

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Successful Mesh Class Action Federal Court of Australia Finds For Class Members

Shine Corporate Ltd (**SHJ**) announces that the decision of the Honourable Justice Katzmann of the Federal Court of Australia has been delivered today in the class action brought by Katherine Gill, Diane Dawson and Ann Sanders (**Applicants**) against Ethicon Sàrl, Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Limited (**Respondents**).

The Applicants' claims have been upheld and the Respondents have been found liable in negligence and for breaches of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) and the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Damages for the three Applicants and costs will be determined at a later date.

The decision paves the way to secure damages for all group members represented by the Applicants in the coming months.

The class action, which was commenced in 2012, with a trial running from July 2017 until February 2018, was brought by Shine Lawyers Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shine Corporate Ltd, on behalf of the Applicants and the group members they represent, who were surgically implanted with, and suffered complications from, defective medical devices (including vaginal mesh and tape implants) manufactured by the first two Respondents and sold in Australia by the third Respondent.

Shine Head of Litigation and Loss Recovery, Jan Saddler, welcomed the decision, stating "This decision will deliver justice for thousands of women who have been left with life altering complications from Johnson & Johnson/Ethicon implants. No amount of compensation can ever replace what our clients have lost, but this outcome provides accountability and vindication for their claims."

We will update the market with any further material information.



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