## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE, IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, LAW COURT COMPLEX, LAND DIVISION ONE (1) SITTING IN ACCRA ON TUESDAY, THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024, BEFORE HER LADYSHIP JUSTICE ABENA A. OPPONG

SUIT NO: LD/0607/2016

THE REPUBLIC

V.

MR. ANNOR DOMPREH

RESPONDENT

**APPLICANT** 

ASFAT CO. LTD

Near Emefa Jewellery

Haatso – Accra

**TIME 9:21 AM** 

**PARTIES:** APPLICANT IS REPRESENTED BY PHILIP NORTEY

RESPONDENT PRESENT

**COUNSEL:** SAEED HAFFIS HOLDING THE BRIEF OF JONATHAN T.

SABLAH FOR APPLICANT- PRESENT

NANA KWAKU OWARE WITH FREDERICK DEBRAH OBENG

FOR THE RESPONDENT - PRESENT

Mr. Oware: The applicant and respondent have reached an agreement and

the applicant has consented to the respondent being in possession of the property. What remains outstanding is

sentencing.

Mr. Haffis: That is so. The parties have reached an agreement for

respondent to be in possession of the property.

By court: Having convicted the respondent on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2024

on his own plea of guilt, the court would hear any plea of mitigation there is in favour of the respondent before sentence

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is passed.

Mr. Oware:

The respondent is the Member of Parliament for Nsawam Adoagyiri and the Majority Chief Whip. He has no prior history of breaching the law. The incident that happened was unfortunate. The respondent regrets calling the police to intervene. On hindsight, he ought not to have done that. We pray the court considers the status of the respondent and cautions and discharges him. We pray the court tampers justice with mercy.

Mr. Haffis:

We can attest that the respondent demonstrated good faith. We pray for the court to tamper justice with mercy.

By court:

In passing sentence, I take into consideration the status of the respondent as mentioned by his own lawyer. The respondent is not an ordinary citizen of the land who is not expected to know the law. Being a Member of Paliament and a Chief Whip for that matter, the respondent is expected to lead by example. The conduct of the respondent is indeed reprehensible and ought not to be rewarded by just a caution. Indeed, it is a conduct deserving of custodial sentence but the court would spare him a custodial sentence in the light of the settlement, he has reached with the applicant and the good faith he has shown, after his reprehensible conduct. The court sentences the respondent to a fine of Six Hundred (600) penalty units. In default of the fine, the respondent is to serve a custodial sentence of 30 days.

(SGD)
ABENA A. OPPONG
(JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT)

