

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
AUCKLAND**

**I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA  
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

**[2022] NZEmpC 210  
EMPC 397/2022**

IN THE MATTER OF	an ex parte application for freezing and ancillary orders
AND IN THE MATTER OF	an application to extend freezing and ancillary orders
BETWEEN	SONJA POTGIETER Applicant
AND	BLISS BEAUTY NZ LIMITED First Respondent
AND	RONALD AJIT NARAYAN Second Respondent
AND	VERONICA DEVI Third Respondent

Hearing: 25 November 2022  
(Heard at Wellington via Virtual Meeting Room)

Appearances: G P Martin, counsel and L Smith, advocate for applicant  
R Chaudhry, counsel for respondents

Judgment: 25 November 2022

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**INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTINA INGLIS  
(Application to extend freezing and ancillary orders)**

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[1] On 15 November 2022 I granted an ex parte application for freezing and ancillary orders pursuant to s 190(3) of the Employment Relations Act 2000.<sup>1</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> *Potgieter v Bliss Beauty NZ Ltd* [2022] NZEmpC 203.

orders were to lapse at 5.00 pm today, 25 November 2022, unless they were continued or extended.

[2] A hearing was convened this morning and I heard from counsel for both parties. It became apparent during the course of discussions that the parties wish to explore the possibility of resolving matters. To that end counsel confirmed that they will engage in discussions and advise the Court as to whether further steps are required. In the circumstances, an extension to the current orders was sought, to 5.00 pm 30 November 2022. The extension is made by consent.

[3] The following orders are accordingly made:

- (a) The freezing and ancillary orders are extended in their present form until **5.00 pm 30 November 2022**. After that time they will lapse unless further extended or varied.
- (b) If, following discussions between counsel, the matter is not resolved, a further hearing date is to be allocated promptly for the respondent to advance any application to discharge or vary the freezing and ancillary orders.

[4] Costs are reserved.

Christina Inglis  
Chief Judge

Judgment signed at 1.15 pm on 25 November 2022