# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

#### Judicial Review Case No. 15/24 SC/JUDR

(Civil Jurisdiction)

## BETWEEN: KENNEDY MATOKOALE TARIWER Claimant

### AND: ALICTA VUTI KWIRINAVANUA as the National Coordinator of the Land Dispute Management

**Defendant** 

Coram: Justice Mary Sey Counsel: Mr. Willie Daniel for the Claimant Mr. Sammy Aron for the Defendant Date of Decision: 17 October 2016

#### RULING

This case concerns the refusal of the National Coordinator of Land Dispute Management to grant the Claimant a Certificate of Registered Interest in land in respect of named leasehold titles located within the Forari/Manuro customary land boundary.

The Claimant's application is for judicial review to quash the decision of the Defendant as contained in a letter dated 18 M ay 2015. The application is opposed.

Upon Reading the papers filed and having heard and considered the submissions of counsel, I reject the submissions of defence counsel and hereby make the following **quashing** and **mandatory** Orders:

1. The National Coordinator's decision refusing to grant the Claimant a Certificate of Registered Interest in land in respect of named leasehold titles



located within the Forari/Manuro customary land boundary as contained in his letter to the Claimant dated 18 M ay 2015 is hereby quashed.

- 2. The National Coordinator is hereby ordered within 14 days from today to issue to the Claimant a Certificate of Registered Interest in respect of leasehold titles located within the Forari/Manuro customary land boundary as declared by the Forari Village Land Tribunal on 14 February 2014.
- 3. Section 19 (2) of the Custom Land Management Act provides an avenue for challenging an improperly recorded interest in land.
- 4. The Claimant is awarded standard costs to be taxed by the Master if not agreed.

#### DATED at Port Vila this 17th day of October, 2016



Judge

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