IN THE HIGH COURT OF FIJI AT SUVA CIVIL JURISDICTION

Civil Action No. 136 of 2013

IN THE MATTER OF PACIFIC BROADCASTING SERVICE LTD

AND

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 28 (7) OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATION DECREE 2009

BETWEEN: FIJI REVENUE & CUSTOMS AUTHORITY, a duly registered body

having its registered office at Queen Elizabeth Driver, Nasese, Suva

APPELLANT

AND : SIMON PETER FONG, Director of PACIFIC BROADCASTING

SERVICES LTD, of 43 Kanavi Street, Vatuwaqa, Suva

RESPONDENT

Appearance : MR VEREBALAVU for the **Petitioner**

MS RAKAI M. for the Respondent

Date of Judgment: 14th October, 2013

JUDGMENT

1. The Petition was filed by Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority on 13th May 2013 and sought the following Orders:

- (a) For sale of the properties in any manner to be determined by the Petitioner;
- (b) For the appointment of Receiver of the Rents, Profits or income thereof; and
- (c) For the payment of the amount of the charge and the cost of the Petitioner out of the proceeds of the sale or out of the rents, profits or income;
- (d) The Chief Registrar to sign the transfer document of the Tax Payer's property is sold.
- 2. The said Petition was supported by the Affidavit dated 9th May 2013 inter-alia deposed that the Respondent Company owed the Petitioner Vat and Withholding Tax together with penalties in a sum of One Million Three Hundred and Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Nine Dollars and Four Cents (\$1,389, 189.04) (Annexure marked 'VD A' to the Affidavit).
- 3. The Affidavit of Service was filed on 4th July 2013 and the matter was taken up on 23rd July 2013 and this court made the following directions:
 - (a) Affidavit in Opposition to file and serve before 15th August 2013;
 - (b) Any response by the Petitioner to file and serve before 29th August 2013;
 - (c) Matter was fixed for hearing on 14th October 2013 at 9.30am;
 - (d) Any written submissions to be filed before the hearing date.
- 4. When the matter was taken up for hearing on 14th October 2013, at 9.30am it was found directions were not complied. Ms Rakai M. counsel for the Respondent stated that since there is no defence for the Respondent as such the Respondent did not adhered to the Directions by this Court. The counsel further stated the Defendant requested 6 months time from the Petitioner to relocate itself and vacate the Property (Certificate of Title No. 13833 situated at Lot 3 DP No. 3587, Viti Levu, Suva Annexure marked 'VD B').

5.	The Petitioner's	s counsel agreed to	o grant 6 months	time from today to vaca	te the property.
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Accordingly, I enter the Judgment in favour of the Petitioner and make the following Orders, subject to the execution of the Orders to take place after 15th April 2014:

- (a) Ordered to sell the property described in the Certificate of Title No. 13833 situated at Lot 3 on DP No. 3587, Viti Levu, Suva in the manner determined by the Petitioner;
- (b) Ordered to appoint Receiver for the collection of rents, profits or income thereof;
- (c) Ordered to recover charges and the costs of the Petitioner out of the proceeds of the property or out of the rents, profits or income;
- (d) Direct the Chief Registrar to sign the transfer documents if the said property described in the Certificate of Title No. CT 13833 is sold.

Delivered at Suva this 14th Day of October, 2013.

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JUDGE