



# Media Release

## **Aristocrat Leisure Limited**

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Aristocrat has launched a Cross Claim against its former CEO, Desmond Randall – suing both Mr Randall and his wife Vivienne for \$2.6M.

Aristocrat announced today this action formed part of the company's legal defence to Mr Randall's claim he is owed \$13 million for breach of contract following his dismissal last April after several profit downgrades and an internal investigation.

In addition to the Cross Claim, Aristocrat also filed its defence to Mr Randall's claim in the Supreme Court.

Aristocrat will run a landmark defence which contends Mr Randall's contract is unenforceable because it was not ratified by shareholders at a general meeting as required under the new provisions of the Corporations Act, 2001.

The company further alleges Mr Randall was dismissed under the provisions of Section 5.1(a) of his employment contract which covers wilful disobedience, fraud, dishonesty, misbehavior or breach of duty

In documents filed in the Supreme Court today, the company alleges Mr Randall used company funds for unauthorized personal expenses (amounting to approximately \$180,000) and repeatedly withheld critical information from the Board and shareholders.

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