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

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 29th 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, *contrario imperio*, the revocation of the Court decree dated 17th January 2022 whereby the Court had limited the Seizing and Freezing Order issued in respect of **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** to the amount of €247,000.

The Court further ORDERED that the Seizing and Freezing Order issued in respect of **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** on 20th March 2021 be limited to the amount of two hundred and forty-six thousand, eight hundred and eighty Euro and thirty-nine cents (€246,880.39), whilst confirming that the Seizing and Freezing Order issued on the 20th March 2021 shall continue to be regulated by Article 36 of the Proceeds of Crime Act (Chapter 621 of the Laws of Malta), as amended by Act VI of 2024 and further to the Court decree dated 15th April 2026.

The Court further ORDERED that all the other property of the accused shall cease to be considered as being subject to the said Seizing and Freezing Order.

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, 13th 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 fid-29 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, *contrario imperio*, ir-revoka tad-Digriet tal-Qorti tas-17 ta' Jannar 2022, li permezz tiegħu l-Qorti kienet illimitat l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Friżar maħruġa fir-rigward ta' **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** għas-somma ta' €247,000.

Il-Qorti ORDNAT ukoll li l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Friżar maħruġa fir-rigward ta' **VINCENT BUHAGIAR** fl-20 ta' Marzu 2021 tkun limitata għas-somma ta' mitejn u sitta u erbgħin elf, tmien mija u tmenin Ewro u disgħa u tletin ċenteżmu (€246,880.39), filwaqt li qed tikkonferma li l-Ordni ta' Qbid u Friżar tal-20 ta' Marzu 2021 għandha tibqa' regolata bl-Artikolu 36 tal-Att Dwar ir-Rikavat mill-Kriminalità (Kap. 621 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) kif emendat bl-Att VI tal-2024 u dan in segwitu għad-Digriet tal-Qorti tal-15 ta' April 2026.

Il-Qorti ORDNAT ukoll illi il-proprjetà l-oħra tal-imputat ma għandhiex titqies bħala li hija suġġetta għall-imsemmija Ordni ta' Qbid u Friżar.

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, 13 ta' Mejju, 2026

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