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INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL

COURT #2 FREEPORT INSURANCE CENTER, 21B WEST MALL & POINCIANA DRIVE, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA, COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Before

MRS. HELEN J. ALMORALES-JONES (VICE-PRESIDENT)

(SITTING ALONE)

JEROME DORSETT JR.

APPLICANT

ENDEAVOR DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD.

RESPONDENT

ORDER ON DIRECTIONS

APPEARANCES

For the Applicant

Pro se Freeport, Grand Bahama The Bahamas

For the Respondent

Wallace R. Allen, Esquire Cambridge Law Chambers Holding brief for Ernie E. Wallace, Esquire Wallace Law Chambers Freeport, Grand Bahama The Bahamas

WHEREAS:

- On the 2nd May, 2023, Jerome Dorsett Jr. ("the Applicant") filed a Report of a Trade Dispute against Endeavor Development International Limited with The Department of Labour in Grand Bahama, The Bahamas, which stated, inter alia, that the issues relevant to the dispute were:- Wages owed, Vacation pay, Unfair Dismissal, Wrongful Dismissal, Breach of contract, Notice pay and Severance pay;
- By a Certificate of Referral dated the 8th June, 2023 (received on the 5th July, 2023), the Honourable Minister of Labour & Immigration referred the trade dispute between the Applicant and Endeavor Development International Ltd. ("the Respondent") to the Industrial Tribunal, Northern Region, ("the Tribunal");
- 3) The Tribunal today (4th September, 2023) served the **Applicant** with notice of the referral;
- 4) The **Applicant** today filed a **Form A** (Originating Application), which the Tribunal served on the Respondent's Representatives;
- 5) The **Respondent's Counsel** waived service of the **Forms C**, **D**, **E** and **J** and consented to the Tribunal conducting the Case Management hearing today;
- 6) **The parties** agreed that 2 conciliation meetings were held at The Department of Labour (virtually) and none of the issues relevant to the dispute were resolved;
- 7) The Tribunal directed that the **Applicant** provide the Respondent's Counsel with particulars of his claim for *Unfair Dismissal* within 4 weeks;
- 8) The **Respondent's Counsel** advised that the Respondent was only the agent for a U.S. Company called "*Btree*", which was the Applicant's employer;
- The Applicant to decide whether or not to file a Form M (Notice of Joinder of Parties) applying to join *Btree* as a party to the proceedings;
- 10)The **Tribunal** directed that within 2 weeks, the **Respondent's Counsel** provide the Tribunal with *Btree's* corporate name, e-mail address and the name & address of its registered office;
- 11)The **Respondent's Communications Director**, *Peter Adderley*, advised that the Respondent may settle the matter before the trial date;

- 12)Pursuant to **Section 58(1)(a)** of **The Industrial Relations Act**, **Cap. 321**, the Tribunal remitted the issues to the parties for further consideration, with a view to settling or reducing it;
- 13) The **Applicant** advised that he will testify on his behalf;
- 14)The **Respondent's Counsel** advised that the Respondent will call about 2 witnesses in its defence;
- 15)The **Tribunal** decided to have the witnesses give *viva voce* testimony;
- 16)The **Tribunal** estimated that the trial may last 1 day;
- 17)The **Tribunal** directed that the parties file their **List of Documents** and **Bundle of Documents** by the end of October 2023; and
- 18)The **Tribunal** advised the parties that **The Industrial Relations (Tribunal Procedure) Rules, 2010**, require that they file any:-
 - Brief/Skeleton Arguments [pursuant to Rule 3(5)]; or
 - Written Representations [pursuant to Rule 3(6)]

at least 7 days before the trial date;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:-

- The **Respondent's Counsel** provide the Tribunal and the Applicant's Counsel with *Btree's* corporate name, e-mail address and the name & address of its registered office by **Monday**, **18**th **September**, **2023**;
- The Applicant provide the Tribunal and the Respondent's Counsel with particulars of the Applicant's claim for *Unfair Dismissal* by Friday, 29th September, 2023;
- The parties file their List of Documents and Bundle of Documents with the Tribunal by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st October, 2023, and at the same time serve a copy thereof on the other party;
- The parties file their Brief/Skeleton Arguments (if any) with the Tribunal by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 13th November, 2023, and at the same time serve a copy thereof on the other party; and

5. The trial be done at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 20th November, 2023;

DATED: This 4th day of September, A.D., 2023.

Her Honor, Helen J. Almorales-Jones, Vice-President