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

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 15th April, 2026 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Inquiry – (Magistrate Dr Leonard Caruana LL.D.). Compilation Number 161/2021, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

VINCENT BUHAGIAR, retired, 78 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 ORDERED the revocation *contrario imperio* of the Court decree dated 10th October 2023, and **further ORDERED** that the Seizing and Freezing Order issued against **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** on 20th March 2021 shall henceforth be regulated subject to the following conditions: that the date of 15th April 2026 shall be considered as the date from which the said Order shall be so regulated; that the Prosecution is granted a period of ninety (90) days from 15th April 2026 to establish, by means of a note, the property which shall remain subject to the said Seizing and Freezing Order, which period may be extended according to law; and that the Court shall determine the scope of the said Order following such determination by the Prosecution or upon the lapse of the said period according to law.

This variation is being published in terms of Article 36 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, 5th May, 2026

Ms Eunice Grech Fiorini
Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

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

IKUN JAF KULĦADD illi b'digriet mogħti fil-15 ta' April, 2026 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bħala Qorti Istruttorja – (Maġistrat Dr Leonard Caruana LL.D.). Kumpilazzjoni Numru 161/2021, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

VINCENT BUHAGIAR, irtirat, ta' 78 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 ORDNAT ir-revoka *contrario imperio* tad-digriet tal-Qorti datat 10 ta' Ottubru 2023, u ordnat ukoll li l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Iffriżar maħruġ fil-konfront ta' **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** fl-20 ta' Marzu 2021 għandu minn issa 'l quddiem jiġi regolat suġġett għall-kundizzjonijiet segwenti: li d-data tal-15 ta' April 2026 għandha titqies bħala d-data li minnha l-imsemmi Ordni għandu jiġi regolat kif imsemmi; li l-Prosekuzzjoni tingħata żmien ta' disgħin (90) jum mill-15 ta' April 2026 sabiex tistabbilixxi, permezz ta' nota, il-proprjetà li għandha tibqa' suġġetta għall-imsemmi Ordni ta' Qbid u Iffriżar, liema perjodu jista' jiġi estiż skont il-liġi; u li l-Qorti għandha tiddeċiedi dwar il-limiti tal-imsemmi Ordni wara tali determinazzjoni mill-Prosekuzzjoni jew wara li jiskadi l-imsemmi perjodu skont il-liġi.

Din il-varjazzjoni qed issir ai termini tal-Artikolu 36 (5) 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 Struttorja (Maġistrat Dr Charmaine Galea LL.D.) fl-20 ta' Marzu, 2021 li ġiet 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, 5 ta' Mejju, 2026

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