

ARB/C014/2021 – VARIATION OF SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 17th January, 2022 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D.). Compilation Number 161/2021, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

VINCENT BUHAGIAR, retired, 74 years, son of the late Angel and the late Inez née Attard, born in Valletta, Malta on the 31st July, 1947, residing at 145, Coral Mansions, Blk A, Fl 5, Triq il-Keffa, Swieqi and holder of Maltese Identity Card bearing number 718347M.

The Court ORDERS the release of all the assets held by the accused **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** **with the exception of five two hundred forty-seven thousand Euro (€247,000)** which are held in the custody of the Director of the Asset Recovery Bureau and shall continue to be held by him. Thus, any other moneys and other movable or immovable property attached in the hands of third parties can now be released.

This variation is being published in terms of Section 5 (3) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Chapter 373 of the Laws of Malta, and Article 36 (4) of the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chapter 621 of the Laws of Malta, following a seizing and freezing order which decree was given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry (Magistrate Dr Charmaine Galea LL.D.) on the 20th March, 2021 which was published in the Government Gazette on the 26th March, 2021 where the court ordered the attachment in the hands of third parties in general of all moneys and other movable or immovable property due or pertaining or belonging to **VINCENT BUHAGIAR**.

Today, 22nd March, 2022

Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C014/2021 – VARJAZZJONI TAL-ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b'digriet mogħti fis-17 ta' Jannar, 2022 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Strutturja – (Maġistrat Dr Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D.). Kumpilazzjoni Numru 161/2021, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

VINCENT BUHAGIAR, irtirat, ta' 74 sena, iben il-mejjet Angel u l-mejta Inez xebba Attard, imwieled Valletta, Malta fil-31 ta' Lulju, 1947, residenti ġewwa 145, Coral Mansions, Blk A, Fl 5, Triq il-Keffa, Swieqi u detentur ta' Karta tal-Identità Maltija bin-numru 718347M.

Il-Qorti TORDNA li jiġu rilaxxati l-assi kollha tal-imputat **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** **bl-eċċezzjoni għal mitejn u sebgha u erbgħin elf Euro (€247,000)** li jinstabu fil-kustodja tad-Direttur tal-Uffiċċju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi u ser ikomplu jinżammu minnu. Għaldaqstant, kwalunkwe flejjes u propjetà mobbli jew immobbli li jinsabu sekwestrati f'idejn terzi persuni għandhom jiġu rilaxxati.

Din il-varjazzjoni qed issir ai termini tal-Artikolu 5 (3) tal-Att kontra *Money Laundering*, Kapitolu 373 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta, u l-Artikolu 36 (4) tal-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità, Kapitolu 621 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta, wara digriet ta' ordni ta' qbid u iffriżar mogħti mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Strutturja (Maġistrat Dr Charmaine Galea LL.D.) fl-20 ta' Marzu, 2021 li giet ippublikata fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern fit-26 ta' Marzu, 2021 fejn il-Qorti ordnat iż-żamma u s-sekwestru f'idejn terzi persuni b'mod ġenerali, tal-flejjes u l-propjetà mobbli jew immobbli kollha li huma dovuti lil, jew imissu lil, jew li huma propjetà ta' **VINCENT BUHAGIAR**.

Illum, 22 ta' Marzu, 2022

Direttur, Uffiċċju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi