

ARB/C006/2023 – SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 20th February, 2023 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr Donatella Frendo Dimech LL.D.). Compilation Number 677/2022/6, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

JANE CHIRCOP née FARRUGIA, employee, 58 years, daughter of Emanuel Farrugia and Victoria Farrugia née Falzon, born in Pietà, Malta on the 3rd September, 1964, and residing at 12, ‘Madonna Ta’ Pinu’, Triq Vincenzo M. Pellegrini, Rabat, Malta and holder of Maltese Identity Card bearing number 466464M.

AND

SAPPHIRE REAL ESTATE GROUP OF COMPANIES LIMITED;

ORDERED the attachment in the hands of third parties in general of all moneys and other movable property due to or pertaining or belonging to **JANE CHIRCOP née FARRUGIA** and prohibits the accused from transferring, pledging, hypothecating or otherwise changing or disposing of any immovable or movable property owned or otherwise held by her up to the limit of one hundred and twenty thousand Euro (€120,000), and this in terms of Article 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Chapter 373 of the Laws of Malta as made applicable by Article 23A(2) of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, and Article 36 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chapter 621 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court AUTHORIZED the said accused to receive the amount of six hundred Euro (€600) every fifteen (15) days from which it shall be specified what moneys may be paid or received by the accused during the existence of this order, including the source, method and other modalities of payments including salary, wages, pension and/or social security benefits. Provided that every financial entity is ordered to present a note by which it informs the Court in which account or from which account these moneys are taken.

Any person who acts in contravention of the court order as mentioned in Article 5 and Article 36 referred to above shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding twelve thousand Euro (€12,000), or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Any transfer or other disposal of any property made in contravention of the said Court order shall be null and without effect at law.

Today, 24th February, 2023

Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C006/2023 – ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b' digriet mogħti fl-20 ta' Frar, 2023 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bhala Qorti Strutturja – (Maġistrat Dr Donatella Frendo Dimech LL.D.). Kumpilazzjoni Numru 677/2022/6, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

JANE CHIRCOP née FARRUGIA, impjegata, ta' 58 sena, bint Emanuel Farrugia u Victoria Farrugia xebba Falzon, imwielda Tal-Pietà, Malta fit-3 ta' Settembru, 1964, u residenti ġewwa 12, 'Madonna Ta' Pinu', Triq Vincenzo M. Pellegrini, Rabat, Malta u detentrici ta' Karta tal-Identità Maltija bin-numru 466464M.

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SAPPHIRE REAL ESTATE GROUP OF COMPANIES LIMITED;

ORDNAT iż-żamma u s-sekwestru f'idejn partijiet terzi b'mod ġenerali l-flus u kull proprjetà mobbli oħra dovuta jew li tappartjeni jew li hija ta' **JANE CHIRCOP née FARRUGIA**, u tipprojbixxi lill-imputata milli tittrasferixxi, tagħti b'raħan, twiegħed, tipoteka jew tbiddel jew xort'oħra tiddisponi minn kwalunkwe proprjetà immobbli jew mobbli li tkun proprjetà ta' jew inkella miżmuma minnha sal-limitu ta' mija u għoxrin elf Euro (€120,000), u dan ai termini tal-Artikolu 5 tal-Att kontra *Money Laundering*, Kapitolu 373 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta kif reż applikabbli bl-Artikolu 23A(2) tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, Kapitolu 9 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta, u tal-Artikolu 36 tal-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità, Kapitolu 621 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta.

Il-Qorti AWTORIŻŻAT lill-imputata li tirċievi l-ammont ta' sitt mitt Euro (€600) kull hmistax-il (15) ġurnata minn fejn għandhom jiġu speċifikati liema flejjes jistgħu jithallsu jew jiġu rċevuti mill-imputata matul is-sussistenza ta' din l-ordni, ossia is-sors, il-mod u il-modalitajiet l-oħra tal-ħlas inklużi salarju, paga, pensjoni u/jew benefiċċji tas-sigurtà soċjali. B'dan illi kull entità finanzjarja hija ordnata li b'nota tinforma l-Qorti f'liema kont jew minn liema kont ikunu qed jiġu rċevuti l-istess flejjes.

Kull persuna li tagħmel xi haġa bi ksur tal-ordni tal-Qorti msemmi fl-Artikolu 5 u fl-Artikolu 36 tkun haġta ta' reat u tehel meta tinstab haġta multa ta' mhux iżjed minn tmax-il elf Euro (€12,000) jew priġunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tmax-il (12) xahar, jew dik il-multa u priġunerija flimkien.

Kull trasferiment ieħor jew tneħħija oħra ta' proprjetà li jsiru bi ksur ta' dik l-ordni tal-Qorti jkunu nulli u ma jkollhom ebda effett fil-liġi.

Illum, 24 ta' Frar, 2023

Direttur, Uffiċċju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi