IN THE TRADE DISPUTES PANEL SOLOMON ISLANDS

Case No. L9/1/2008

BETWEEN:	S. I. National Union of Workers	(Applicant)
AND:	Rennell and Bellona Province	(Respondent)

FINDING

Upon hearing from Mr. Tony Kagovai for the applicant and having considered the result of the secret ballot, the Panel refuses to grant recognition as sought by the union.

In order to grant recognition, the union must have the majority support of the employees and this must be taken from the total work force of the employer and not from the union's paid up members.

Accordingly, recognition as sought by the union is refused.

On behalf of the Panel: