**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT**
**AUCKLAND**

[2013] NZEmpC 23
ARC 56/12

IN THE MATTER OF          an application for leave to extend time for
                                        filing amended statement of claim
                                        extending challenge

BETWEEN                        DETECTION SERVICES LIMITED
                                        Applicant

AND                              CHRISTOPHER LORRAINE
                                        PICKERING
                                        Respondent

ARC 6/13

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application for stay of execution

BETWEEN                        DETECTION SERVICES LIMITED
                                        Applicant

AND                              CHRISTOPHER LORRAINE
                                        PICKERING
                                        Respondent

Hearing:      1 March 2013
                 (Heard at Auckland)

Counsel:     Simon Dench, counsel for applicant
                 Stephen Langton and Ronelle Tomkinson, counsel for respondent

Judgment:   1 March 2013

**ORAL INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT OF JUDGE CHRISTINA INGLIS**

[1]     The respondent has filed an affidavit in these proceedings which contains sensitive information relating to banking and financial matters of the respondent, his family and associated entities.  He applies for an order that specified paragraphs of his affidavit not be published pursuant to cl 12 of Schedule 3 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 (the Act).

[2]     The applicant consents to the orders sought being made.

[3]     I am satisfied that the balance of justice on this application falls in favour of a non-publication order, and that the grant of such an order would not otherwise prejudice the principle of open justice.

[4]     Accordingly the following orders are made by consent:

a)      The banking and financial information contained in paragraphs 5, 7 and 15 and Exhibit B in the affidavit of Christopher Lorraine Pickering sworn on 28 February 2013 (the affidavit) be prohibited from publication pursuant to cl 12 of Schedule 3 of the Act.

b)      The Court's file in relation to the affidavit be sealed and if any member of the public wishes to inspect the affidavit they must first apply to the Court, on notice to the parties in the proceeding.

c)      The information contained in the affidavit is only to be used for the purpose of conducting the proceedings before the Court, being case numbers ARC 56/12 and ARC 6/13, and no other purpose.

Christina Inglis
Judge

Oral judgment delivered at 2.36pm on 1 March 2013