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Reason for Listing: Interlocutory Hearing  
Time and date for hearing: 15/07/2021, 2:30 PM  
Place: Court Room Not Assigned, Level 17, Law Courts Building 184 Phillip Street Queens Square, Sydney



*Sia Lagos*

Dated: 13/07/2021 8:33:48 AM AEST

Registrar

### Important Information

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Form 35  
Rule 17.01(1)

**Interlocutory application**

No. NSD616/2021

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

**Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141**

Applicant

**Forum Finance Pty Limited ACN 153 301 172** and others names in the schedule

Respondents

**To:**

**Forum Group Financial Services Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 623 033 705**  
**Forum Group Pty Ltd (Receivers Appointed) (Administrators Appointed) ACN 153 336 997**  
**Forum Enviro Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 168 709 840**  
**Forum Enviro (Aust) Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 607 484 364**

The Applicant applies 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:**

**Place:**

Filed on behalf of (name & role of party) Westpac Banking Corporation, Applicant  
Prepared by (name of person/lawyer) Caitlin Murray  
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(include state and postcode) Our reference: 1353397

[Form approved 01/08/2011]



The Court ordered that the time for serving this application be abridged to

Date: 12 July 2021

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



## Interlocutory orders sought

### Preliminary Orders

1. An order that the Applicant be granted leave to file:
  - (a) this Interlocutory Application dated 12 July 2021; and
  - (b) affidavit of Caitlin Maria Murray sworn on 12 July 2021.
2. An order that paragraphs 1 to 4 of this interlocutory application be returnable *instanter*.
3. An order pursuant to rule 1.39 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth) (**FCR**) abridging the time for service of the interlocutory application and the supporting affidavit to 4.00pm on 12 July 2021 with service to be effected:
  - (a) by email to the solicitor for the administrators of the respondents to this interlocutory application (Kieren Kelly of Hilton Bradley Lawyers) at kieran.kelly@hiltonbradley.com.au;
  - (b) by email to the solicitor for the receivers of Forum Group Pty Ltd (Bianca Quan of Cornwalls) at b.quan@cornwalls.com.au;
  - (c) otherwise, on the solicitors for the parties.
4. This interlocutory application be listed for:
  - (a) hearing on paragraphs 5 and 6 and case management at on 13 July 2021;
  - (b) hearing on paragraphs 7 to 14 at on 16 July 2021.

### Additional parties

5. To the extent necessary, leave be granted under s 440D(1)(b) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) to add:
  - (a) Forum Group Financial Services Pty Ltd ACN 623 033 705 as the fourth respondent;
  - (b) Forum Group Pty Ltd ACN 153 336 997 as the fifth respondent;
  - (c) Forum Enviro Pty Ltd ACN 168 709 840 as the sixth respondent;



- (d) Forum Enviro (Aust) Pty Ltd ACN 607 484 364 as the seventh respondent.
6. To the extent necessary, leave be granted under s 440D(1)(b) of the Corporations Act to file a further amended originating application in the form annexed to this interlocutory application.

#### Provisional Liquidator

7. An order pursuant to section 472(2) of the Corporations Act that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or such other fit and proper person as the Court sees fit, be appointed provisional liquidators of:
- (a) Forum Group Financial Services Pty Ltd ACN 623 033 705;
  - (b) Forum Group Pty Ltd ACN 153 336 997;
  - (c) Forum Enviro Pty Ltd ACN 168 709 840;
  - (d) Forum Enviro (Aust) Pty Ltd ACN 607 484 364;
- (together, the **Forum Group Companies**).
8. An order that the provisional liquidator have control over all of the assets of the Forum Group Companies.
9. Pursuant to section 472(3)(b) of the Act, the Provisional Liquidators may exercise the following functions and powers:
- (a) all functions and powers conferred on the Provisional Liquidators by the Act or the *Federal Court (Corporations) Rules 2000* (Cth) (including those described in section 474(4) of the Act);
  - (b) the power to carry on the business of the Forum Group Companies;
  - (c) the power to enter the premises of the Forum Group Companies;
  - (d) the power to take possession of all of the books and records of the Forum Group Companies;
  - (e) to investigate and report to the court on the assets of the Forum Group Companies wherever located, giving their value, location and details (including



any mortgages, charges or other encumbrances to which they are subject) and the extent of the interest of the Forum Group Companies in the assets;

- (f) to investigate and report to the court on where any funds obtained by any of the Forum Group Companies that originated from any of the applicants is located or has been dispersed to and whether it was used to acquire, in whole or part, any assets and, if so, who holds those assets and where those assets are.

10. An order that the provisional liquidators have access to all documents seized in accordance with the search orders made by order 7 of the orders made by Justice Lee on 28 June 2021.

