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APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY IN THE TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that Her Excellency the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Chief Secretary, in exercise of the power vested in her by section 141A of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and section 33(1)(c) of the Tobago House of Assembly Act, Chap. 25:03, has appointed COUNCILLOR TRACY DAVIDSON-CELESTINE as a Secretary in the Tobago House of Assembly, with effect from 13th March, 2020.

13th March, 2020.

C. JACKMAN-WALDRON Secretary to Her Excellency the President

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Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL

Practice Direction No 2

COVID-19 Emergency Directions

These Practice Directions are issued pursuant to Rules 1.3 and 1.5 of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal Rules 2016.

In order to safeguard the health of staff and members of the public during the novel coronavirus ('COVID-19') emergency in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and to ensure business continuity with minimal inconvenience to all stakeholders, the Equal Opportunity Tribunal ('the Tribunal') will implement the following measures from Monday March 16, 2020 to such other date as may be notified by the Tribunal ('this period'): -

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL PRACTICE DIRECTION No. 2—COVID-19 EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS—CONTINUED

COURT HEARINGS DURING THIS PERIOD

- 1. Sittings of the Tribunal are suspended save and except matters deemed by the Tribunal to be fit for hearing in this period.
- 2. In appropriate cases, applications may be dealt with, without a hearing and email notifications of orders may be issued.
- 3. All Hearings and Trials dates fixed for during this period are vacated. Attorneys for the Parties shall be advised in the usual way of the date and time of the new hearings.

DEEMING MATTERS FIT FOR HEARING IN THIS PERIOD

- 4. The Tribunal may on its own motion, deem a matter fit for hearing in this period.
- 5. Any party or intended party in a matter may apply to have the matter or any application pertaining thereto deemed fit for hearing in this period.
- 6. A Notice of Application (Form No. 4) must be made and must be accompanied by an affidavit setting out the facts and reasons which make the application fit for hearing in this period. The Application may be sent to the Registry by via email to eot.courtstaff@gov.tt.
- 7. Where hearings are impractical, hearings may be telephonic or by video conference and or attendance at any in-court hearing may be limited to Attorneys, parties and necessary witnesses.

DEADLINES AND TRIAL DATES

8. With respect to filing dates and or deadlines which will become due and or have been the subject of previous orders issued by the Tribunal and which will expire during this period, deadline will be extended to May 8, 2020 or such other date as may be notified by the Tribunal.

RESERVED JUDGMENTS

9. The Tribunal shall deliver its reserved judgments by e-mail as and when the same are ready for delivery. Attorneys for the Parties shall be advised in the usual way of the date and time of delivery.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL PRACTICE DIRECTION No. 2—COVID-19 EMERGENCY DIRECTIONS—CONTINUED

OPENING OF REGISTRY

10. The Registry will be closed during this period until otherwise notified.

OTHER MATTERS

- 11. In the interest of public health and safety and in order to maintain the appropriate social distancing, attendance at the Tribunal building may be limited to attorneys, parties and necessary witnesses. Attorneys are encouraged to utilise, and the Tribunal will as far as practicable use, telephonic, emails, video technology and digital methods for communication.
- 12. The Tribunal may establish screening standards as well as health and safety protocols for entry into the court building. Persons may be denied entry into the building if they display flu like symptoms related to Covid-19, or otherwise fail to meet the screening standards required for entry.
- 13. Anyone with legitimate business who is ill, caring for someone who is ill or is in a high risk category as stated by the Ministry of Health is advised to communicate with the Registry via telephone at 868 485 8547 or email to eot.courtstaff@gov.tt.
- 14. Any person entering the court or administrative office of the Tribunal is required to wear a face mask.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Donna Prowell-Raphael, Chairman/Judge, Equal Opportunity Tribunal.