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SETRAPCO Ltd v. BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION [Rwanda URUKIKO RW'IKIRENGA – RCOMA 0153/12/CS (Kayitesi R., P.J., Rugabirwa na Mukandamage, J.) 04 Mata 2014] Amategeko agenga imiburanishirize y'imanza z'ubucuruzi – Kutagira ububasha k'uregwa – Inzitizi yo kutagira ububasha k'uregwa ni indemyagihugu, aho urubanza rwaba rugeze hose irakirwa kandi igasuzumwa – Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegets, Ingingo ya 142. Amategeko agenga imiburanishirize y'imanza z'ubucuruzi – Kurega ikigo, sosiyete, n'imiryango bitari ibya Leta bifite ubuzima gatozi – Ikirego nticyakirwa iyo harezwe sosiyete, ikigo cyangwa umuryango bihagarariwe n'utabifitiye ububasha – Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegets, ingingo ya 31, agace ka 5°. Incamake y'ikibazo: SETRAPCO Ltd yagiranye amasezerano na BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yo kubaka inzu yo gucumbikiramo abanyeshuri. Iyo nzu yagombaga kubakwa mu gihe cy'iminsi 180 ku giciro kingana na 129.670.559 Frw. Kubera kutumvikana,

SETRAPCO Ltd yaregeye Urukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi isaba kwishyurwa 29.908.359 Frw yari asigaye ku mirimo yakozwe hakiyongeraho indishyi zinyuranye kuko yarangije kubaka. Mu iburanisha Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation yatanze inzitizi yo kutakira ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd ivuga ko amasezerano ishingiraho isaba indishyi yasheshwe n'urubanza RCOM 0210/11/HCC rwaciwe 29/11/2011. Urukiko rwemeje ko ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd kitakiriwe kuko itasaba indishyi ishingiyeye ku masezerano yasheshwe n'urubanza rwavuzwe. SETRAPCO Ltd yajuririye Urukiko rw'Ikirenga ariko iburanisha ritangiye Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation itanga inzitizi yo kutakira ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd kuko yayireze ihagarariwe na Rwamuranga Steven na Penny Enseley, nyamara badafite ububasha bwo kuyihagararira mu nkiko, ko ahubwo bufitwe na Barbara A. Stiefel. SETRAPCO Ltd yo ivuga ko iyo nzitizi nta shingiro ifite kubera ko Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation itayitanye mu myanzuro yayo yo kwiregura no mu gihe cy'inama ntegura rubanza. Incamake y'icyemezo: 1. Impamvu ituma ikirego kitakirwa ishobora kubyutswa n'umuburanyi cyangwa n'Urukiko rubyibwirije iyo ari indemyagihugu.

2. Ikirego nticyakirwa iyo ibigo, sosiyete, n'imiryango bitari ibya Leta bifite ubuzimagatozi birezwe bihagarariwe n'utabifitiye ububasha. Ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd ntikigomba kwakirwa kuko yareze Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation ihagarariwe na Penny Ensley na Stephen Rwamurangwa kandi nta bubasha bafite bwo kuyihagararira mu Nkiko. Inzitizi yo kutagira ububasha k'uregwa ifite ishingiro. Ubujurire ntibwakiriwe. Amagarama aherereye ku wajuriye.

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Amategeko yashingiweho: Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegets, ingingo ya 31 agace ka 5 n'ya 142. Nta manza zifashishijwe. Inyandiko z'abahanga zifashishijwe: S. Guinchard, Droit et Pratique de la Procédure Civile, 5 ème Edition, Dalloz, Paris, 2006-2007,

- p. 22. Urubanza I. IMITERERE Y'URUBANZA [1] Kuwa 19/08/2010, BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION ihagarariwe na Barbara A. Stiefel na SETRAPCO Ltd bagiranye amasezerano y'ubwubatsi bw'inzu yo gucumbikiramo abanyeshuri ba « Kayonza Modern Secondary School » iri mu Karere ka Kayonza, mu Ntara y'Iburasirazuba, bumvikana ko iyo mirimo izakorwa mu gihe cy'iminsi 180 ku giciro kingana na 129.670.559 Frw. [2] Nyuma yaho, SETRAPCO Ltd yareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu Rukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi kuri n° RCOM 0291/11/HCC, isaba ko yayishyura 29.908.359 Frw asigaye yiyongereyeho indishyi zinyuranye kuko yarangije kubaka inyubako yavuzwe haruguru. [3] Igihe cy'iburanisha ry'urubanza mu Rukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi, uburanira BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yatanze inzitizi yo kutakira ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd kubera ko amasezerano yo kuwa 19/08/2010 ishingiraho isaba indishyi yasheshwe n'urubanza RCOM 0210/11/HCC rwaciwe n'urwo Rukiko kuwa 29/11/2011, Urukiko rwemeza ko ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd kitakiriwe kuko itakongera gusaba indishyi zishingiyeye ku masezerano yasheshwe n'urubanza RCOM 0210/11/HCC yajuririye mu Rukiko rw'Ikirenga. [4] SETRAPCO Ltd yajuririye urwo rubanza mu Rukiko rw'Ikirenga kuri n° RCOMA 0153/12/CS, ruhuzwa

n'urubanza RCOMA 0010/12/CS kuko zifitanye isano. [5] Kuwa 31/01/2014, Urukiko rw'Ikirenga rwaciye urubanza RCOMA 0010/12/CS - RCOMA 0153/12/CS, rutegeka ko imikirize y'urubanza RCOM 0210/11/HCC rwaciye n'Urukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi kuwa 29/11/2011 ivanyweho kubera ko Barbara A. Stiefel yaregeye iseswa ry'amasezerano yavuzwe haruguru ku giti cye, nyamara yaragombaga kuyaregera ahagarariye Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation, rutegeka kandi ko iburanisha ry'urubanza RCOMA 0153/12/CS hagati ya BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION na SETRAPCO Ltd rizakomeza kuwa 18/03/2014.

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- [6] Kuri uwo munsu, urubanza rwaburanishijwe mu ruhamwe SETRAPCO Ltd ihagarariwe na Ritararenga Didas, Umuyobozi Mukuru wayo, yunganiwe na Me Ngirumpetse JMV, naho BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION ihagarariwe na Me Niyondora Nsengiyumva. [7] Iburanisha ry'urubanza ritangiye, uburanira BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yatanze inzitizi zigamije kutakira ubujurire bwa SETRAPCO Ltd kubera ko yareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION ihagarariwe na Rwamurangwa Steven na Penny Enseley, nyamara badafite ububasha bwo kuyihagararira mu nkiko, ko ahubwo bufitwe na Barbara A. Stiefel, ko kandi SETRAPCO Ltd yahise iyirega mu Rukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi, nyamara ingingo ya 13 y'amasezerano bagiranye iteganya ko mu gihe batumvikanye mu ishyirwa mu bikorwa ryayo, impande zombi zizabanza kwiambaza abahuza, bananirwa kubumvikanisha akaba aribwo utishimye ashobora kuregera Urukiko rubifitiye ububasha. [8] Ku birebana n'urubanza mu mizi, SETRAPCO Ltd isaba ko BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yayishyura 29.908.359 Frw asigaye akiyongeraho indishyi n'inyungu zinyuranye kuko yarangije kubaka ishuri ryavuzwe haruguru, byaba ngombwa, akishyurwa n'Akarere ka Kayanza kuko ariko karikoresha. BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yo ikavuga ko itakwishyura SETRAPCO Ltd izo ndishyi kuko itubahirije amasezerano bagiranye, ko ahubwo ariyo ikwiye kuyiha indishyi yasabiye mu bujurire bwayo bwuririye ku bundi nk'uko zisobanuye mu mwanzuro yatanze. II. IKIBAZO KIRI MU RUBANZA N'ISESENGURA RYACYO: Inzitizi yo kutakira ubujurire bwa SETRAPCO Ltd kuko yareze abo itagombaga kurega (défaut de qualité des défendeurs). [9] Uburanira BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION avuga ko ubujurire bwa SETRAPCO Ltd butakwakirwa kuko yareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu izina rya Rwamurangwa Steven na Penny Ensley nk'uko bigaragazwa n'imyanzuro yatanze mu rwego rwa mbere, nyamara badafite ububasha bwo kuyihagararira mu Rukiko, ko ahubwo yagombaga kurega BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION ihagarariwe na Barbara A. Stiefel kuko ariwe ufite ububasha bwo kuyihagararira nk'uko byemejwe n'Urukiko rw'Ikirenga mu rubanza n° RCOMA 0010/12/CS - RCOMA 0153/12/CS rwaciye kuwa 31/01/2014, ko rero ubujurire bwayo butujuje ibisabwa n'ingingo ya 2 y'Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegetsi, kugira ngo bwakirwe. [10] Avuga kandi ko kuba SETRAPCO Ltd yarareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu izina ry'abatayihagarariye mu buryo bwemewe n'amategeko, byatumye ihamagazwa mu buryo bunyuranyije n'ingingo ya 31, agace ka 5° y'Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryavuzwe

haruguru, iteganya ko imiryango itegamiye kuri Leta ifite ubuzima gatozi ihamagazwa mu izina ry'abayihagarariye. [11] Asobanura ko BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION yari yatanze iyo nzitizi mu Rukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi, ariko ko rutayisuzumye kubera ko rutakiriye ikirego cya SETRAPCO Ltd kubera ko rwasanze itaragombaga kongera kururegera amasezerano yasheshwe

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n'urubanza RCOM 0210/11/HCC, ko rero uru Rukiko rwasuzuma iyi nzitizi, rukemeza ko ifite ishingiro. [12] Uburanira SETRAPCO Ltd avuga ko iyo nzitizi nta shingiro ifite kubera ko BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION itayitanze mu myanzuro yayo yo kwiregura yo kuwa 15/03/2013 no mu nama ntegururubanza yo kuwa 28/03/2013. [13] Avuga kandi ko SETRAPCO Ltd yareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu buryo bwemewe n'amategako kubera ko Rwamurangwa Steven na Penny Ensley basinye ku masezerano y'ubwubatsi yo kuwa 19/08/2010, ko kandi Barbara A. Stiefel yabahaye ububasha bwo guhagararira BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION hashingiwe ku ibaruwa ye yo kuwa 19/08/2010. UKO URUKIKO RUBIBONA Ku birebana n'iyakirwa ry'inzitizi [14] Ingingo ya 142 y'Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegetsi, iteganya ko "Impamvu ituma ikirego kitakirwa ishobora kubyutswa n'umuburanyi cyangwa n'urukiko rubyibwirije. Impamvu zituma ikirego kitakirwa zigaragazwa n'urukiko rubyibwirije iyo ari indemyagihugu, nko kurenza igihe cyo kujurira cyangwa kutagira ububasha, ubushobozi cyangwa inyungu byo kurega". [15] N'ubwo iyi nzitizi y'iburabubasha bw'uregwa itasuzumwe mu rwego rwa mbere, Urukiko rurasanga ari ndemyagihugu ikaba igomba gusuzumwa aho urubanza rwaba rugeze hose, bityo ikaba igomba kwakirwa igasuzumwa. Ku birebana n'ishingiro ry'inzitizi. [16] Ingingo ya 31, agace ka 5° y'Itegeko n° 21/2012 ryo kuwa 14/06/2012 ryerekeye imiburanishirize y'imanza z'imbonezamubano, iz'ubucuruzi, iz'umurimo n'iz'ubutegetsi, iteganya ko "abahagarariye ibigo, sosiyete, n'imiryango bitari ibya Leta bifite ubuzima gatozi bitumirwa mu izina ry'abayihagarariye". [17] Abahanga mu mategeko barimo Serge Guinchard bavuga ko kugira ngo "ikirego cyakirwe ari uko urega n'uregwa bagomba kuba bafite ububasha (qualité), ko mu gihe batabufite, ikirego kitakirwa"¹. [18] Inyandiko itanga ikirego yo kuwa 28/11/2011 mu Rukiko Rukuru rw'Ubucuruzi, igaragaza ko SETRAPCO Ltd "yareze Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation, mu izina ry'abayihagarariye mu buryo bwemewe n'amategako, aribo Penny Ensley na Stephen Rwamurangwa", isaba ko yayiha 29.908.359 Frw asigaye itayishyuye nyuma yo kurangiza imirimo y'ubwubatsi yavuzwe haruguru, ikayihanga n'indishyi zinyuranye. 1 "La qualité est une condition d'existence de l'action, exigée tant en demandant qu'en défense. Le défaut de qualité donne lieu à une fin de non-recevoir", par SERGE GUINCHARD, Droit et Pratique de la Procédure Civile, 5 ème Edition, Dalloz, Paris, 2006-2007, p. 22.

