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**IN THE TRADITIONAL RIGHTS COURT  
OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

AMON TIBON, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 -vs- )  
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 )  
 ROBBIE CHUTARO and )  
 EOJIM MELA, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )  
 )

**CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2006-138**

**MELELE KO ILO CASE IN**

**RO UAAN COURT PANEL EO:**

**WALTER K. ELBON, CHIEF JUDGE**

**NIXON DAVID, ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

**GRACE LEBAN, ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

**RAAN IN RONJAKE: JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2013 IM AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**JIKIN RONJAKE: ULIGA COURTHOUSE, MAJURO ATOLL**

**Kajitok eo jakemantak non Traditional Rights Court panel non uaake im kwalok an lemnak ej;**

**WON EO EJIMWE IM JEJET BWE EN KABJER MARON EO AN DRI JERBAL AK SENIOR DRI**

**JERBAL ILO BOKANBUTIN ISLAND, MAJURO ATOLL.**

**Melele ko panel eo ear watoki bwe remol im jeiot:**

- 1. Menmenbwij ko kar jaki mantak jen party ko jimor einwot Plaintiff Exhibit 'B' im Respondent Exhibit '2', rej kalikar bwe Bokanbutin Island ej imon bwij. Imon bwij in ear jino im ejaak laltak jen Lantak (kora) im wonmanlok wot iben kora ro ruo nejin rej**

make wot, einwot Likjer (bwij eo eritto) im Julia (bwij eo edrik). Ebar wor emman ro nejin Lantak im ekkar bwe ren kar kabijer maron in alap ekkar non lajrak eo kin won eo eritto elkin an eo eritto lok jako.

2. Iloan juon jidrak in bwij, eo im ewor emaan ro im kora ro ej manit eo in bwe ro nejin kora ro renaj jolet maron in alap eo ekkar non lajrak im ro nejin emman ro renaj jolet e maron eo an dri jermal (Jemlok eo an TRC H/C Civil No. 2006-078).
3. Leroij Tokbar Ishiguru ilo naan in kamol ko an ear kile bwe ro nejin emman rej er eo im ekkar bwe ren kabwijer maron eo an dri jermal ilo imon bwij.

#### **WAWEN KO KAR KOMMANI:**

Kajitok eo einwot kar jakemantak: Won eo ian rein, Leslie Tibon im Robbie Chutaro im ro rej abnono ibeir ekkar bwe en kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jermal ak Senior Dri Jermal ilo Bokanbutin Island?

Uaak eo non kajitok in: Leslie Tibon

Komelele ko ilo tu kadru in im un ko ekkar non uaak eo:

Abnono eo ilo case in ear komman im ejaak ak file ilo kar October 9, 2006. Charles Tibon im Amon Tibon, Dri Abnono ro nae Robbie Chutaro im Eojim Mella Dri Jumae Abnono ro. Bedbed wot ion kein kamol ko kar jakimantak ilo ien ronjake eo ear alikar non panel eo an TRC eo bwe Bokanbutin Island ej imon bwij. Imon bwij in ear ejaak ak jino iben Lantak (kora). Ibwiljin ro nejin Lantak ear wor ruo kora ro im ear bar wor emman ro. Likjer ear kora eo im armij eo erito tata ian ro nejin Lantak im einwot watoke bwe e ej jidrak in bwij eo eritto im Julia ej kora eo edriklok ej jidrak in bwij eo edrik. Lomaro nejin Lantak jino jen Zedekiah renaj jolete wot maron eo an

alap im jab maron eo an dri jermal einwot ke ewor jidrak in botoktok ilo bwij eo an Likjer. Likjer ewor jilu nejin, Tibon (emman), Litaide (kora), im Jolet (emman) einwot an menmenbwij eo kalikare. Ro jatin Likjer einwot Zedkeia, Lokoje, Ablos, Lojkon, im Julia ejelok aer maron non jiton bar juon bwe en Dri Jermal ak Senior Dri Jermal ijelokin Tibon einwot ke e ej jidrak in botoktok im e im ro nejin im jibwin renaj jolete maron eo an Dri Jermal ak Senior Dri Jermal einwot ke er ro rej ritto ak imantata emman. Ear ejelok juon ian ro nejin lomaro jatin Likjer ear jumae lemnak in ke Tibon im ro nejin rej Dri Jermal ilo Bokanbutin Island.

Plaintiff Exhibit G, ro aer bwirij ko (ownership of land) Majuro Atoll 1959 ej kalikar bwe Labi ritotata nejin Tibon emman ear e eo kar likit einwot dri jermal ilo Bokanbutin Island. Iroj Edrik Lanjen im alap Likjer rar jab jumaeiki. Menin ej kalikar bwe Labi ej e eo ekkar bwe en kar kabwijer maron an dri jermal ilo Bokanbutin Island mae ien eo ear jako ak mij ilo 1997 (pepa in mij Plaintiff Exhibit 'E'). Clarence eo im edrik lok jen Labi emaron kar kabbeiki non bok jikin Labi ilo ien ko ej jako jen Majuro Atoll. Charles Tibon eo im ej drik tata ilo lajrak in ebeben eo an Labi im ear mour mantak jen elkin jako eo an Labi ear ekkar jimwe im jejet bwe en kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jermal elkin jako eo an Labi ilo kar iio eo 1997. Charles Tibon ear ekkar bwe en e eo ej kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jermal ilo Bokanbutin mae ien eo ear mij ilo 2008 (pepa in mij Plaintiff Exhibit 'F'). Leiroj eo kio an Bokanbutin, Takbar Ishiguro ilo naan in kamol ko an ear ba bwe ej mantin Marshall eo in ej bwe ilo imon bwij nejin kora rej jolete maron eo an alap im ro nejin emaan rej jolete maron eo an Dri Jermal. Luana Lokeijak eo im ilo kar nan in kamol ko an ear ba bwe ej e eo im enaj kabwijer maron in alap elkin Eojim Mella. Ear ba bwe ear jela wot ke ro ilo family eo an Tibon rej er ro rej dri jermal non Bokanbutin Island.

Amon Tibon eo im kar kabbeiki bwe en jijot ilo etan Charles Tibon eo emij im Leslie Tibon eo ebed ilo America rainin, im ear ejelok juon ian ro nejin Labi ear jab erra

kake bwe en kar eindrein, ear ba ilo nan in kamol ko an ke ej kile Eojim Mela bwe e eo ej alap non Bokanbutin Island rainin.

Inem kin menin, panel eo an TRC eo im ear ronjake im etali melele ko ilo case in rej kile bwe ejimwe im jejet bwe Leslie Tibon en e eo ilo tore in im ej kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jerbal ak Senior Dri Jerbal ilo Bokanbutin Island einwot ke e eo ej imantata kio ian ro jibwin Tibon.

**Etan im address ko an Dri Kamol ro an Dri Abnono:**

1. Tokbar Ishiguro
2. Betty Tibon Imaikata
3. Luana Lokeijak
4. Amon Tibon

**Etan im address ko an Dri Kamol ro an Dri Jumae Abnono:**

1. Gushi Chutaro
2. Eojim Mella
3. Robbie Chutaro

**Men ko reaurok im pepa in kamol ko kar boki im ko jet ilo case file eo:**

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Plaintiff Exhibit A | Civil Action No. 8  |
| 2. Plaintiff Exhibit B | Menmenbwij  |
| 3. Plaintiff Exhibit C | Tibon Kalimur   |
| 4. Plaintiff Exhibit D | Document an Eojim ikijen Monak Retle im Rear kab<br>Bokanbutin Island |
| 5. Plaintiff Exhibit E | Pepa in mij eo an Labi Tibon  |
| 6. Plaintiff Exhibit F | Pepa in mij an Charles Tibon  |
| 7. Plaintiff Exhibit G | Ownership of Land, Majuro Atoll 1959                                  |
| 8. Plaintiff Exhibit H | Pepa in mij an Clarence Tibon   |

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| <b>9. Respondent Exhibit 1</b>  | <b>Civil Action No. 8</b>   |
| <b>10. Respondent Exhibit 2</b> | <b>Menmenbwij</b>   |
| <b>11. Respondent Exhibit 3</b> | <b>Pepa in wia kake bwirij 1984</b>   |
| <b>12. Respondent Exhibit 4</b> | <b>Pepa an Jokon Lanjar ikijen Monak Retle im Rear im<br/>Bokanbutin Island</b> |
| <b>13. Respondent Exhibit 5</b> | <b>Deed and Bill of Sale</b>  |

**Men ko jet panel eo ej tomak bwe rej aikuj walok:**

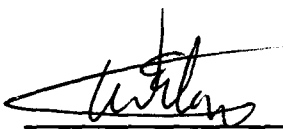
**Plaintiff Exhibit 'C', kalimur eo an Labi. Panel eo ear boke Plaintiff Exhibit C einwot kein kamol ilo an kar Dri Abnono eo kajitok kake im ear ejelok jumae jen Dri Jumae Abnono eo. Ijowotke, mokta wot jen kar komane final statement ko an counsel ro, Defense counsel eo ear kajitok elane emaron bar recall e rikamol Eojim Mella non bar kajitokin kin Plaintiff Exhibit C elane emol ke ear sign ak jab im bwe panel eo en disregard e Plaintiff Exhibit 'C'. Counsel eo ear komane kajitok in bedbed wot ion TRC Rule 15. Ruling eo an panel eo ear bwe Dri Jumae Abnono ro ren kenono kake menin ilo ien eo enaj kommane TRC Rule 9 ikijen case in.**

**Leroij Takbar Ishiguro ilo kar nan in kamol ko an ear ba bwe ej jenliktak ak ukot lemnak eo an im withdraw ak jolok signature ak eltan pein jen Deed and Bill of Sale eo ak Respondent Exhibit '5'. Un eo kinke ear sign ilo an kar janin loe kalimur eo an Tibon Ledren im ear koman ilo 1978, im bwe ear bareinwot lemnak bwe aolep ro uaan family eo kar erra kake, ijo wot ke ej alikar bwe family eo an Tibon Ledren rar jab jela kake.**

**Jokon Laninar, ilo tore eo ej alap, ejelok an maron non koman oktak ko ion bwirej elane ejjab mokta kebak im bok lemnak ko an ro jet ilo family eo einwot ro nejin im jibwin bwij eo im ro nejin im jibwin botoktok eo. Ilo an wor wot emman ro jen bwij eo eritto an Likjer, einwot ro nejin im jibwin Tibon Ledren, ejab ekkar bwe Jacob Maun, leo nejin Julia ak bwij eo edrik en kar kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jerbal ilo an kar sign einwot Dri Jerbal ilo Respondent Exhibit '4', ak pepa in rubrub eo an Jokon Laninar im kar koman ilo June 9, 1986.**

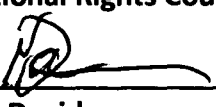
Panel eo an TRC eo ej kile Labi Tibon bwe e eo ear kabwijer maron eo an Dri Jerbal ilo  
Bokanbutin ilo kar 1986 eo.

Raan eo kowepen melele ko ilo case in: 9/23/13



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**Walter K. Elbon**  
Presiding Jude of the Panel  
Traditional Rights Court



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**Nixon David**  
Judge of the Panel  
Traditional Rights Court



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**Grace Leban**  
Judge of the Panel  
Traditional Rights Court