 10, 14-52, 56-64, 69, 73-76, 82-84, 91-94 and 101-103.

Contribution at law or equity

- 2 On the basis of the facts and matters alleged by the Plaintiffs and repeated as set out in paragraph 1 above:
 - (a) each of the Cross-Defendants is liable in respect of the same damage as the First and/or Second Cross-Claimants, within the meaning of s 3(1)(c) of the Tas Act, or alternatively s 5(1)(c) of the NSW Act, or alternatively any other similar or equivalent provision of any other applicable legislation;

- (b) to the extent the Plaintiffs' claims are not apportionable, then the Cross-Claimants are entitled to contribution from the Cross-Defendants against the Plaintiffs' claims to the extent as may be found by the Court to be just and equitable pursuant to s 3(1)(c) and (2) of the Tas Act, or alternatively s 5(1)(c) and (2) of the NSW Act, or alternatively any other similar or equivalent provision of any other applicable legislation;
- (c) further or alternatively, the Cross-Claimants are entitled to contribution in equity from the Cross-Defendants against the Plaintiffs' claims on the basis that the Cross-Defendants are liable in equity to make good the Plaintiffs' loss.

Relief

Accordingly, the Cross-Claimants claim against each of the Cross-Defendants the relief set out in the Cross-Summons of the same date.

D QUESTIONS APPROPRIATE FOR REFERRAL TO A REFERREE

None.

E MEDIATION STATEMENT

To date, the parties have not attempted to mediate. This Cross-claim would be appropriate to mediate at the same time the principal claim is the subject of mediation.

SIGNATURE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Signature

Capacity Solicitor for the Cross-Claimants

Date of signature 20 July 2018