



Claim Nos. IL-2021-000019

IL-2022-000069

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIST (ChD)

MR JUSTICE MELLOR

16 JULY 2024

BETWEEN:

CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE

Claimant in IL-2021-000019

(the “COPA Claim”)

- and -

DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT

Defendant in the COPA Claim

(1) DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT

(2) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(3) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS UK LIMITED

Claimants in IL-2022-000069

(the “BTC Core Claim”)

and

(1) BTC CORE

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- (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 in the BTC Core Claim

ORDER

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT OR WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED OR WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS UK LIMITED OR TULIP TRADING LIMITED DISOBEY THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND PUNISHED BY A FINE, IMPRISONMENT, CONFISCATION OF ASSETS OR OTHER PUNISHMENT UNDER THE LAW.

UPON the Court having heard the Joint Trial in these actions (as defined in paragraph 2 of the order dated 15 June 2023) concerning the Identity Issue (as defined in paragraph 1 of the order dated 15 June 2023);

AND UPON the COPA Claim being brought by the Claimant on its own behalf and in a representative capacity on behalf of Square, Inc., Payward Ventures, Inc. (DBA Kraken), Microstrategy, Inc., and Coinbase, Inc. (“**the Represented Parties**”);

AND UPON the Court having made declarations addressing the Identity Issue by order sealed on 27 March 2024;

AND UPON the Court having handed down its judgment from the Joint Trial on 20 May 2024;

AND UPON hearing the following on a Form of Order Hearing on 7 June 2024: Jonathan Hough KC and Jonathan Moss, Counsel for the Claimant in the COPA Claim (“**COPA**”); Craig Orr KC and Timothy Goldfarb, Counsel for Dr Craig Steven Wright, the Defendant in the COPA Claim (“**Dr Wright**”); Imran Benson and Jack Castle, Counsel for the Claimants in the BTC Core Claim; and Alex Gunning KC and Philip Ahlquist, Counsel for Second to Twelfth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Defendants in the BTC Core Claim;

AND UPON the Court handing down its judgment from the Form of Order Hearing on 16 July 2024;

AND UPON it appearing to the Court that injunctive relief ought to be granted as set out below and further that such relief would be in the public interest;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 below, each of Dr Wright and any of his companies, including Wright International Investments Limited (“**WII**”), Wright International Investments UK Limited (“**WII UK**”) and Tulip Trading Limited, shall not commence or procure the commencement by any other person of any proceedings (whether by claim or counterclaim) in the Courts of England and Wales, the Courts of any foreign jurisdiction or in any arbitral tribunal (wherever seated) any proceedings of any of the following kinds (“**Precluded Proceedings**”):
 - (a) Proceedings in which rights are claimed or asserted (whether legal or equitable, whether founded on common law, statute or other basis and whether or not the rights are known to English law) based wholly or partly on any one or more of the following grounds:
 - (i) that Dr Wright is the or an author of the Bitcoin White Paper (i.e. the paper entitled “Bitcoin: a Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System”, which was released on or about 31 October 2008 under the name “Satoshi Nakamoto” and subsequently published in a revised version on or about 24 March 2009);
 - (ii) that Dr Wright, WII and/or WII UK is the or an owner of the copyright and/or moral rights in the Bitcoin White Paper (as defined above);

- (iii) that Dr Wright is the person or one of the persons who adopted or operated under the pseudonym “Satoshi Nakamoto” in particular in the period 2008 to 2011;
 - (iv) that Dr Wright is the person or one of the persons who devised and/or created the Bitcoin System (i.e. the peer-to-peer electronic cash system implemented from around January 2009 which originated from the Bitcoin White Paper);
 - (v) that Dr Wright is the or an author of any of the versions of the Bitcoin software created or issued in the period up to 2011 (including the executable file and related source code issued under the name Satoshi Nakamoto on or about 8 January 2009);
 - (vi) that Dr Wright, WII and/or WII UK is the or an owner of database rights in the Bitcoin Blockchain (i.e. the blockchain which was made available for transmission between nodes from January 2009 and later extended by the addition of blocks up to the present day) or in any part of it;
 - (vii) that Dr Wright is the or an author of the Bitcoin File Format (i.e. the structure of blocks within the Bitcoin Blockchain (as defined above));
 - (viii) that Dr Wright, WII and/or WII UK is the or an owner of copyright and/or moral rights in the Bitcoin File Format (as defined above) or the Bitcoin software referred to at (v) above;
 - (ix) that Dr Wright devised the name “Bitcoin”;
 - (x) that Dr Wright, WII and/or WII UK owns goodwill and/or unregistered trade mark rights in the name “Bitcoin” and/or in the Bitcoin System (as defined above); and/or
- (b) Proceedings in which it is otherwise asserted that Dr Wright is the person or one of the persons who adopted or operated under the pseudonym “Satoshi Nakamoto” or that Dr Wright is responsible for acts done by such person or persons.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 below, each of Dr Wright and any of his companies, including WII, WII UK and Tulip Trading Limited, shall not threaten (explicitly or implicitly) or procure any other person to threaten (explicitly or

implicitly) that any Precluded Proceedings will be pursued against any person in the Courts of England and Wales, the Courts of any foreign jurisdiction or in any arbitral tribunal (wherever seated).

