Case number 1804464/2020 & Others



EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

Claimant: Mr S Coupe & Others (See Attached Schedule)

Respondents: R1 AL Realisations Limited (in Administration) R2 Laura Ashley Limited (In Administration) R3 The Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

CONSENT JUDGMENT

The terms of the Judgment by Consent are as follows:

- 1. The claimants in the attached Schedule to this Judgment (the "**Claimants**") were all employed by the First and Second Respondents. The First Respondent (Laura Ashley Limited (in Administration)), changed its name to the Second Respondent (AL Realisations Limited (in Administration)) on 22 April 2020, by way of special resolution. Both names relate to the same entity.
- Robert Nicholas Lewis and Zelf Hussain were appointed as joint administrators of the First and Second Respondents on 23 March 2020 and Rachael Maria Wilkinson was appointed as a joint administrator of those Respondents on 17 April 2020. On 3 July 2020, Anthony John Wright and Paul Allen of FRP Advisory were appointed as additional administrators of the First and Second.
- 3. Between 31 March and 22 May 2020, the Claimants were dismissed by the First and Second Respondents by reason of redundancy on the dates set out in the attached Schedule.
- 4. The Claimants have raised a complaint pursuant to section 189 of The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 ("**the Act**") and are seeking a protective award in respect of failure to consult in accordance with s.188 and s.188A of the Act.
- 5. The parties accept that the Claimants listed in the Schedule to this Judgment were all assigned to an establishment where 20 or more redundancies were

proposed by their employer within a period of 90 days. The First and Second Respondents did not fully inform and consult with these Claimants in accordance with the provisions of s.188 and s.188A of the Act.

- 6. The Tribunal makes a protective award in favour of the Claimants listed in the Schedule to this Judgment for a protected period of 35 days, capped at the amount payable by the Redundancy Payments Service ("RPS") in accordance with the RPS's own regulations and limits and subject to any deductions required by law.
- 7. The parties agree that for the purposes of this Consent Judgment, the protected period in relation to each of the Claimants begins on their respective termination date as set out in the Schedule and lasts for 35 days.
- 8. There is no order requiring any party to pay or reimburse another party's costs or fees. Each party shall bear their own costs and fees.
- 9. For the avoidance of doubt, this Consent Judgment applies to the Claimants listed in the attached Schedule only and it is agreed that the claims listed in the Schedule are extinguished in their entirety by this Consent Judgment.
- 10. The Recoupment Regulations apply to this Judgment. For the avoidance of doubt, any recoupment notice does not apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

NOTES

Useful information

- 1. All judgments and any written reasons for the judgments are published, in full, online at *https://www.gov.uk/employment-tribunal-decisions* shortly after a copy has been sent to the claimants and respondents.
- 2. You can appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal if you think a legal mistake was made in an Employment Tribunal decision. There is more information here: *https://www.gov.uk/appeal-employment-appeal-tribunal*

Employment Judge Deeley

13 July 2021

<u>Schedule</u> - Claimants who are entitled to a protective award for a 35 day period and are included within the scope of the Consent Judgment

	Claim Numbers	Name	Name	Termination Date
1.	1804464/2020	Shaun	Coupe	31 March 2020
2.	1804467/2020	Anthony	Giorgetti	31 March 2020
3.	1804466/2020	Gillian	McGrane	31 March 2020
4.	1804469/2020	Mark	Dooley	31 March 2020
5.	1804473/2020	Natalie	Richardson	31 March 2020
6.	1804468/2020	Jill	Sharpe	31 March 2020
7.	1804463/2020	Peri	Chambers	31 March 2020
8.	1804478/2020	Karen	Debenham	31 March 2020

Claimants with Termination Date of 31 March 2020

Claimants with Termination Date of 22 May 2020

	Claim Numbers	Name	Name	Termination Date
1.	1804497/2020	Catherine	Walton-Cox	22 May 2020
2.	1804500/2020	Elizabeth	Sarah-Webb	22 May 2020
3.	1804573/2020	Dawn	Silber	22 May 2020