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## **EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS**

Claimant Respondent

Mrs Lucicleide Guerreiro v Legal Comfort Associates Ltd

## REFUSAL OF RECONSIDERATION APPLICATION

- 1. At a hearing on 12 February 2018, I gave judgment in this matter. I gave oral reasons at the same time.
- 2. By an email dated 27 March 2018 (sent to the tribunal at 11.58pm), the Respondent applied for reconsideration of the judgment pursuant to r.71 of Sch. 1 to the Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Procedure) Regulations 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations"), on the bases set out in that email ("the Application").
- 3. The written reasons ("**the Reasons**") were not sent to the parties until 13 March 2018. Hence the Application was made (just) within the 14-day period for which r.71 provides.
- 4. I refuse the Application. There is no reasonable prospect of the original decision being varied or revoked. In particular:
  - a. The Respondent challenges numerous findings of fact which I made having heard the evidence of both parties. I preferred the evidence of the Claimant, as explained in the Reasons.
  - b. The Respondent makes submissions (e.g. §11 of the Application) which are contradicted by key paper evidence which was before me, and which I found supportive of the Claimant's case- see e.g. §7 & 8 and 13 of the Reasons.
  - c. The Respondent appears to refer to fresh evidence -e.g. §1 ("interview notes"), §5 ("other interviewers"), §6 ("meeting notes") & §17 ("call logs, text messages and office notes") of the Application- which was not put before me. The Respondent does not explain why this is so.
  - d. The Respondent asserts I did not make "reference at all" to the question of 'mutuality of obligation' (and to the Respondent's case that the Claimant somehow became self-employed from 17 August 2017 and thus no longer

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entitled to the salary in her contract). This is incorrect. I addressed and rejected the Respondent's case on point. See §20 & 21 of the Reasons.

- e. Mr Jalib did not dissent when I suggested to him at the hearing that the exceptions set out in Section 13 of the 1996 Act appeared not to apply. I did not then, and do not now, consider Section 13(2)(b) of the 1996 Act assists the Respondent.
- 5. I note three typographical errors in the Reasons. At §12, "posed" should read "imposed", and at §17, "fence" should read "reference", and at §22, "he" should read "she".

| Employment Judge P Michell |
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| Dated: 19 April 2018       |
| Sent to the parties on:    |
| For the Tribunal:          |
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