CUSA ZAMBIA LIMITED v. ZAMBIA SEED COMPANY LIMITED

SUPREME COURT LEWANIKA, J.S. 8TH AUGUST, 2000 AND 1ST NOVEMBER, 2000 APPEAL NO. 47/2000

Flynote

Civil Law - judgement under order XIII - question of setting aside the said order.

Headnote

The respondent sought to recover the sum of K1,053,209,738.00 being the price of maize seed sold by the respondent to the appellant, interest and costs. The respondent obtained Judgment under Order XIII for the sum claimed plus interest thereon. An interim order was made by the

Deputy Registrar to pay the sum in three instalments due on 15th August, 15th September and

15th October respectively as proposed by the appellants themselves. The Appellants failed to pay on the due dates. The respondents issued a fifa. The appellants staged execution pending the determining of the application for special leave to review the judgment. This application was refused. The appellants obtained another stay pending an application to set aside judgment which was also refused. The appellants appeal to a judge in Chambers was dismissed.

Held :

The appellant did not dispute its indebtedness to the respondent and even attempted to settle by monthly instalments without success. The appellants slept on its rights and there must be an end to litigation. Appeal dismissed.

For the Appellant M. Mutemwa, Mutemwa & Co. For the Respondent N. K. Mubonda of D.H. Kemp & Co.

Judgment