### EMPLOYMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

APPEAL(S) OF:

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against Employer

under

## **REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS ACTS, 1967 TO 2003**

I certify that the Tribunal (Division of Tribunal)

Chairman: Mr J. Fahy BL

Members: Mr. J. Redmond

Dr. A. Clune

heard this appeal at Galway on 25th January 2008

### **Representation:**

Appellant(s): Terry Delaney, CWU, 575 North Circular Road, Dublin 1

Respondent(s): Company Representative

The decision of the Tribunal was as follows:-

This case was heard in conjunction with K29873 – Employee –v- Employer Appellant's Cases:

#### **Employee**

The appellant stated that she commenced employment with the respondent on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2001. A meeting was held in December 2005 and the staff were informed that a different company (hereafter known as C) were taking over the business on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2005. Staff were given the option of claiming redundancy from the respondent company or be taken on by C.

When asked the appellant said that there had been no break in her service and that she was still working for C. She stated that she tried to claim redundancy from the respondent company but was informed that there was no redundancy. When asked, she stated that there had been claims under the European Communities (Safeguarding of Employees Rights on Transfer of Undertakings) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003 before the Rights Commissioner in relation the claimants named in this case. The Rights Commissioner found that there had been a transfer of undertakings of the appellants between the

respondent company and C.

# **Employee**

The appellant stated she had commenced employment with the respondent on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2002 until December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005. She corroborated XXXX evidence of the choice given to her to take redundancy or join C. She elected to work for C.

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# **Determination:**

Having heard the evidence adduced the Tribunal determines that the appellants are not qualified to redundancy payments as set out in the Redundancy Payments Acts, 1967 to 2003 as a it was clear that a transfer of undertakings took place and all named appellants in this case individually elected to take up employment with the new company. According all appeals fail.

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