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Peter Hook, the former bass player of New Order, has obtained permission from the High Court to continue a “derivative claim” against the other three former band members (Bernard Sumner, Stephen Morris and Gillian Morris), who are now performing as New Order. Mr Hook, Mr Sumner and Mr and Mrs Morris are the directors of and shareholders in Vitalturn Company Ltd which entered into a trade mark licence in respect of the name New Order with a company owned and controlled by Mr Sumner and Mr and Mrs Morris. Mr Hook claims that Mr Sumner and Mr and Mrs Morris breached their duties as directors of Vitalturn in connection with the grant of the licence and seeks compensation on behalf of the company. Mr Sumner and Mr and Mrs Morris deny liability and the claim will now go to trial.

Mr Hook was represented on the permission hearing by Mark Wyeth QC of 5 Paper Buildings, **Gwilym Harbottle** of **Hogarth Chambers** and Manleys solicitors.

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