

ARB/C106/2025 – SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 18th September, 2025 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr. Rachel Montebello LL.D.), with Compilation Number 446/2024, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

ARMIN FREIDRICH EBERHARD ERNST, 63 years, of German nationality, born on the 07th March, 1962, residing in ‘Fort Cambridge Block East 2, Flat 1201, Triq Tigne’, Sliema’ and holder of a Maltese Identification document bearing number 165810A and/or United States of America Passport bearing number 463649409 and/or German Passport bearing number C4FYRY87K.

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The Court ORDERED the attachment of any property in the hands of third parties for which there is reasonable cause to believe that the property is subject to confiscation, and is restraining and prohibiting the accused **ARMIN FRIEDRICH EBERHARD ERNST** from transferring, pledging, hypothecating, or otherwise changing or disposing of any such property and of such other property owned by him or being in his possession up to the limit of twenty million Euros (€20,000,000), and this in terms of Article 23A of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9

of the Laws of Malta, Article 5 of the Money Laundering Act, Chapter 373 of the Laws of Malta and Article 36 of the Proceeds of Crime Act, Chapter 621 of the Laws of Malta.

Any person who acts in contravention of the court order mentioned in Article 23A and Article 5, 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, 3rd October, 2025

Ms Eunice Grech Fiorini
Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C106/2025 – ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b'digriet mogħti fit-18 ta' Settembru, 2025 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti ta' Qorti Istruttoria – (Maġistrat Dr. Rachel Montebello LL.D.), Kumpilazzjoni Numru 446/2024, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

ARMIN FRIEDRICH EBERHARD ERNST, ta' 63 sena, ta' Nazzjonalità Germaniża, imwieled fis-07 ta' Marzu, 1962, residenti ġewwa 'Fort Cambridge Block East 2, Flat 1201, Triq Tighe', Sliema' u detentur ta' Karta tal-Identifikazzjoni Maltija bin-numru 165810A u/jew Passaport tal-Istati Uniti tal-Amerika bin-numru 463649409 u/jew Passaport Germaniż bin-numru C4FYRY87K.

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Il-Qorti ORD NAT is-sekwestru ta' kwalunkwe proprjetà li tkun f'idejn partijiet terzi li dwarha jkun hemm raġuni valida sabiex jitwemmen li l-proprjetà hija soġġetta għall-konfiska, u qed iżżomm u tipprojbixxi lill-imputat **ARMIN FRIEDRICH EBERHARD ERNST** milli jittrasferixxi, jagħti b'rahan, jipoteka, jew b'xi mod ieħor ibiddel jew jiddisponi minn dik il-proprjetà u minn proprjetà oħra tiegħu jew li tkun fil-pussess tiegħu sal-limitu ta' għoxrin miljun Ewro (€20,000,000), u dan ai termini tal-Artikolu 23A tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, Kapitolu

9 tal-Ligijiet ta' Malta, tal-Artikolu 5 tal-Att kontra Money Laundering, Kapitolu 373 tal-Ligijiet ta' Malta u tal-Artikolu 36 tal-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità, Kapitolu 621 tal-Ligijiet ta' Malta.

Kull persuna li tagħmel xi haġa bi ksur tal-ordni tal-Qorti msemmi fl-Artikolu 23A, fl-Artikolu 5 u fl-Artikolu 36 tkun ħatja ta' reat u tehel meta tinstab ħatja multa ta' mhux iżjed minn tnax il-elf Euro (€12,000), jew prigunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tnax-il (12) xahar, jew dik il-multa u prigunerija flimkien.

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

Illum, 3 ta' Ottubru, 2025

Is-Sinjura Eunice Grech Fiorini
Direttur, Ufficju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi