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SINOVAGEGE (As Representative of His Tribe) -v-

EAGON FOREST RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT CO. (SI)
LTD First Defendant

VEOORO Second Defendant

JIO Third Defendant

BAKE Fourth Defendant

MADARA Fifth Defendant

GASIRIGOLOMO
Sixth Defendant

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Seventh Defendant

High Court of Solomon Islands

(Palmer J.)

Civil Case No. 217 of 1992

Hearing: 17 September 1992 at Gizo

Ruling: 19 October 1992 at Honiara

P. Lavery for the Plaintiff

A. H. Nori for the Defendants

P. Afeau for the Attorney General

PALMER J: This application can also be shortly disposed.

The key issues also touch on the conduct of the Choiseul Area Council, and inter alia, allegations of fraud on the part of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Defendants. These are serious issues.

The claim stems from a dispute between the Plaintiff and the Defendants as to the true Chief of the Megarau Tribe. The Defendants claim to be the Chiefs, whilst, the Plaintiff claims that he is the true Chief and not the Defendants.

It is clear that the dispute could be settled if the matter is taken to the Local Court and the court's processes allowed to run its course. This is however, a matter for the parties themselves to pursue and sort out.

I am satisfied that the injunction shall continue until trial.

Costs to be in the cause.

(A. R. Palmer)
JUDGE