IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU (Civil Jurisdiction)

Constitutional Case No. 21/1872 SC/CNST

- **BETWEEN:** Bob Loughman Weibur *First Applicant*
 - AND: Alatoi Ishmael Kalsakau
 Second Applicant
 AND: Johnny Koanapo Rasou

Third Applicant

- AND; Jay Ngwele Fourth Applicant
- AND: James Bule Fifth Applicant
- AND: Willie Daniel

Sixth Applicant

- AND: Willie Pakoa Satearoto Seventh Applicant
- AND: Lenkon Tao Bruno Eighth Applicant
- AND: Seule Simeon
 Ninth Applicant
- AND: Mark Ati Tenth Applicant
- AND: Silas Bule Melve

Eleventh Applicant

- AND: Samson Samsen Twelfth Applicant
- AND: Edward Nalyal Molou Thirteenth Applicant



- AND: Nakou Ianatom Natuman Fourteenth Applicant
- **AND: Leonard Joshua Pikioune** *Fifteenth Applicant*
- AND: Marc Muelsul Sixteenth Applicant
- AND: Edmund Julun Seventeen Applicant
- AND: Xavier Emanuel Harry Eighteenth Applicant
- AND: Anthony Iaris Harry Nineteenth Applicant
- AND: The Republic of Vanuatu Respondent

AND: Gracia Shadrack, Speaker of Parliament

Interested Party

Date of Conference: Before: In Attendance: 10th day of June, 2021 at 10:00am Justice Oliver Saksak Mr Robert Sugden, Mr Godden Avock and Mr Sakiusa Kalsakau for the Applicants Mr Frederick Kilu for the Respondent Mr Nigel Morrison and Ms Stephanie Mahuk for the Interested Party

MINUTE

1. This case was adjourned to today (10/06/21) for a Rule 2.8 Conference.



- Prior to the conference being called, the Court received an application filed by Counsel for the Interested Party seeking that the Application by the Applicants be struck out in its entirety with costs.
- 3. Counsel also filed written submissions in support of the application with case authorities and relevant laws.
- 4. At the conference Mr Morrison informed the Court that Counsel had had previous discussions prior to attending chambers. As regards to the strike out application, the Interested Party is incompetent and it was suggested there be a short adjournment to enable Mr Gilu to brief or instruct another counsel regarding whether or not the Republic being the respondent could bring the application instead.
- 5. Mr Sugden did not object but raised his clients concerns that the case should be heard as soon as possible, and proposed that the Rule 2.8 conference be adjourned to Friday 11th June. Mr Sugden also explained Mr Kalsakau's positon in the matter.
- 6. Mr Gilu welcomed the suggestion made by Mr Morrison but sought further time until Monday 14 June.
- 7. Accordingly the Rule 2.8 conference is adjourned to Monday 14 June 2021 at 8:30am.
- 8. Mr Gilu should advise counsel as to the positon to put them to advanced notice as to what to expect on Monday 14 June.

BY THE COURT COUR OLIVER.A.SAKSAK Judge

DATED at Port Vila this 10th day of June 2021