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#### THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

# IN THE INDUSTRIAL COURT OF UGANDA AT KAMPALA LABOUR DISPUTE MISC. APPN. No.157 OF 2021

ARISING FROM LABOUR DISPUTE REFERENCE NO 281/2019

TUMUSHABE ALEX ..... APPLICANT

VERSUS

TORRES ADVANCED ENTERPRISES ..... RESPONDENT

## **BEFORE:**

THE HON. AG. HEAD JUDGE, LINDA LILLIAN TUMUSIIME MUGISHA **PANELISTS** 

- 1 MR. FX MUBUUKE
- 2. MS. HARRIET MUGAMBWA NGANZI
- 3. MR. EBYAU FIDEL

### RULING ON RECUSAL

The Labour Dispute Reference No. 281 of 2019 form which this application arises, was 20 mediated by a court annexed mediator. It was later brought to His Lordship Hon. Justice Asaph Ruhinda Ntengye the Head Judge Emeritus's Chambers for conclusion and I was invited to participate in the discussions and during the discussion it was established that, the parties had amicably resolved the matter between them, on 9/06/2019. In fact the Applicant was paid Ugx. 1,500,000/=

One of the core principles underpinning the Administration of Justice by a Judicial officer is the exercise of impartiality. (see United Nations Bangalore Principles on Judicial *Conduct)*. Article 28 of the Constitution provides for the fundamental right of every citizen of Uganda to be accorded a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal.

Principal 2.1 of the Code of conduct for Judicial officers, provides for mandatory recusal where a judicial officer has personal knowledge of the disputed facts concerning the proceedings.

Accordingly, of my own motion and volition and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 6(1) of The Constitution (Recusal of Judicial Officers) (Practice) Directions, 2019, having participated in the discussions that concluded the mediation between the parties, I may create a perception of partiality if I presided over this application. In the circumstances, I hereby refrain from participating in these proceedings. In keeping with paragraph 3(a) of the Directions, the parties are hereby notified.

40 Delivered and signed by:

THE HON. AG. HEAD JUDGE, LINDA LILLIAN TUMUSIIME MUGISHA

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**DATE: 2/12/2022**