

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Shine Justice Ltd (SHJ)

#### Federal Court orders commencement of claims resolution process/Ethicon Mesh 2 group members to benefit from findings in Ethicon Mesh 1

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##### Claims resolution process – Mesh Class Action 1

Shine Justice Ltd announces that the Federal Court of Australia has ordered, with the consent of the parties, the commencement of a claims resolution process in the matter of Kathryn Gill, Diane Dawson and Ann Sanders (**Applicants**) in the class action brought against Ethicon Sàrl, Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Limited (**Respondents**) by Shine Lawyers on behalf of the Applicants and the group members they represent, who were surgically implanted with and suffered significant and sometimes severe and life-altering complications from, defective medical devices (including vaginal mesh and tape implants) manufactured and sold by the Respondents (**Mesh Class Action 1**).

The Federal Court has appointed a senior barrister as Referee to inquire into and report to the Court by 31 July 2022 in relation to a range of sample claims of group members. The Referee's assessments may then be applied in assessing the balance of the group members' claims and is expected to expedite the payment of damages to the group.

##### Mesh Class Action 2

In April 2021, Shine Justice Group filed a second class action on behalf of women with complications arising on or after 4 July 2017 (**Mesh Class Action 2**), with allegations substantially the same in both class actions. The Federal Court has ordered, with the consent of the parties, that group members in Mesh Class Action 2 who received an implant prior to 30 June 2020 will have the benefit of findings in Mesh Class Action 1.

##### Administration

The number of group members in both class actions is expected to exceed 12,000. Shine Lawyers will act in the administration on behalf of group members until its completion. Given the significant number of claims to be processed, it is expected that the administration will take place over several years.

Shine Head of Class Actions, Jan Saddler, said 'We welcome the latest orders to progress the assessment of our clients' claims. No amount of money can compensate for the life altering complications suffered by our clients, but this outcome brings long-awaited accountability closer'.

Managing Director & CEO Simon Morrison said, 'This has been an extraordinary journey for all the women impacted by these products, who are an inspiration to their families, friends and Shine. The team worked tirelessly over many years in the face of extraordinary challenges and maintained a resilience and determination to seek justice for all the affected women. I am extremely proud of all the Shine team. The Mesh cases demonstrate our commitment and passion to Right Wrong one case at a time.'

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