

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

**Claim No.: QB-2021-001110**

**Master Sullivan**

7<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**BETWEEN**

1. CR and OTHERS  
  
- and -  
  
1. Paymaster (1836) Limited  
(trading as EQUINITI)



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**ANONYMITY ORDER**

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**UPON** the Claimants' application dated 25 March 2021 for orders in connection with the anonymity of the Claimants

**AND UPON READING** the written evidence filed

**AND UPON** consideration of the Claimants' Article 8 right to respect for private and family life and the Article 10 right to freedom of expression.

**AND UPON IT APPEARING** that non-disclosure of the identity of the Claimants is necessary in order to protect the interests of the Claimants.

**AND PURSUANT** to rule 39.2(4) of the Civil Procedure Rules and section II of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and rules 5.4C and 5.4D of the Civil Procedure Rules.

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

[1] The Claimants do have permission to issue a claim form without naming the Claimants and using the cipher "CR" in place of the First Claimant and that the

remaining 473 Claimants shall be permitted to be identified by a number (*“Claimant 2, Claimant 3 etc*) in a Schedule attached to the claim form.

- [2] A copy of the claim form together with a Schedule identifying each Claimant by their name next to the number they have been given in accordance with paragraph 1 above, and giving the relevant Claimant’s true address shall be placed on the court file marked: “Confidential: Not to be opened without the permission of a Judge, Master or District Judge of the Queen’s Bench Division”.
- [3] The Claimants shall be referred to in the statements of case and any document filed at court or served in the proceedings by the above ciphers.
- [4] The address of the Claimants shall be stated in the claim form and all statements of case and other documents filed or served in the proceedings as the address of the Claimants’ solicitors.
- [5] The court file is to be retained by the court at all times and marked “Anonymised”.
- [6] A non-party may not, without the permission of a Master or Judge, inspect or obtain any copy statement of case or document from the court file unless it has been anonymised in accordance with paragraph 1 and 5 above and there has been redacted any information which may identify the Claimant. Any application for such permission (ie: to inspect or obtain a non-anonymised version) must be made on notice to the Claimants and in accordance with CPR Rule 5.4C(6) and the court will effect service.
- [7] Insofar as any document filed at court does not comply with this order, the Claimants’ solicitors have permission to file with the court copies of such document adjusted so as to comply therein. Such copies are to be treated for all purposes as being in substitution for the relevant original, and the originals, including the original application and supporting witness evidence, are to marked Confidential: Not to be opened without the permission of a Judge, Master or District Judge of the Queen’s Bench Division”.
- [8] The Claimants do comply with rule 23.9(2) by service on the Defendant.
- [9] The Defendant may apply under rule 23.10 to have this Order set aside or varied.

- [10] Any non-party affected by this Order may apply on notice to all parties to have this Order set aside or varied.
- [11] A copy of this order in its anonymised form be published on the website of the Judiciary of England and Wales pursuant to CPR Part 39.2 and the Practice Guidance: "Publication of Privacy and Anonymity Orders".

### **SERVICE OF THE ORDER**

The Court has sent sealed copies of this order to:

Keller Lenkner UK Limited, 81 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1DD  
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