

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIST (CHD)
MR JUSTICE MELLOR
17TH OCTOBER 2023

CLAIM NO. IL-2022-000069



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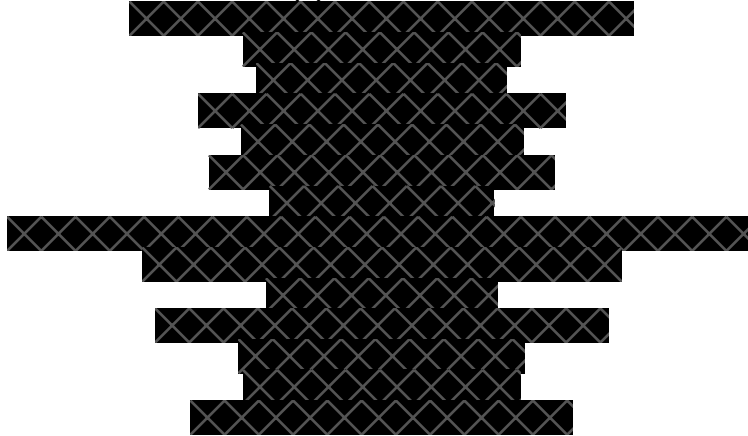
BETWEEN

- (1) DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT
- (2) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED
- (3) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS UK LIMITED

Claimants

—and—

- (1) BTC CORE



- (16) BLOCK, INC.
- (17) SPIRAL BTC, INC.
- (18) SQUAREUP EUROPE LTD
- (19) BLOCKSTREAM CORPORATION INC.
- (20) CHAINCODE LABS, INC
- (21) COINBASE GLOBA INC.
- (22) CB PAYMENTS, LTD
- (23) COINBASE EUROPE LIMITED
- (24) COINBASE INC.
- (25) CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE
- (26) SQUAREUP INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Defendants

ORDER

UPON there being a preliminary issue in the proceedings as to whether the First Claimant is the pseudonymous “Satoshi Nakamoto”, i.e., the person who created Bitcoin (the “**Identity Issue**”) to be tried in January 2024

AND UPON the Claimant having given disclosure in relation to the preliminary issue in the BTC Core Claim to the Second to Twelfth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Defendants (the “**Developers**”) on 19 June 2023

AND UPON there being related proceedings issued on 24 February 2021 *Tulip Trading Limited v Bitcoin Association for BSV & Ors* (Claim No. BL-2021-000313) (the “**TTL Claim**”) to which the Second to Twelfth Defendants are also parties

AND UPON the following applications (together the “**Applications**”):

- (1) An application dated 21 September 2023 of the Developers for an extension of time to serve factual witness statements.
- (2) An application of the Developers dated 5 October 2023 for security for costs under CPR 25.
- (3) An Application of the Second to Twelfth Defendants in the BTC Core Claim dated 2 October 2023 for collateral use of certain documents for the purposes of the TTL Claim pursuant to CPR Part 31.22(1)(b).

AND UPON the Claimants consenting to the use of the documents for this purpose

AND UPON READING the written evidence filed

AND UPON hearing Leading Counsel for the Claimants and the Developers at a hearing on 17 October 2023.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The Claimants shall provide security for the Developers’ costs of and occasioned by the Identity Issue by payment into the Court Funds Office in pounds sterling by the Claimants in the following sums by the following dates:
 - a. £250,000 by 4pm on 7 November 2023;
 - b. the further sum of £300,000 by 4pm on 14 November 2023; and
 - c. the further sum of £100,000 by 4pm on 13 December 2023.
2. The above amount paid into the Court Funds Office shall not be paid out other than by an order of the court.
3. Unless security is provided by the Claimants to the Developers in each sum specified in paragraph 1 above by the date specified for that sum in paragraph 1 above, the claim against the Developers in claim no. IL-2022-000069 will be automatically struck out without further Order at 4pm one week after the date set out for payment of that sum in paragraph 1 above.

4. Paragraph 8(d) of the Order of Mellor J dated 15 June 2023 is varied to extend the time for the Developers to serve any factual witness statements on which they intend to rely for the purposes of the trial of the Identity Issue to 13 October 2023.
5. The Second to Twelfth, Defendants in the BTC Core Claim have permission to use the following documents disclosed by the Defendant in the COPA Claim and preliminary issue in the BTC Core Claim for the purposes of the TTL Claim:
 - a. ID_003455;
 - b. ID_003456;
 - c. ID_003457; and
 - d. ID_004636.
6. The Claimants shall pay the Developers' costs of the Applications summarily assessed in the sum of £75,000 by 4pm on 31 October 2023.
7. A copy of the sealed order will be served by the Developers on the Claimants at Harcus Parker Ltd.

Service

The Court has provided a sealed copy of this Order to the serving party:

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