# COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL

#### No. IT/NES/NP2024-068

In The Matter of The Industrial Relations Act

And

In the Matter of the Industrial Relations (Tribunal Procedure) Rules 2010)

**WIDNER SIMILIEN** 

**APPLICANT** 

Vs

**OASIS LANDSCAPING** 

**RESPONDENT** 

**BEFORE:** 

Her Honour, Vice President

Mrs. Rionda Y. Godet

**ORDER ON DIRECTIONS** 

### **APPEARANCES**

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OASIS LANDSCAPING

MARK SMITH - CEO

#### WHEREAS:

- 1. By Certificate of Referral dated  $19^{\rm th}$  April, the Minister referred the subject dispute to the Industrial Tribunal; and
- 2. The Applicant duly entered the Form A on  $17^{th}$  June 2024 and the Respondent has failed to enter an Appearance and the Defence despite being served same on the  $23^{rd}$  July 2024.
- Pursuant to rule 15(1) of the Industrial Relations (Tribunal Procedure) Rules 2010, the Industrial Tribunal set this matter down for Case Management Hearing on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025;
- 4. The Respondent, having been earlier served the forms A, C, D and E on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 is to file and enter both the Form L requesting extension and the Form D by end of day today 28<sup>th</sup> February 2028, and the Defence shall thereafter be filed and entered on or before 7 March 2025.
- 5. The trial of this matter shall be set down for 2 days;
- 6. The Applicant has indicated that he intends to call up to 2 witnesses and the Respondent has indicated that it intends to call up to 4 witnesses.
  - 6.1 The Applicant shall file his Witness Statements and Skeleton Arguments no later than **4:00 p.m.** on 21<sup>st</sup> march 2025 and the Respondent shall file its Witness Statements and Skeleton Arguments no later than **4:00 p.m.** on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and, upon filing, the Applicant and the Respondent shall provide a hard copy of each to the Secretary to Court No. 5 and a copy of which shall be retained for the Court's use. Should the parties have their witnesses appear in person, a second hard copy of all documents to be relied upon at the hearing hereof, shall be presented to the secretary to Court No. 5.
  - 6.2The witness statements shall stand as evidence in chief at the trial and should any witness not attend, the witness statements will not be accepted as evidence.
- 7. The date of hearing of this matter shall be determined by the Registry.

## AND THIS IS THE ORDER OF THIS TRIBUNAL

Dated this 28th day of February A.D., 2025

Rionda Godet Vice President Industrial Tribunal