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[19] Urukiko rurasanga ibimenyetso biri muri dosiye birimo amasezerano y'ubwubatsi yo kuwa 19/08/2010, yabaye hagati ya BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION na SETRAPCO Ltd, ibaruwa yo kuwa 16/08/2011, Barbara A. Stiefel yandikiye SETRAPCO Ltd ayisaba ko yakwakira 4.385.495 Frw ahwanye n'imirimo yakoze iteganyije muri ayo masezerano, ibaruwa yo kuwa 26/07/2011, Barbara A. Stiefel yandikiye Ritararenga Didas, Umuyobozi wa SETRAPCO Ltd, amumenyesha ko hari imirimo bari barasezeranye yakozwe, ariko ko hari n'itarakozwe, ko azareba uko yakwishyura iyakozwe, hamwe n'ibaruwa yo kuwa 23/08/2011, Barbara A. Stiefel yandikiye SETRAPCO Ltd iyimenyesha ko kuba yaranze kwakira 4.385.495 Frw yateganyaga kuzayishyura bizatuma bakorana inama kugira ngo bakemure icyo kibazo mu bwumvikane, ko nikananirana, aribwo SETRAPCO Ltd ishobora kuzaregera Urukiko nk'uko biteganyijwe mu masezerano bagiranye, bigaragaza ko Barbara A. Stiefel ariwe uhagarariye BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu Rwanda kuko yagiye asinya nk'uyihagarariye mu bikorwa byayo. [20] Urukiko rurasanga ibyo SETRAPCO Ltd ivuga ko Penny Ensley na Stephen Rwamurangwa bahawe ububasha na Barbara A. Stiefel bwo guhagararira BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION mu Nkiko nta shingiro bifite, kuko inyandiko yo kuwa 19/08/2010 igaragaza ko Barbara A. Stiefel yabahaye inshingano zo kwemeza ko imirimo yakozwe n'inyemezabuguzi (factures) zijyanye nayo mbere y'uko ayishyura. [21] Hashingiwe ku mategeko n'ibisobanuro bimaze gutangwa, Urukiko rurasanga ubujurire bwa SETRAPCO Ltd butagomba kwakirwa kuko yareze BARBARA A. STIEFEL FOUNDATION ihagarariwe na Penny Ensley na Stephen Rwamurangwa, kandi nta bubasha bafite bwo kuyihagararira mu Nkiko. III. ICYEMEZO CY'URUKIKO [22] Rwemeje kwakira inzitizi y'iburabubasha bw'abaregwa yatanze na Barbara A. Stiefel Foundation; [23] Rwemeje ko iyo nzitizi ifite ishingiro; [24] Rwemeje ko ubujurire bwatanze na SETRAPCO Ltd ku rubanza RCOM 0291/11/HCC butakiriwe; [25] Rutegetse SETRAPCO Ltd gutanga amagarama y'uru rubanza angana na 35.250 Frw, itayatanga mu gihe cy'iminsi umunani, ayo mafaranga agakurwa mu byayo ku ngufu za Leta.

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