



Local Division Milan

**UPC CFI n. 2052/2025**  
**order**  
**issued on 24 March 2026**

CLAIMANTS

- 1) 3V Sigma s.p.a.
- 2) 3V Chimica Porto Marghera s.r.l.

DEFENDANTS

- 1) A.G.A. s.r.l.
- 2) A.C.E.F. s.r.l.
- 3) MFCI Co., Ltd.

DECISION-MAKING BODY

Presiding Judge and Judge-Rapporteur Pierluigi Perrotti

LANGUAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Italian

ORDER

On 19 December 2025, 3V Sigma and 3V Chimica Porto Marghera brought a patent infringement action against AGA, ACEF and MFCI.

Service of the statement of claim was effected on different dates for the three defendants, namely – respectively – on 30 December 2025 for AGA and ACEF and on 13 March 2026 for MFCI.

Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure (RoP) provides for a three-month period from the date of service of the statement of claim for the filing of the statement of defence and the counterclaim for revocation.

On 23 March 2026, the defendants AGA and ACEF filed an application under Rule 9.3 (a) of the Rules of Procedure, requesting the Court to extend in their favour the time limit provided for in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure for the filing of the statement of defence, with any counterclaim for revocation, until 15 June 2026, so as to align it with the time limit – currently different – provided for the defendant MFCI.

The representatives of the plaintiffs and of MFCI have given their express consent to this request (see the exchange of emails attached to the application dated 23 March 2026).

Pursuant to Rules 9.3 and 334(a) RoP, the Court may, upon reasoned request of a party, extend or shorten any time limit specified in the Rules of Procedure, even with retroactive effect.

The judge rapporteur notes that the agreement between the parties is reasonable, as it appears entirely appropriate to align the deadline provided for in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure for all defendants, so as to ensure a more efficient management of the present proceedings.

In light of the foregoing considerations, having regard to Rules 9 and 334 of the Rules of Procedure, the judge rapporteur orders that the expiry of the time limit provided for in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure be set at 15 June 2026 for all defendants.

Milan, 24 March 2026.

*Pierluigi Perrotti*  
presiding judge e judge rapporteur

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