ARB/C041/2021 – VARIATION OF A SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 16th March, 2026 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr Leonard Caruana LL.D.). Compilation Number 192/2021, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

SAMMY VELLA, fisherman, 46 years, son of John Vella and Saveria Vella née Grech, born in Tal-Pietà, Malta on the 14th December, 1979, residing at 23A, Sambel, Triq it-Tiben, Marsaskala and/or 54, Triq Tax-Xerriek, Marsaxlokk and holder of Maltese Identity Card bearing number 76180M.

The Court ORDERED that the Seizing and Freezing Order issued in respect of **SAMMY VELLA** be limited to the amount of €113,666.00 (one hundred and thirteen thousand, six hundred and sixty-six Euro), which amount shall remain deposited in the bank account held in the name of **SAMMY VELLA** ending in -5309 and held with Bank of Valletta plc, and shall remain so deposited, until it is wholly or partially subject to an Order of Confiscation or until the accused is definitively released from the charges.

The Court further ORDERED that the effects of the said Seizing and Freezing Order be lifted from all other present and future assets of **SAMMY VELLA**, except for the funds held in the bank account indicated above.

The Court further ORDERED that all assets of **MARIE DE LOURDES COMPANY LIMITED** (C-58194) shall remain subject to the Seizing and Freezing Order.

This variation is being published in terms of Article 36 (4)(a) 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 Natasha Galea Sciberras LL.D.) on the 9th June, 2021 which was published in the Government Gazette on the 25th June, 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 **SAMMY VELLA**.

Today, 16th April, 2026

Ms Eunice Grech Fiorini
Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C041/2021 – VARJAZZJONI TAL-ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULĦADD illi b'digriet mogħti fis-16 ta' Marzu, 2026 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Struttorja – (Maġistrat Dr Leonard Caruana LL.D.). Kumpilazzjoni Numru 192/2021, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

SAMMY VELLA, sajjied, ta' 46 sena, iben John Vella u Saveria Vella xebba Grech, imwieled Tal-Pietà, Malta fl-14 ta' Diċembru, 1979, residenti ġewwa 23A, Sambel, Triq it-Tiben, Marsaskala u/jew 54, Triq Tax-Xerriek, Marsaxlokk u detentur ta' Karta tal-Identità Maltija bin-numru 76180M.

Il-Qorti ORDNAT li l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Iffriżar maħruġ fir-rigward ta' **SAMMY VELLA** jiġi limitat għas-somma ta' €113,666.00 (mija u tlettax-il elf, sitt mija u sitta u sittin Ewro), liema somma għandha tibqa' depożitata fil-kont bankarju miżmum f'isem **SAMMY VELLA** li jispiċċa bin numri -5309 u miżmum mal-Bank of Valletta plc, u tibqa' hekk depożitata sakemm tigi kollha jew parti minnha, suġġetta għal Ordni ta' Konfiska jew sakemm l-akkużat jiġi liberat mill-akkużi b'mod definittiv.

Il-Qorti ORDNAT ukoll li l-effetti tal-imsemmi Ordni ta' Qbid u Iffriżar jitneħħew minn fuq l-assi kollha preżenti u futuri l-oħra ta' **SAMMY VELLA**, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-flejjes miżmuma fil-kont bankarju indikat hawn fuq.

Il-Qorti ORDNAT ukoll li l-assi kollha tas-soċjetà **MARIE DE LOURDES COMPANY LIMITED** (C-58194) jibqgħu suġġetti għall-Ordni ta' Qbid u Iffriżar.

Din il-varjazzjoni qed issir ai termini tal-Artikolu 36 (4)(a) tal-Att dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità, Kapitolu 621 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta, wara digriet ta' Ordni ta' Qbid u Ffriżar mogħti mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Struttorja (Maġistrat Dr Natasha Galea Sciberras LL.D.) fid-9 ta' Ġunju, 2021 li ġie ippubblikat fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern fil-25 ta' Ġunju, 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' **SAMMY VELLA**.

Illum, 16 ta' April, 2026

Is-Sinjura Eunice Grech Fiorini
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