

SUPERIOR COURT

CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL

N : 500-06-000829-164

DATE : May 14, 2024

BY THE HONOURABLE DONALD BISSON, J.S.C.

(JB4644)

MARY-ANN WARD
MARIO WABANONIK
CLARA HALLIDAY
JULIE SINAVE
Plaintiffs

v.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF QUEBEC
Defendants

JUDGMENT

(Application to Approve the Contents and Publication of Notice of Authorization)

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- [1] **CONSIDERING** the Plaintiffs' Application to Approve the Contents and Publication of Notice of Authorization ("Application");
- [2] **CONSIDERING** the exhibits filed in support of the Application;
- [3] **CONSIDERING** the Defendants' consent with the modes of publication as detailed in the Application, which notably contemplate a combination of conventional print media and social media advertisements via Facebook;
- [4] **CONSIDERING** the Defendants' consent to share equally the costs of the publication of the notices for a total amount of \$8,366.12;
- [5] **CONSIDERING** the absence of contestation;

FOR THESE REASONS, THE COURT:

- [6] **GRANTS** the Applicants' Application;
- [7] **APPROVES** the contents of the long form notice of authorization and the opt-out form, both filed as Exhibits P-1 (English) and P-2 (French);
- [8] **APPROVES** the contents of the abbreviated notice of authorization, filed as Exhibits P-3 (English) and P-4 (French);
- [9] **APPROVES** the Notice Program filed as Exhibit P-5;
- [10] **ORDERS** the publication of the Notices in accordance with the Notice Program as soon as reasonably practicable;
- [11] **ORDERS** Merchant Law Group LLP to post a copy of both the long-form notices of authorization on its website at <https://www.merchantlaw.com/class-actions/current-class-actions/indian-metis-scoop-class-action/>, and; to disseminate by e-mail the abbreviated notice to all individuals in Québec who previously provided their contact information in connection with this proposed class action;
- [12] **ORDERS** that the publication costs amounting to \$8,366.12 be shared equally by the Defendants Attorney General of Canada and Attorney General of Quebec;
- [13] **SETS** the exclusion deadline to 60 days after the Notices to members are first published or disseminated in accordance with the present judgment;
- [14] **DECLARES** that members of the group wishing to exclude themselves from this class action must proceed in the manner provided for in the Notice to members;
- [15] **DECLARES** that the members of the group who have not excluded themselves from the groups will be bound by any judgment to be rendered in this proceeding;
- [16] **THE WHOLE** without costs, except the publication costs to be shared equally by the Defendants.



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