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No. 813-07/LM-18/2022-DS-II

Dated:08.06.2023

To,

All Internet Service Licensees'


Subject: CS (Comm) No. 265 of 2022; Universal City Studios LLC & Ors. V/s Vegamovies.run & Ors Before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

Kindly refer to the following:

- (i) Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated **19.05.2023** on the subject extending ex parte ad-interim Injunction dated **27.04.2022** against newly added defendants no. 97 to 133.
- (ii) **Para 22& 24** of Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated **27.04.2022** regarding blocking of **37 websites** identified by plaintiff.
- (iii) Memo of Parties in CS (Comm) No. 265 of 2022

(Copies enclosed for ready reference)

2. In view of the above all the Internet Service licensees are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary action for blocking access to websites of defendants no. **97 to 133**.



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- i. Sh. V.Chinnasamy, Scientist E (chinnasamy.v@meity.gov.in), Electronics Niketan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) New Delhi (Respondent no. 23) for kind information and necessary action.
- ii. Counsel for DoT & MEITY for kind information.
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- iv. IT wing, DoT for uploading on DoT Website please.

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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CS(COMM) 265/2022**
UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS LLC & ORS.

..... Plaintiff

Through: Mr.Sanidhya Rao, Ms.Anjali
Agarwal, Advocates

versus

VEGAMOVIES.RUN & ORS.

..... Defendant

Through: Mr.Vaibhav Gaggar, Sr. Panel
Counsel, Ms.Shefali Munde
(VC), Advocate for D-22 & 23.

CORAM:
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL) SH. PURSHOTAM
PATHAK (DHJS)

ORDER

% **19.05.2023**

I.A. 9777/2023 filed on behalf of plaintiff under Order 1 Rule 10 CPC seeking impleadment of Additional Mirrors, Redirects or Alphanumeric Variations as defendants in the Memo of Parties as defendants No. 97-133.

Heard.

Vide this order, I shall dispose of the present application filed by plaintiff under Order 1 Rule 10 CPC for impleadment. The learned counsel for plaintiff has submitted that the Hon'ble Court was pleased to grant ex-parte permanent injunction in this suit against the defendants vide order dated 27.04.2022 for infringement of copyrights with further directions that as and when plaintiff files an application under Order 1 Rule 10 CPC for impleadment of such websites, plaintiff shall file an affidavit confirming that the newly impleaded websites are mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites, with sufficient supporting

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evidence and that the application shall be listed before Joint Registrar, who on being satisfied with the material placed on record, shall issue directions to the ISPs to disable access in India in such mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites.

It is stated that after passing of the abovesaid judgment, other websites, as disclosed in application, have also started violation and these are mirrors, redirects or alphanumeric variations of the websites blocked pursuant to the order dated 27.04.2022 and are also necessary party to this suit. It is further stated that details of proposed defendants have been disclosed in Schedule-A annexed with application and they are also liable to be impleaded as defendants no. 97 to 133. It is further argued that even ex-parte Permanent injunction dated 27.04.2022 is also liable to be extended against them and application may be allowed.

I have heard the arguments and perused the record. The law to deal with such applications and extension of *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction to newly added defendants has already been laid down in *UTV Software Communication Ltd. & Ors. vs. 1337X.TO & Ors.*, wherein it has been observed vide paragraph 107 to the effect:-

“107. Keeping in view the aforesaid findings, a decree of permanent injunction is passed restraining the defendant-websites (as mentioned in the chart in paragraph no. 4(i) of this judgment) their owners, partners, proprietors, officers, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principal or agent acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under it, from, in any manner hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public, or facilitating the same, on their websites, through the internet in any manner



whatsoever, any cinematograph work/content/ programme/show in relation to which plaintiffs have copyright. A decree is also passed directing the ISPs to block access to the said defendant-websites. DoT and MEITY are directed to issue a notification calling upon the various internet and telecom service providers registered under it to block access to the said defendant-websites. The plaintiffs are permitted to implead the mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites under Order I Rule 10 CPC in the event they merely provide new means of accessing the same primary infringing websites that have been enjoined. The plaintiffs are also held entitled to actual costs of litigation. The costs shall amongst others include the lawyer's fees as well as the amount spent on Court-fees. The plaintiffs are given liberty to file on record the exact cost incurred by them in adjudication of the present suits. Registry is directed to prepare decree sheets accordingly."