3. Notwithstanding the orders made above, it shall not in any event be a breach of any of those orders for Dr Wright and any of his companies, including WII, WII UK and Tulip Trading Limited, to take any of the following steps:
 - (a) to pursue any appeals process or processes in respect of orders made in the present proceedings;
 - (b) to defend any civil contempt application or civil contempt proceedings in connection with the subject-matter of the present proceedings;
 - (c) to defend any criminal prosecution which might be brought against him in connection with the subject-matter of the present proceedings;
 - (d) to pursue any appeals process or processes in the case of *Ira Kleiman and W&K Info Defense Research LLC v Craig Wright* (Case No. 18-CV-80176 – US District Court, Southern District of Florida);
 - (e) to take any preparatory or ancillary action relating to the steps set out at (a) to (d) above (including, without limitation, seeking legal advice, litigation funding, evidence or other assistance in such matters); or
 - (f) to take any step for which Dr Wright has obtained the prior permission of this Court in an Order following an application supported by evidence made with at least 14 days written notice to COPA and the Represented Parties.

4. For a period of two years from the date of this Order (i.e. for the period up to and including 16 July 2026), COPA and the Represented Parties have permission to apply to the Court for further injunctive relief to be granted against Dr Wright and/or any of his companies, including WII, WII UK and Tulip Trading Limited, based on the findings made in the judgments of the Court from the Joint Trial and the Form of Order Hearing, as well as upon any other relevant facts and matters up to the time of such application.

5. Dr Wright shall hereafter prominently display the notice prescribed in the Annex to this order (“**the Online Notice**”), without addition or qualification, at his own expense:
 - (a) to all persons accessing the home page of the website at www.craigwright.net from 4pm on 23 July 2024 until 4pm on 23 January 2025, such notice to be in no smaller than 12-point type and immediately visible to all those visiting the said website;
 - (b) by way of a pinned message at the top of the thread of messages, on all X (Twitter) accounts of his, including @Dr_CS Wright and any other accounts in use by him from time to time, for the period from 4pm on 23 July 2024 until 23 October 2024; and
 - (c) in all Slack channels in which he is a participant, including @CSW_Slack and MetanetICU. The Notice shall be so posted from 4pm on 23 July 2024 until 23 October 2024.
6. For the dissemination order at paragraph 5(b) above, should Dr Wright deactivate or block access to his X (Twitter) account(s), the period for this Notice being pinned on the relevant X (Twitter) account(s) shall be extended until it has been published on the said account(s) for the full period prescribed under that paragraph.
7. Each of the Represented Parties are permitted, pursuant to rule 19.8(7)(b) of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, to enforce this Order.
8. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this order shall restrict the power of the Court to grant any form of Civil Restraint Order in respect of Dr Wright in the future and on any grounds whatsoever.
9. The Court hereby dispenses with any requirement for personal service of this order for all purposes, including (without limitation) for the purposes of rule 81.4(2)(c) of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998. For all purposes, this order may validly be served by email on (a) the solicitors for Dr Wright at harcuscsw@harcusparker.co.uk; (b) the solicitors for WII and WII UK at HarcusCSW@harcusparker.co.uk; (c) the solicitors for Tulip Trading Limited at tuliptradinglitigation@shoosmiths.com; and (c) Dr Wright himself (by an email which included in copy the aforesaid legal representatives) at the following email addresses: craig@rcjbr.org; craig@tuliptrading.net; c.wright@nchain.com; craig.steven.wright@gmail.com.

Annex: Prescribed Form of Notice

LEGAL NOTICE: DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT IS NOT SATOSHI NAKAMOTO

On 20 May 2024, Dr Craig Steven Wright was found by the High Court of England and Wales to have been dishonest in his claims to have been the person behind the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto (the creator of Bitcoin).

The Court found that Dr Wright “lied to the Court extensively and repeatedly” in his evidence and that he attempted to create a false narrative by forging documents “on a grand scale” and presenting them in evidence. Overall, “all his lies and forged documents were in support of his biggest lie: his claim to be Satoshi Nakamoto.” In advancing his false claim to be Satoshi through multiple legal actions, Dr Wright committed “a most serious abuse” of the process of the courts of the UK, Norway and the USA.

The High Court formally declared as follows:

First, that Dr Wright is not the author of the Bitcoin White Paper.

Second, Dr Wright is not the owner of the copyright in the Bitcoin White Paper.

Third, Dr Wright is not the person who adopted or operated under the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto in the period between 2008 and 2011.

Fourth, Dr Wright is not the person who created the Bitcoin system.

Fifth, Dr Wright is not the author of the initial versions of the Bitcoin Software.

The full judgment, and its appendix detailing various forged documents created by Dr Wright, is accessible at the following URL: <https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/copa-v-wright/>.

Dr Wright has been ordered not to commence any legal proceedings based on his false claims (by claim or counterclaim) or procure any other person to do so. He has also been ordered not to threaten any such proceedings (explicitly or implicitly) or procure any other person to do so.