## **SUPERIOR COURT**

CANADA PROVINCE OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL

No.: 500-06-001153-218

DATE: July 25, 2023

PRESIDING THE HONOURABLE PIERRE NOLLET, J.S.C.

STEVE ABIHSIRA Plaintiff

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TICKETMASTER CANADA LP TICKETMASTER CANADA HOLDINGS ULC ICKETMASTER CANADA ULC TICKETMASTER LLC Defendants

## **CLOSING JUDGMENT**

[1] On January 25, 2022, the Court authorized the bringing of a Class action.

[2] The parties reached an agreement to settle the entire Class action [the **Settlement Agreement**]<sup>1</sup>.

[3] The agreement provided for the distribution to each Settlement Class Member (as defined in the Settlement Agreement, the "**Settlement Class Members**") of a \$10 credit

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit R-1 to the motion to obtain a closing judgment.

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in the form of an electronic gift card voucher (the "**Credits**") to be made by Velvet Payments inc. (the "**Administrator**").

[4] With a view to proceed with the approval of the Settlement Agreement, the parties requested the Court to modify the Authorized Class and pre-approve the Settlement Agreement.

[5] On October 24, 2022, the Court approved the dissemination plan for the notice of authorization and of the Settlement approval hearing (**Settlement Hearing**), including the opt-out and objection deadlines, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing for December 6, 2022 (the "**Pre-Approval Judgment**"). The Court, however, refrained from modifying the Class at that stage as the notice of the authorization to bring a Class action had not been published at the time.

[6] On December 7, 2022, the Court approved the *Application to Approve a Class Action Settlement and for Approval of Class Counsel's Fees* (the "**Approval Judgment**").

[7] Pursuant to the Approval Judgment, the Parties were ordered, *inter alia*, to comply with the Settlement Agreement and to render account of the execution of the Approval Judgment within sixty (60) days of the distribution of the Credits (*"following the expiry of the time specified at section 24 of the Settlement Agreement"*),

[8] On February 15, 2023, the Credits were distributed to the Settlement Class Members by the Administrator, as appears from a copy of the report "Gift Card Email Distribution Results" dated February 21, 2023, (the "**Report**")<sup>2</sup>.

[9] As appears from the Report, a total of 38,450 emails containing a Credit were sent, of which:

- 9.1. 38,397 were successfully delivered (99.86% of the emails sent);
- 9.2. 20,340 were opened (at the date of the report February 15, 2023) and,
- 9.3. 53 bounced-back, i.e., were not delivered (0.14%).

[10] The Credits sent correspond to a total value of **\$384,500** for the Settlement Class.

[11] As provided in the Settlement Agreement, the Credits have no expiration date, which will allow Settlement Class Members to use them at their convenience.

[12] There is no remaining balance to be distributed and there is no levy payable to the FAAC, as declared in the Approval Judgment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exhibit R- 3 to the motion to obtain a closing judgment.

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[13] The distribution of the Credits by the Administrator completed the implementation and administration of the Settlement Agreement and the Approval Judgment.

[14] As provided in the Settlement Agreement and the Approval Judgment, the Defendants have paid total amounts of:

14.1. **\$121,873.50** to Class Counsel as fees and disbursements; and

14.2. **\$24,144.76** to the Settlement Administrator as fees for their services.

[15] In these circumstances, the Defendants request a closing judgment ending the Class Action proceedings at Court.

## FOR THESE REASONS, THE COURT

[16] **GRANTS** Defendants' Application for a Closing Judgment.

[17] **DECLARES** that the parties have satisfied their obligations pursuant to the Settlement Agreement entered into with the Representative Plaintiff on September 30, 2022, and the Approval Judgment rendered December 6, 2022,

[18] **DECLARES** the closure of the present class action proceedings.

[19] **THE WHOLE** without legal costs.

PIERRE NOLLET, J.S.C.

**Me Joey Zukran** LPC AVOCAT INC Plaintiff's Counsel

**Me Christopher Richter Me Karl Boulanger** TORYS Defendants' Counsels

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