#### BY EMAIL & DoT website

### Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Telecommunications Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001 (Data Services Cell)

#### No. 813-07/LM-45/2024-DS-II

Dated:08-11-2024

To,

All Internet Service Licensee

Subject: CS (COMM) 533 of 2024: Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited vs. Magicwin.games & Ors. Before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

Kindly find the enclosed Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated **06.09.2024** on the subject matter.

2. Please refer to the **para 24(III)** of the said court order in respect of blocking of **websites** enumerated in the para **para 24(I)**.

3. In view of the above, all the Internet Service licensees are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary action for blocking of the said website, as above, for compliance of the said court order.

Digitally signed by **Bam(Desath)** Meena **Email<u>a</u>dings<u>A-dot</u>@nice.in** 

Encl:A/A

### Copy to:

- i. Sh. V.Chinnasamy, Scientist E (chinnasamy.v@meity.gov.in), Electronics Niketan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) New Delhi for kind information and with request to take action as per **Annexure.**
- ii. Rima Majumdar <litigation.ip@ssrana.com> Plaintiff Advocate for kind information.
- a. Take action as per Annexure.
- iii. IT wing of DoT for uploading on DoT websites please.





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## KINETIC GREEN ENERGY AND POWER SOLUTIONS LIMITED ......Plaintiff Through: Ms. Rima Majumdar, Ms. Bindra

Rana and Mr. Aditya Vats Sharma, Advs.

Paliwal, Advs. for D-6

Versus

## NATIONAL INTERNET EXCHANGE OF INDIA (NIXI) & ORS. .....Defendants Through: Mr. Mrinal Ojha, Mr. Debarshi Dutta, Mr. Arjun Mookherjee and Ms. Nikita Rathi, Advs. for D-5 Mr. Aman Leekha and Ms. Mahima

### CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

## <u>O R D E R</u>

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## 06.09.2024

I.A. 31999/2024 (pre-litigation mediation)

1. The plaintiff vide the present application seeks exemption from instituting pre-litigation mediation.

2. Considering the averments made in the present application wherein the plaintiffs seek urgent ad-interim reliefs and in view of *Yamini Manohar vs. T.K.D. Krithi 2023 SCC OnLine 1382* and *Chandra Kishore Chaurasia vs. R. A. Perfumery Works Private Limited* 2022:DHC:4454-DB, the plaintiff is exempted from instituting pre-litigation mediation.

3. Accordingly, the present application is allowed and disposed of.

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## I.A. 31998/2024 (exemption from advance service)

4. This is an application seeking exemption from serving advance notice under Section 80 CPC to exempt the plaintiff from issuing notice to the defendant no.2, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and defendant no.3, Department of Telecommunications under Section 80 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, as the relief claimed against the said defendants is limited to ensure compliance of any orders of this Hon'ble Court in favour of plaintiff.

- 5. Exemption is granted.
- 6. The application stands disposed of.

## I.A. 31996/2024 (exemption)

- 7. Exemption allowed as sought, subject to all just exceptions.
- 8. The application stands disposed of.

# I.A. 31997/2024 (additional documents)

9. The plaintiff vide the present application seeks time of to file additional documents.

The plaintiff will be at liberty to file additional documents at a later stage, *albeit*, strictly as per the provisions of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 and Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

11. Accordingly, the present application is disposed of.

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12. The plaintiff has instituted the present suit for permanent injunction, infringement of trade mark and for passing off and for copyright infringement alongwith other reliefs.

13. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.

14. Upon filing of the process fee, issue summons of the suit to the

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defendants through all permissible modes returnable before the Joint Registrar on 10.12.2024.

15. The summons shall state that the written statement(s) be filed by the defendants within a period of *thirty days* from the date of the receipt of the summons. Written statement(s) be filed by the defendants along with affidavit(s) of admission/ denial of documents of the plaintiffs, without which the written statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

16. Replication thereto, if any, be filed by the plaintiff within a period of *fifteen days* from the date of receipt of written statement(s). The said replication(s), if any, shall be accompanied by with affidavit of admission/ denial of documents filed by the defendants, without which the replication shall not be taken on record within the aforesaid period of *fifteen days*.

17. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any document(s), the same shall be sought and given within the requisite timelines.

18. List before the Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings on 10.12.2024. It is made clear that if any party unjustifiably denies any document(s), then it would be liable to be burdened with costs.

19. List before the Court on 16.01.2025.

I.A. 38662/2024 (u/Order XXXIX rule 1 & 2 CPC, 1908)

20. The plaintiff vide the present application seek an ex-parte adinterim injunction against the imposters/ defendant no.19.

21. As per pleadings before this Court and arguments addressed in support thereof by the learned counsel for plaintiff, it is the case of the plaintiff that:-

The plaintiff, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd. is a 26.1 company incorporated in 2011 and is a part of the Kinetic Group, which is

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a reputed and renowned name in the automobile industry for the last six decades and has sold over one crore vehicles pan India is one of the most popular brands in the two-wheeler industry under the guidance of the Firodia Group.

26.2 The plaintiff is a pioneer in providing affordable green mobility solutions in the manufacturing and servicing sector providing battery-operated vehicle. It was founded with a single dedicated mission to make a difference to the environment and reduce cost of transport for people through affordable & zero emission vehicle technology solutions. Heralded by the third-generation scion of the renowned Firodia family, the Plaintiff has grown to exponential heights, with ever growing KINETIC dealerships across India. Resultantly, the name and mark KINETIC GREEN has become highly distinctive and famous, and consumers associate this name and the vehicles sold under this house mark, uniquely with the plaintiff.

26.3 In India, the plaintiff is the registered proprietor of the KINETIC

GREEN, **KINETIC GREED** in Class 12 and its other formative marks in various other Classes, which are valid and subsisting as on date.

26.4 The plaintiff is also the owner of the copyright in the original

artistic work of the logos and which was the result of skill, labour and aesthetic sense invested by the plaintiff.

26.5 The plaintiff has been using its registered KINETIC GREEN marks and copyrights continuously and extensively in relation to its goods and services for more than 13 years.

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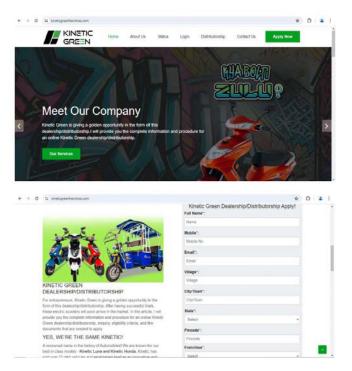




26.6 The plaintiff has registered the domain name kineticgreen.com on 02.08.2010. The same is an interactive website accessible to everybody around the world wherein the plaintiff is also offering its dealership.

26.7 The plaintiff has a cumulative turnover of more than 1300 crore rupees in the last six years, having sold more than 100,000 electric vehicles during this period.

26.8 In May, 2023, officials of the plaintiff came across a fraudulent website 'www.kineticgreenfranchise.com' registered on 21.04.2023 with the defendant no.4, misusing the KINETIC GREEN marks and copyrights, images of the plaintiff's vehicles, and offered dealership opportunities to the public in the name of the plaintiff, screenshots whereof are as under:-



26.9 Thereafter, the plaintiff started receiving complaints from potential dealership aspirants, who had been contacted by individuals claiming to be officials of the plaintiff, for dealership opportunities. On perusing the dealership documents issued to the victims by the imposters, the plaintiff CS(COMM) 533/2024 Page 5 of 11





was shocked to see that it was issued on fake letter head of the plaintiff, bearing its GST Number and Corporate Identification Number (CIN). The plaintiff's registered KINETIC GREEN marks and copyrights were prominently printed on these forged documents, along with forged and fabricated rubber stamp of the plaintiff. In order to give these documents a veneer of legitimacy, the imposters have also misused the name of Ms. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, who is the CEO of the plaintiff, by placing her name in most of the fraudulent dealership documents.

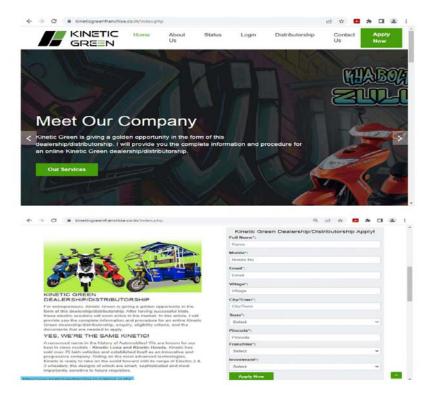
26.10 The plaintiff promptly notified the relevant financial institutions and requested for its immediate suspension by way of a cyber-complaint on 15.05.2023 against the said website 'www.kineticgreenfranchise.com'. Getting no revert, plaintiff filed a complaint with CERT-In on 30.01.2024 and also published a Caution Notice, which also proved of no avail.

26.11 Meanwhile, the imposters came up with another website 'www.kineticgreenfranchise.co.in', which was registered on December 16, 2023 with the defendant no.5. The said website is an exact copy (mirror website) of the earlier fake website 'www.kineticgreenfranchise.com', screenshots whereof are as under:-

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26.12 The plaintiff, accordingly, filed another cyber complaint qua it on 01.05.2024.

26.13 Thus far the plaintiff has become aware of 21 people who have fallen prey to this fake dealership scam. The plaintiff became aware of these victims either through emails/ calls received from the victims directly, asking about the veracity of dealership offers received from the domain 'kineticgreenfranchise.com' names and/ or 'kineticgreenfranchise.co.in', or through its consultant CONNEQT CORP., who was placed by the plaintiff for the purpose of expeditiously alerting the victims to beware of the scam and not engage in it. As per documents received from as also per the information provided by victims directly to the plaintiff's consultant CONNEQT CORP., the bank accounts and phone numbers of the imposters are provided in paragraphs 39.1 to 39.10 of the present application.

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26.14 Such imposters are not associated or connected with the plaintiff in any manner and have no authority or permission to act on behalf of the plaintiff, Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Ltd., and/ or its affiliated entities. The imposters are also impersonating the officials of the plaintiff to cheat and defraud innocent dealership aspirants. In fact, these actions of the imposters, have also resulted in the plaintiff getting sued in the District Consumer Court, Nadia, West Bengal, by one of the victims.

26.15 The said imposters are deliberately, intentionally and with malicious intent committing illegal acts to deceive the public at large to receive illegal and undue profits, causing harm to the KINETIC GREEN name, its goodwill and reputation in the Indian market and among the public at large.

26.16 Such imposters are impersonating the officials of the plaintiff and forging its co-founder, Ms. Sulajja Firodia Motwani's signature on fake dealership related documents, in order to portray a veneer of legitimacy and authenticity. The plaintiff's corporate name, business address, as well CIN are also being misused, which amounts to passing off action by way of active misrepresentation. The same is tarnishing the goodwill and reputation of the plaintiff.

22. This Court has heard the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the plaintiff and gone through the pleadings as also perused the documents on record.

23. The imposters/ defendant no.19 (John Doe) are using the trade mark and copyright of the plaintiff without having any connection/ permission/ authority from it. The said use by the said imposters is, thus, *prima facie* unauthorised, malafide and illegal. As such, for the averments made by

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the plaintiff and the arguments addressed by its learned counsel and the reasons for seeking an *ex parte ad interim* injunction, the plaintiff has been able to make out a *prima facie* case with the *balance of convenience* for grant of an *ad interim ex-parte injunction* in its favour and against the defendants. The imposters/ defendant no.19 cannot be permitted, as not only the plaintiff will be effected, common man at large, will be duped into believing which is not actually the reality. Therefore, if the imposters/ defendant no.19 are not restrained by way of an *ad interim ex-parte* injunction, there is a likelihood of the plaintiff suffering *irreparable harm*, *loss, injury and prejudice*.

24. Accordingly, keeping in mind the pace of changing times coupled with the changing technology, till the next date of hearing:-

(I) the imposters/ defendant no.19 by themselves, their partners, proprietors, agents, servants, representatives, employees and/or any one claiming under them, directly or indirectly, is/are restrained from infringing plaintiff's registered KINETIC GREEN marks or any other confusingly and deceptively similar mark, for offering fake KINETIC GREEN franchise to the general public through the websites 'https://kineticgreenfranchise.com', 'https://www.kineticgreenfranchise.co.in' and/ or any other website/ other mode of communication including email addresses, social media accounts, messaging apps, advertisement in print and electronic media etc. and infringing the KINETIC GREEN



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using, publishing, advertising, circulating the same in any manner;

(II) the defendant nos.4 and 5 are directed to suspend and block the impugned domain names https://kineticgreenfranchise.com, and https://www.kineticgreenfranchise.co.in respectively and file an affidavit qua it before this Court disclosing the user information and domain purchase details of these domain names within a period of four weeks of receipt of the present order;

(III) the defendant nos.2 and 3 are directed to issue necessary directions/ notifications to all concerned Internet Service Providers (ISP) in India, to block access to the infringing domain names/ websites that are a subject matter of the accompanying suit and file a compliance report before this Court within a period of four weeks from the receipt of the present order;

(IV) the defendant nos.6 to 15, HDFC Bank Limited, Bank of Baroda Limited, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Federal Bank, IndusInd Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Karur Vyasa Bank Limited respectively directed freeze the are to account nos.50100652268230 and 50100648389963, 78220100007486, 7178000100095954. 353602120006009. 5507676602. 011201000022662, 99980121821305. 100139199207, 60435291339 and 4751194000010181 respectively and file an affidavit disclosing the identity of the beneficiaries of the aforesaid accounts with complete KYC details and bank statement from the date of opening of the account before this Court within a period of four weeks of receipt of the present order; and

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the defendant nos.16 to 18 are directed to immediately (v)disable mobile numbers +91 8454915503, +91 9956299486 and +91 8283066271, +91 9131828002 and +91 8961708630, +91 8961708908, +91 8902683499, +91 8961717460, +91 8961708360, 8902683499, +91 8961708908 and +91 +918961708630 respectively and file an affidavit disclosing the identity/ KYC documents of the holders/ operators of the aforesaid mobile numbers before this Court within a period of four weeks of receipt of the present order.

25. Upon filing of the process fee, issue notice to the defendants by all permissible modes returnable before the Joint Registrar on 10.12.2024.

26. Reply, if any, be filed within a period of *thirty days* from the date of service. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of *fifteen days* thereafter.

27. The provisions of Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC be complied within a period of two weeks.

List before the Court on 16.01.2025. 28.

## **I.A. 38661/2024** (Order VI rule 17 CPC, 1908) & **I.A. 31995/2024** (stay)

In wake of the aforesaid application being I.A. 38662/2024 filed by 29. the plaintiff, which has already been dealt hereinabove, learned counsel for plaintiff seeks permission to withdraw the present applications.

30. Permission as sought for is granted.

31. Accordingly, the present applications are dismissed as withdrawn.

## SAURABH BANERJEE, J

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#### N.D.O.H: ON 10.12.2024 BEFORE JOINT REGISTRAR(JUDICIAL) AND ON 16.01.2025 BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT

#### ORDINARY/SPEED POST/COURIER/EMAIL/WHATSAPP IPD

Date of last Order: 06.09.2024	Date of receipt of process:
Date of filing PF: 10.09.2024, 13.09.2024 & 19.09.2024	Date of Service of process:
Date of issuance: 01.10.2024	Date of returning of Process to DA:

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

#### I.A. 38662/2024 in CS(COMM) 533/2024

Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited	PLAINTIFF(S)
Vs	
National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) & Ors.	<b>DEFENDANT(S)</b>

To.

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DEFENDANT NO. 01   National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)   Through its Director,   9th Floor, B-Wing, Statesman House,   148, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001   Email: info@nixi.in   DEFENDANT NO. 03   Department of Telecommunications   Ministry of Communication   Through its Secretary,   Sanchar Bhavan, 20 Ashoka Road,   New Delhi- 110001   Email: moc-office@gov.in	DEFENDANT NO. 02Ministry of Electronics and Information TechnologyThrough its Secretary,Electronic Niketan, 6 CGO ComplexLodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003Email: secretary@meity.gov.inDEFENDANT NO. 04Hosting Concepts BVThrough its Gricvance OfficerSpaces Business CentreHofplein 20, 3032 AC Rotterdam,NetherlandsEmail: gricvance-officer@openprovider.inAlso atHosting Concepts Private Limited3rd Floor Prudential Building,Prudential IT Park, Central Avenue,Mumbai City, Powai,Maharashtra, India-400076Email: shiwaliopenprovider.nl
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"G" Block, Bandra Kurla Complex,	Contact 10 D 1 D
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Email: headof@bankofbaroda.com	New Delhi, Delhi, 110075
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DEFENDANT NO. 09 Union Bank of India	DEFENDANT NO. 10
Through its Corporate Office	Central Bank of India
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Nariman Point, Mumbai, 400 021	Mumbai – 400 021
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	Federal Bank Ltd.
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Punc-411 001, India	Pune-411005
	Emai: gmrecovery@mahabank.co.in
DEFENDANT NO. 15	DEFENDANT NO 16
Karur Vyasa BanK Limited. Through its Corporate Office	Bharti Airtel Limited
No.20, Erode Road, Vadivel nagar,	Through its Corporate Office
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Email: lea@kvbmail.com	Vasant Kunj, Phase II,
really woman.com	New Delhi - 110 070.
	Email: 121@in.airtel.com
DEFENDANT NO. 17 Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited	DEFENDANT NO. 18
Through its corporate office	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
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	Harish Chandra Mathur Lane,
Email: info@ril.com	Janpath, New Delhi-110 001
DEFENDANT NO. 19	
John Doe/ Ashok Kumar	я. 

Upon motion made unto this Court by Ms. Rima Majumdar, Ms. Bindra Rana and Mr. Aditya Vats Sharma, Advocates (Counsels for Plaintiff) and UPON CONSIDERING I.A. 38662/2024 (Application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 read with section 151 CPC, 1908) and after hearing the counsels for plaintiff on 06.09.2024, THIS COURT DOTH ORDER THAT,

Till the next date of hearing:-

(I) the imposters/ defendant no.19 by themselves, their partners, proprietors, agents, servants, representatives, employees and/or any one claiming under them, directly or indirectly, is/are restrained from infringing plaintiff's registered KINETIC GREEN marks or any other confusingly and deceptively similar mark, for offering fake KINETIC GREEN franchise to the general public through the websites 'https://kineticgreenfranchise.com', 'https://www.kineticgreenfranchise.co.in' and/ or any other website/ other mode of communication including email addresses, social media accounts, messaging apps,

advertisement in print and electronic media etc. and infringing the KINETIC GREEN

copyrights in the logos advertising, circulating the same in any manner;

(II) the defendant nos.4 and 5 are directed to suspend and block the impugned domain names <u>https://kineticgreenfranchise.com</u>, and <u>https://www.kineticgreenfranchise.co.in</u> respectively and file an affidavit qua it before this Court disclosing the user information and domain purchase details of these domain names within a period of four weeks of receipt of the present order;

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AND THIS COURT DOTH LASTLY ORDER THAT this order will punctually be observed, obeyed and carried out by all concerned.

Take notice that the matter is listed for hearing on 10.12.2024 at 11:00 A.M. before Joint Registrar(Judicial) and on 16.01.2025 at 10:30 A.M. before the Hon'ble Court. Reply, if any, be filed within a period of thirty days from the date of service.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, in terms of order dated 06.09.2024.



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#### **Annexure**

Subject: Action requested to be taken by MEITY and Plantiff for effective removal of content for viewing by public at large within India as per the said orders of Hon'ble Court.

It is observed that a number of orders of Hon'ble Court are issued for blocking of websites every month. There are around more than 2700 ISPs in India and these ISPs are connected among themselves in a mesh network. DOT is instructing each of the ISPs through emails/through its website for blocking of the websites as ordered by the Hon'ble Courts. Ensuring compliance of the orders by each of the ISPs is a time-consuming and complex task especially in view of multiplicity of orders of Hon'ble Courts, multiplicity of websites to be blocked and multiplicity of ISPs.

2. Allocation of Business Rules inter-alia sates thus:-

'Policy matters relating to information technology; Electronics; and Internet (all matters other than licensing of Internet Service Provider)'.

3. In view of above and in order to ensure effective removal by content for viewing by public at large, the plantiff is requested to do a trace route of the web server hosting the said website. In case the web server happens to be in India, the plantiff may inform the same to Meity who may direct the owner of such web server to stop transmission of content as per IT Act and as directed by the Hon'ble Court so that the content would be blocked from the source itself and the exercise of blocking by 2700 ISPs would not be required.

4. In case such server is located abroad i.e. outside India then access to such URL/website can be blocked through the international internet gateways which are much less in number. This would result in timely and effectively removal of undesirable content for viewing by public at large as is the requirement as per the orders of Hon'ble Court.