The plaintiff has filed affidavit of investigator along with sufficient material to prove that proposed defendants/websites are mirror/redirect/ alphanumeric websites of defendants which are also involved in violation of copyrights of plaintiff and have been permanently restrained to do so. In view of the submissions and judgment relied upon by learned counsel for applicant, the websites mentioned in the prayer clause of the application especially Schedule-A are impleaded as defendants no. 97 to 133.

Since the newly added defendants are also stated to be involved in violation of copyrights of plaintiff, accordingly *ex-parte* ad-interim Injunction dated 27.04.2022 is also extended against newly added defendants no. 97 to 133.

Amended memo of parties is taken on record.

I.A. stands disposed of.

Let defendant no. 97 to 133 be summoned on filing of PF



and through all permissible modes including e-mail, returnable by the date already fixed.

Registry is directed to do the needful.

Copy of order be given *dasti*.

Matter is already listed before Hon'ble Court for 28.07.2023.

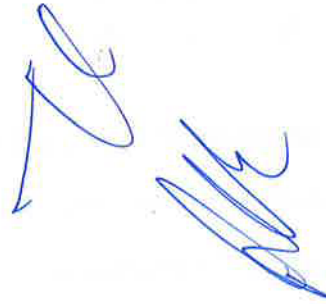
Put up before Hon'ble Court on date already fixed i.e. 28.07.2023 for further directions.

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**PURSHOTAM PATHAK (D.J.S.),
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)**

MAY 19, 2023/sk

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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CS(COMM) 265/2022

UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS LLC & ORS. Plaintiffs

Through: Mr. Saikrishna Rajagopal,
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Ms. Disha Sharma, Ms. Surabhi Pande and
Mr. Sanidhya Rao, Advocates.

versus

VEGAMOVIES.RUN & ORS. Defendants

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

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27.04.2022

I.A. 6388/2022(exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

I.A. 6390/2022(exemption from pre-suit mediation)

3. For the reasons stated in the application, the requirement of pre-institution mediation is dispensed with.
4. Application is allowed and disposed of.

I.A. 6389/2022(exemption from serving advance notice)

5. Since there is an urgency in the matter and the matter is being heard today, Plaintiffs are exempted from serving advance notice on Defendant No.22/Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Defendant No.23/Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY).
6. For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and disposed of.

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7. Let plaint be registered as a suit.
8. Upon filing of process fee, issue summons to the Defendants, through all permissible modes, returnable on 03.08.2022. Summons shall state that the written statement shall be filed by the Defendants within 30 days from the receipt of summons. Along with the written statement, Defendants shall also file an affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the Plaintiffs.
9. Replication be filed by the Plaintiffs within 15 days of the receipt of the written statement. Along with the replication, an affidavit of admission/denial of documents filed by the Defendants, shall be filed by the Plaintiffs.
10. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the timelines.
11. List before the Joint Registrar on 03.08.2022.
12. List before the Court on 31.08.2022.

I.A. 6387/2022(under Order 39 Rules 1 and 2 CPC, by Plaintiffs)

13. Issue notice to the Defendants through all prescribed modes, returnable on 31.08.2022.
14. Present application has been preferred by the Plaintiffs under Order 39 Rules 1 and 2 read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 for grant of *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction.
15. It is averred that Plaintiffs No. 1 to 6 are amongst the leading global entertainment companies engaged in the business of creation, production and distribution of motion pictures/cinematograph films, having exclusive rights to communicate their content. Plaintiffs' films being works of visual recording, which include sound recordings accompanying such visual

recordings, qualify as a “cinematograph film” under Section 2(f) of The Copyright Act, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Act’). Any hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public, and/or communicating to the public of the Original Content, or facilitating the same, without authorisation of the Plaintiffs, by any means on any platform including internet and mobile and/or any other medium would be illegal and amount to violation of the Plaintiffs’ copyright, protected under the Act.

16. Defendants No. 1 to 12 include vegamovies.run, with the additional domains vegamovies.app, vegamovies.bar, vegamovies.cx, vegamovies.info, vegamovies.ink, vegamovies.nl and vegamovies.onl (Defendant No. 1); 0123movie.stream with the additional domains 0123movies.ltd, 123movie.lc, 123movies.college, 123movies.futbol, 123movies.click, 123movies.gl, 123-movies.win, 123-movies.sx, 123movies44.com, 123movies0.gr, 123moviesgo.io, 123moviesme.online, 123moviess.se and 123movies.net (Defendant No. 2); allmovieshub.de with the additional domains allmovieshub.pro, allmovieshub.mobi, allmovieshub.org.in and allmovieshub.pw (Defendant No. 3); hdhub4u.mom with the additional domains hdhub4u.top, hdhub4u.li, hdhub4u.mx, and hdhub4u.one (Defendant No. 4); mkvcinemas.bz with the additional domain mkvcinemas.nz (Defendant No. 5); movierulzhd.bar with the additional domains 7movierulz.do, movierulz.net, 4movierulz1.com, 7moviesrulz.com, movierulz2free.com, movierulz4k.com and 4movierulz.live (Defendant No. 6); moviesverse.club with the additional domains, moviesverse.biz, moviesverse.mobi, moviesverse.me, moviesverse.com and 9moviesverse.in (Defendant No. 7); putlocker99.me (Defendant No. 8); themoviesflix.com.mx with the additional domains

themoviesflix.us.com and themoviesflix.com.ph (Defendant No. 9); unblockit.day with the additional domains unblockit.cam and unblockit.how (Defendant No. 10); uwatchfree.so with the additional domains uwatchfree.fo, uwatchfree.do and uwatchfree.vg (Defendant No. 11); tamilblasters.buzz with additional domains tamilblasters.bid, tamilblasters.club, tamilblasters.com, tamilblasters.net, tamilblasters.re and tamilblasters.vin (Defendant No.12), hereinafter referred to as “Defendant Websites” collectively. It is contended that Defendant Websites are online locations which enable use of Defendant Websites’ services, without any authorisation or license from the Plaintiffs, to: (a) view (by a process known as streaming/ downloading) cinematograph films, motion pictures, television programs or other audio-visual content, on devices connected to the Internet; (b) cause copies of those cinematograph films to be downloaded onto the memory of their devices for watching later or enabling others to watch or further copy those cinematograph film, and/or (c) identify other online locations including (by a process known as "linking") which enable those users to engage in the activities set out in (a) or (b). An illustrative list of illegal content made available by Defendants No.1 to 12 has been provided in para 30 of the plaint.

17. Learned Counsel for the Plaintiffs contends that Defendant Websites provide illegal content for free and such availability of content is supported by the advertisements featuring on these websites. The primary purpose of the Defendant Websites is to commit or facilitate copyright infringement. Thus, Defendants No. 1 to 12 are liable for infringement under Section 51(a)(ii), Section 51(b) and Section 51(a)(i) of the Act, for making a copy of the original content, including storing of it in any medium by electronic or

other means and communicating the original content to the public. Further, the hosting, streaming reproducing, distributing, making available to the public, and/or communicating to the public of the original content, or facilitating the same, without authorization of the Plaintiffs, amounts to violation of the Plaintiffs' copyright work, protected under the Act. In support of the contention, reliance is placed on the decision of this court in CS(COMM) 724 of 2017 dated 10.04.2019, ***UTV Software Communication Ltd. & Anr. v. 1337x.to and Ors.***

18. Learned Counsel further submits that several of the domains/websites sought to be blocked by the present proceedings are really new iterations of domains/websites that were earlier blocked. Evidence collected by the investigator shows that the operators of the Defendant Websites are using known "pirate branding" to signal to users that the Defendant Websites are merely new iterations of sites that have been blocked earlier. Learned Counsel further submits that the Defendant Websites are in the form of new iterations and that the new iterations almost invariably have the same functionality and purpose as the earlier blocked sites and thus directions be issued to block the new iterations of the Defendant Websites as directed by the Court in ***UTV Software Communication Ltd. (supra)***.