#### Winding up of the Forum Group Companies

11. In the alternative to paragraphs 7 to 10 above:
- (a) an order that the prayers for relief contained in the further amended originating application seeking the winding up and appointment of liquidators of the Forum Group Companies be heard separately and in advance of the balance of the prayers for relief;
- (b) an order that, pursuant to section 461(1)(k) of the Corporations Act, the Forum Group Companies be wound up;
- (c) an order, pursuant to section 472(1) of the Act, that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of McGrathNicol, Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000, or such other fit and proper person as the Court sees fit, are appointed jointly and severally as liquidators of the Forum Group Companies;
- (d) an order dispensing with compliance with rule 5.6 of the *Federal Court (Corporations) Rules 2000* (Cth);
- (e) an order that the liquidators have access to all documents seized in accordance with the search orders made by order 7 of the orders made by Justice Lee on 28 June 2021.



General orders

12. Leave to enter these orders forthwith.
13. Such further or other orders as the Court deems fit or necessary.
14. Costs.

**Service on the Respondents**

It is intended to serve this interlocutory application on all parties after the making of the preliminary orders.

Date: 12 July 2021

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Signed by Caitlin Murray  
Lawyer for the Applicant

**Schedule of Parties**

No. NSD616/2021

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

**Applicants**

Applicant **Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141**

**Respondents**

First Respondent **Forum Finance Pty Limited ACN 153 301 172**

Second Respondent: **Basile Papadimitriou**

Third Respondent: **Vincenzo Frank Tesoriero**





**ANNEXURE**

**PROPOSED FURTHER AMENDED ORIGINATING APPLICATION**

Form 15  
Rules 8.01(1); 8.04(1)



**Further Amended Originating application**

No. NSD616 of 2021

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

**Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141**

Applicant

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

To the Respondents

The Applicant applies for the relief 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.

You must file a notice of address for service (Form 10) in the Registry before attending Court or taking any other steps in the proceeding.

**Time and date for hearing:**

**Place:** Federal Court of Australia  
Law Courts Building  
Queens Square  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Date: July 2021

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

Filed on behalf of (name & role of party) Westpac Banking Corporation, Applicant  
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[Version 2 form approved 09/05/2013]



## Details of claim

The Applicant claims:

### As against the First Respondent

1. A declaration that the First Respondent holds on trust for the Applicant all funds received from the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe Pty Limited ACN 630 535 554 (formerly named BHO Funding Pty Limited) (**Eqwe**) as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts and also the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 1A. An order that the First Respondent disclose to the Applicant the amount of funds paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that it has received or controls through related entities and all facts within its knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 1B. An order that the First Respondent account to the Applicant for all funds that it has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
2. Judgment for the Applicant against the First Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
3. An order that the First Respondent pay damages in deceit or the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
4. An order that the First Respondent pay damages for breach of contract.
5. An order that the First Respondent pay damages pursuant to section 236 of the Australian Consumer Law set out in Schedule 2 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (**Australian Consumer Law**).
6. An order that the First Respondent pay damages pursuant to section 12GF of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* (Cth) (**ASIC Act**), further or alternatively pursuant to section 1041I of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**).
7. An order that the First Defendant be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act.
8. An order that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or some other fit and proper person, be appointed liquidator of the First Respondent, Forum Finance Pty Ltd.

**As against the Second Respondent**

- 8A. Judgment for the Applicant against the Second Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
- 8B. A declaration that the Second Respondent holds on trust for the Applicant all funds that he has received or controls that were paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts, or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 8C. An order that the Second Respondent disclose to the Applicant the amount of funds paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that he has received or controls through related entities, when those funds were received and all facts within his knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 8D. An order that the Second Respondent account to the Applicant for all funds that he has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
- 8E. An order that the Second Respondent pay equitable compensation.
- 8F. An order that the Second Respondent pay damages for the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
- 9. An order that the Second Respondent pay damages in deceit.
- 10. An order that the Second Respondent pay damages pursuant to section 236 of the Australian Consumer Law.
- 11. An order that the Second Respondent pay damages pursuant to section 12GF of the ASIC Act, further or alternatively pursuant to section 1041I of the Corporations Act.

**As against the Third Respondent**

- 11A. Judgment for the Applicant against the Third Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
- 11B. A declaration that the Third Respondent holds on trust for the Applicant all funds that he has received or controls that were paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts, or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 11C. An order that the Third Respondent disclose to the Applicant the amount of funds paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that he has received or controls through related entities,



when those funds were received and all facts within his knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.

- 11D. An order that the Third Respondent account to the Applicant for all funds that he has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
- 11E. An order that the Third Respondent pay equitable compensation.
- 11F. An order that the Third Respondent pay damages for the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.

**As against each Respondent (including those identified below)**

- 12. Interest, including interest up to judgment pursuant to section 52(2)(a) of the *Federal Court Act 1976* (Cth) (**Federal Court Act**).
- 13. Interest on judgment pursuant to section 52 of the Federal Court Act and rule 39.06 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth).
- 14. Costs.
- 15. Such further or other orders as the Court deems fit.

