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IN THE HIGH COURT FOR ZAMBIA AT THE PRINCIPAL REGISTRY (Civil Jurisdiction)

BETWEEN:

CHOONGO HAMANYATI

PLAINTIFF

AND

FIRST DEFENDANT MUBANGA KASAKULA FIRST DEFENDANT DIANA MOYO THIRD DEFENDANT JOHN CHISHIMBA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION IN ZAMBIA FOUTH DEFENDANT UNION REGISTERED TRUSTEES FIFTH DEFENDANT GERALD CHAPENDEKA TEMBO SATELLITE FARMERS COOPERATIVE SIXTH DEFENDANT

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice D.Y. Sichinga, SC in Chambers at Lusaka on the 25th day of July, 2014

For the Plaintiff

Mr. M. Lungu of Messrs Lungu Simwanza & Co.

For the Defendants : Mr. I. C. Ng'onga of Messrs I. C. Ng'onga and Co.

RULING ON REVIEW

This is the Plaintiff's application for review of the Ruling of this Court made on 30th April, 2014. The application is made pursuant to Order 39 of the High Court Rules, Chapter 27 of the Laws of Zambia.

The application is supported by an affidavit filed on the 13th May 2014.

The gist of the affidavit in support is that this court's ruling is contradictory on account that the defendants have no proprietory interest in the subject property and yet the Court ordered that the matter proceed to trial.

There is no affidavit in opposition on the court's record.

I have, in any event seriously considered the averments in the affidavit in support together with the Ruling sought to be reviewed.

At page R19 of the Ruling, I had considered the interpretation of Section 34 of the Lands and Registry Act Chapter 185 of the Laws of Zambia. In my consideration, I was of the view that this particular provision was merely stating that the person who alleges the fraud must be one who is deprived of the land. At the Plaintiff's own submissions, it was advanced that at best, the 4th Defendant could argue to have an equitable interest in the land, however, the same was not registered. The stated provision cited does not state what interest one alleging fraud should have.

The Defendants in their Defence have specifically pleaded fraud in acquisition of Title which they must prove at trial on a balance probabilities. I am thus inclined to confirm my order that the matter proceeds to trial to prove the said allegations of fraud.

In my view, the issues in this matter, notwithstanding the findings made in my Ruling, are highly contentious. It would thus be in the interest of Justice that they proceed to trial in order that findings of facts are made by the trial court.

Leave to appeal to the Supreme Court is granted.

Costs in the cause.

This matter will now revert to the Judge with conduct.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2014.

D.Y. SICHINGA, SC