19. It is submitted that despite the legal notice calling upon the concerned Defendants to cease from engaging in their infringing activities, they continue to infringe the rights in Plaintiffs' original content. Defendant No.2, despite replying to the legal notice, stating that their websites do not contain Plaintiffs' content, continues to host the same. Defendant No.7, in response to the legal notice, removed access to Plaintiffs' content on their website <https://4moviesverse.cc>. After investigating the accessibility of the said

website, Plaintiffs removed the same from the array of parties. However, should the same be made accessible again and continue its infringing activities by making available the Plaintiffs' copyrighted content, Plaintiffs seek liberty to implead Website <https://4moviesverse.cc>. Other than these two instances, it is contended that the Defendant Websites are wilfully infringing Copyright material and ignoring or failing to respond to notice to cease all infringement. Access to many of Defendant Websites has been previously disabled in other jurisdictions, as elaborated in para 37 of the Plaintiff.

20. Having heard learned counsel for the Plaintiffs, this Court is of the view that Plaintiffs have made out a *prima facie* case for grant of *ex parte ad-interim* injunction. Balance of convenience lies in favour of the Plaintiffs and they are likely to suffer irreparable harm in case the injunction, as prayed for, is not granted.

21. Accordingly, Defendants No. 1 to 12 (and any such other mirror/redirect/alphanumeric website which appears to be associated with any of the Defendant Websites based on its name, branding or the identity of its operator, or discovered to provide additional means of accessing, the Defendant Websites, and other domains/domain along with their subdomains and subdirectories, owners/website operators/entities which are discovered to have been engaging in infringing the Plaintiffs' exclusive rights), their owners, partners, proprietors, officers, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principals or agents, acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under them are hereby restrained, from, in any manner hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public, or facilitating the same, on

their websites, through the internet in any manner whatsoever, any cinematograph work/content/programme/show in relation to which Plaintiffs have a Copyright.

22. Further, as held by this Court in *UTV Software Communication Ltd. (supra)*, in order for this Court to be freed from constant monitoring and adjudicating the issues of mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites, it is directed that as and when the Plaintiffs file an application under Order 1 Rule 10 CPC for impleadment of such websites, Plaintiffs shall file an affidavit confirming that the newly impleaded website is a mirror/redirect/alphanumeric website which appears to be associated with any of the Defendant Websites based on its name, branding or the identity of its operator, or has been discovered to provide additional means of accessing the Defendant Websites and other domains/domain along with their subdomains and subdirectories, owners/website operators/entities which are discovered to have been engaging in infringing the Plaintiffs' exclusive rights, with sufficient supporting evidence. Such application shall be listed before the Joint Registrar, who on being satisfied with the material placed on record, shall issue appropriate directions to the ISPs.

23. Defendants No. 13 to 21 shall ensure compliance of this order by blocking Defendants No. 1 to 12 websites, their URLs and the respective IP addresses.

24. Defendants No. 22 and 23 are further directed to take immediate steps and issue requisite Notifications, calling upon various internet and telecom service providers registered under them to block the aforementioned websites identified by the Plaintiffs.

25. Plaintiffs shall comply with the provisions of Order 39 Rule 3 CPC within 10 days from today.

JYOTI SINGH, J

APRIL 27, 2022/st

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(ORDINARY ORIGINAL COMMERCIAL JURISDICTION)

CS(COMM) NO. 265 OF 2022

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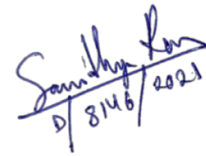
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