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SUPREME COURT GRANTS ORDERS AGAINST ILLEGAL PICKETING: A VICTORY FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND FOR ALL VICTORIANS

The Chief Executive of Victoria International Container Terminal Ltd, Mr Anders Dommestrup, today welcomed the decision of the Supreme Court of Victoria to extend the injunctions against the illegal picket of Webb Dock. 'This is a victory for the whole community against selfish trade union interests.

'The Court's decision indicates a conspiracy, led by the MUA and the CFMEU, to harm and damage VICT, and in turn impacting the many small and medium sized businesses whose goods have been left in limbo by the unions' actions.

'VICT will continue to assess the damage that has been done to our business. We will be seeking to recoup those damages. Others will be doing the same. Any breaches of the Court's orders will also be pursued as a contempt of court.

'The unions offered virtually no defence of their illegal behaviours because there is no defence.

'The MUA, the CFMEU and others associated with the illegal picket are now required to cease their illegal picketing and not to approach within 100 metres of our business. The union organised rally of last Friday put attendees at risk of these orders being made against them.

'We expect the picket to be lifted immediately and we will be taking whatever steps are available to us should the illegal and prohibited behaviours continue beyond 5pm today.

'We thank our employees, our customers and the many people who contacted us for their concern, their encouragement and their support.

'VICT stands with its employees, its customers and other Victorians against illegal industrial behaviour. We stand for the rule of law. It's time the MUA and the CFMEU and their officials did too.'

The Court issued orders against the MUA and the CFMEU preventing them approaching within 100 metres of VICT's business. It also issued orders requiring them not to restrict access to VICT by either trucks or people and requiring them not to encourage others to attend the site to do the same.

A group order in the same terms – 100 metre exclusion zone, prohibition on restricting access by trucks and people, prohibition on encouraging others to do the same - was issued against Luke Hilakari and anyone else who had attended the picket prior and up until 12pm last Friday, the day of the rally.

The orders are expected to run well into next year.

About Victoria International Container Terminal Limited (VICT)

VICT was appointed in 2014 to build and operate the new automated container terminal located at the Port of Melbourne's Webb Dock East. Currently, VICT lays claim to being the world's most automated container terminal and will be able to service the larger vessels which shipping lines want to bring to Australia.

VICT's facility delivers a leading global standard in modern container terminal design, innovation and operations, and is the flagship facility in Australia's premier port. VICT utilises the best-proven technologies and innovations to deliver automated operations from the gate to the quayside.

VICT is owned by International Container Terminal Services, Incorporated (ICTSI), a global container terminal operator headquartered in Manila, Philippines with a portfolio of 30 terminals throughout 21 countries, across 6 continents. ICTSI has a pledged commitment to supporting the welfare and education of young people in the communities where it operates.

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