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MELISSA WENDY NORMAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS GAOL

In the Brisbane District Court today, former Keradale Pty Ltd director, Melissa Wendy Norman, was sentenced to 18 months gaol after pleading guilty to 11 charges brought by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC).

Mrs Norman pleaded guilty to five misappropriation charges involving \$240,996 and was sentenced to serve 18 months gaol with a recommendation to be considered for parole after five months.

Mrs Norman was sentenced to a further 12 months gaol to be served concurrently, on six charges of being in breach of the prescribed interest provisions of the Corporations Law.

Mrs Norman misappropriated \$240,996, obtained by Keradale from investors for the purposes of debt factoring, by using the money in a way which was contrary to the loan agreements between Keradale and the investors.

By using Keradale to offer investors a right to participate in debt factoring and other activities which allowed investors to expect that they would receive interest payments, Mrs Norman breached the prescribed interest provisions of the Corporation Law.

ASIC QLD Regional Commissioner Barrie Adams said that company directors should be aware of their obligations and duties under the Corporations Law.

“Promoters of investment schemes must use investors funds for the purpose for which they were raised. Promoters need to be aware that ASIC is taking an active interest in how they raise funds, as well as how they spend it,” Mr Adams said.

“ASIC will use of all its powers to ensure that dishonest promoters and products are taken out of the market place.”

“ASIC will pursue directors where duties are not being met in order to ensure a safe and competitive business environment for investors.”

The charges were prosecuted by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

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