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### **Court orders following motion filed by Vivendi Universal against Jean-Marie Messier**

As decided at the Board meeting of July 1, 2003, Vivendi Universal petitioned the Paris Commercial Court on August 11, 2003. The presiding judge issued two orders authorizing Vivendi Universal to take the following measures:

- firstly, to attach, in an amount up to 20.5 million euros, all dues owed by the company to Mr. Jean-Marie Messier in the form of severance indemnities non-authorized by the Board of Directors
- secondly, to enter into proceedings against Messrs. Jean-Marie Messier and Eric Licoys, under a fast-track process of the Paris Commercial Court, for payment of damages in the same amount as the severance indemnities and associated costs.

These proceedings are currently under way.