

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

JURATBTC BLOCKCHAIN, an
unincorporated association,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTON ANDREYEV, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00779

Hon. Virginia M. Kendall

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiff's *Ex Parte* Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order. Dkt. # 3. The Court having considered the Motion and the Verified Complaint (Dkt. #1), the Motion is GRANTED. In compliance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 65(b)(1) and (d), the Court states as follows:

1. This Order is effective beginning at 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2023.
2. The Court finds issuing this Order *ex parte* necessary because of the immediacy of the irreparable harm and in light of the sanctions levied against Defendants by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

3. Plaintiff has demonstrated that it will suffer irreparable harm in several ways. First, it would suffer damage to its goodwill and contract rights should Defendants transact the JTC cryptocurrency associated with the blockchain accounts identified by OFAC in the Specially Designated Nationals And Blocked Persons List (SDN List) (www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf).

4. Second, the user agreement governing Defendants' use of the JTC cryptocurrency stipulates that irreparable harm will result once a user is placed on the SDN List.

5. Third, any award of damages at law is unlikely to be collectible given that Defendants are international criminals located in nations hostile to the United States. Life Spine, Inc. v. Aegis Spine, Inc., 8 F.4th 531, 546 (7th Cir. 2021) (loss of goodwill and reputation can constitute irreparable harm); See Roland Mach. Co. v. Dresser Indus., Inc., 749 F.2d 380, 386 (7th Cir. 1984) (damages are inadequate when they may be unobtainable from the defendant); Life Spine, Inc. v. Aegis Spine, Inc., No. 19 CV 7092, 2021 WL 963811, at *21 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 15, 2021) ("Courts analyzing irreparable harm in this district have considered such contractual agreements [stipulating to irreparable harm] as a factor weighing toward a finding of irreparable harm."), aff'd, 8 F.4th 531 (7th Cir. 2021); Walgreens Co. v. Peters, 2021 WL 3187726, at *5 (N.D. Ill. July 28, 2021) ("[A]n injury that is not easily measurable in monetary terms, such as an injury to reputation or goodwill, is often viewed as irreparable.").

6. Plaintiff has shown a reasonable likelihood of success on its claims for declaratory and injunctive relief.

7. Accordingly, Defendants are enjoined from transacting the JTC cryptocurrency associated with the blockchain account address designated in the SDN List.

8. Defendants' JTC coins shall be frozen. The Court hereby enters the Jurat IDs attached to this Order needed to freeze the JTC coins.

9. The temporary restraining order shall be effective for fourteen days. Any motion to extend the temporary restraining order shall be filed by 2/21/2023.

10. Plaintiff is ordered to deposit 1.3 JTC with the Court as security.

2/21/23
Dated: 2/8/2023


Virginia M. Kendall
United States District Judge

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