**As against the Fourth Respondent**

- 16. A declaration that the Fourth Respondent holds on trust for the First Applicant all funds that it has received that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts and/or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 17. An order that the Fourth Respondent disclose to the First Applicant the amount of funds paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that it has received or controls through related entities and all facts within its knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
- 18. An order that the Fourth Respondent account to the First Applicant for all funds that it has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
- 19. Judgment for the First Applicant against the Fourth Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
- 20. An order that the Fourth Respondent pay equitable compensation.



21. An order that the Fourth Respondent pay damages in the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
22. An order that the Fourth Respondent be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act.
23. An order that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or some other fit and proper person, be appointed liquidator of the Fourth Respondent.

#### **As against the Fifth Respondent**

24. A declaration that the Fifth Respondent holds on trust for the First Applicant all funds that it has received that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts and/or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
25. An order that the Fifth Respondent disclose to the First Applicant the amount of funds paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that it has received or controls through related entities and all facts within its knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
26. An order that the Fifth Respondent account to the First Applicant for all funds that it has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
27. Judgment for the First Applicant against the Fifth Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
28. An order that the Fifth Respondent pay equitable compensation.
29. An order that the Fifth Respondent pay damages in the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
30. An order that the Fifth Respondent be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act.
31. An order that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or some other fit and proper person, be appointed liquidator of the Fifth Respondent.

#### **As against the Sixth Respondent**

32. A declaration that the Sixth Respondent holds on trust for the First Applicant all funds that it has received that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe



as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts and/or the traceable property acquired using those funds.

33. An order that the Sixth Respondent disclose to the First Applicant the amount of funds paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that it has received or controls through related entities and all facts within its knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
34. An order that the Sixth Respondent account to the First Applicant for all funds that it has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.
35. Judgment for the First Applicant against the Sixth Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
36. An order that the Sixth Respondent pay equitable compensation.
37. An order that the Sixth Respondent pay damages in the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
38. An order that the Sixth Respondent be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act.
39. An order that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or some other fit and proper person, be appointed liquidator of the Sixth Respondent.

#### **As against the Seventh Respondent**

40. A declaration that the Seventh Respondent holds on trust for the First Applicant all funds that it has received that were paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts and/or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
41. An order that the Seventh Respondent disclose to the First Applicant the amount of funds paid by the First Applicant (whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts that it has received or controls through related entities and all facts within its knowledge as to the present whereabouts of those funds or the traceable property acquired using those funds.
42. An order that the Seventh Respondent account to the First Applicant for all funds that it has received or controls through related entities that were paid by the First Applicant



(whether directly or from Eqwe as agent for the First Applicant) in connection with the Purported Contracts.

43. Judgment for the First Applicant against the Seventh Respondent in the amount of \$253,766,555.76.
44. An order that the Seventh Respondent pay equitable compensation.
45. An order that the Seventh Respondent pay damages in the tort of unlawful means conspiracy.
46. An order that the Seventh Respondent be wound up under the provisions of the Corporations Act.
47. An order that Jason Preston and Jason Ireland of Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000 jointly and severally, or some other fit and proper person, be appointed liquidator of the Seventh Respondent.

In this originating application, the **Purported Contracts** means any arrangement recorded by the First Respondent as a contract for the purchase of equipment between the First Respondent and a **Customer**, in respect of which the receivable for the Contract was subsequently sold by the First Respondent to Eqwe.

A Customer means any one of the following customers:

- a. Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 051 316 584;
- b. WesTrac Pty Limited ACN 009 342 572;
- c. ALH Group Pty Limited ACN 098 212 134;
- d. Scentre Shopping Centre Management Pty Ltd ACN 000 712 710;
- e. Coles Supermarkets Australia Pty Limited ACN 004 189 708;
- f. Catholic Healthcare Limited ACN 064 946 318; and
- g. The Martinez HWL Practice Trust & The East HWL Practice Trust & The Warat HWL Practice Trust & The Marin HWL Practice Trust & Others trading as 'HWL Ebsworth Lawyers' ABN 37 246 549 189.

### **Applicant's address**

The Applicant's address for service is:

Place: Level 40, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

Attention: Caitlin Murray





Email: caitlin.murray@minterellison.com

The Applicant's address is 275 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

**Service on the Respondents**

It is intended to serve this application on all Respondents.

Date: July 2021

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Signed by Caitlin Maria Murray  
MinterEllison  
Lawyer for the Applicant



## Schedule

No. NSD616 of 2021

Federal Court of Australia  
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Division: General

### Respondents

First Respondent: Forum Finance Pty Limited ACN 153 301 172  
Second Respondent: Basile Papadimitriou  
Third Respondent: Vincenzo Frank Tesoriero  
Fourth Respondent: Forum Group Financial Services Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)  
ACN 623 033 705  
Fifth Respondent: Forum Group Pty Ltd (Receivers Appointed) (Administrators  
Appointed) ACN 153 336 997  
Sixth Respondent: Forum Enviro Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)  
ACN 168 709 840  
Seventh Respondent: Forum Enviro (Aust) Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)  
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