EMPLOYMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

COMPLAINT(S) OF: EMPLOYEE		CASE NO. I20/2011
EMPLOYEE	- first named complainant	17/2011
EMPLOYEE	- second named complainant	I8/2011
EMPLOYEE	- third named complainant	I9/2011
EMPLOYEE	- fourth named complainant	I10/2011
EMPLOYEE	- fifth named complainant	I11/2011
EMPLOYEE	- sixth named complainant	I12/2011
EMPLOYEE	- seventh named complainant	I13/2011
EMPLOYEE	- eighth named complainant	I14/2011
EMPLOYEE	- ninth named complainant	I15/2011
EMPLOYEE	- tenth named complainant	I16/2011
EMPLOYEE	- eleventh named complainant	I17/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twelfth named complainant	I17/2011 I18/2011
EMPLOYEE	- thirteenth named complainant	I19/2011
	- fourteenth named complainant	
EMPLOYEE	- fifteenth named complainant	I21/2011
EMPLOYEE	- sixteenth named complainant	I22/2011
EMPLOYEE	- seventeenth named complainant	I23/2011
EMPLOYEE	- eighteenth named complainant	I24/2011
EMPLOYEE	- nineteenth named complainant	I25/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twentieth named complainant	I26/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty first named complainant	I27/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty second named complainant	I28/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty third named complainant	I29/2011

EMPLOYEE		I30/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty fourth named complainant	I31/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty fifth named complainant	I32/2011
EMPLOYEE	twenty sixth named complainanttwenty seventh named complainant	I33/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty eighth named complainant	I34/2011
EMPLOYEE	- twenty ninth named complainant	I35/2011
EMPLOYEE	- thirtieth named complainant	I36/2011

against the decision of The Minister for Enterprise & Employment in the case of:

EMPLOYER

- respondent

under

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES (EMPLOYERS' INSOLVENCY) ACTS, 1984 TO 2004

I certify that the Tribunal (Division of Tribunal)

Chairman: Mr. P. O'Leary B L

Mr M. Murphy Members:

Mr J. Maher

heard this complaint at Monaghan on 10th June 2011

Representation:

Complainant : In Person

Respondent(s):XXXXXX

The declaration of the Tribunal was as follows:-

Determination:

The thirty named complainants were employed by the respondent company from various commencement dates until their termination on April 7th 2009. The respondent company did not go into liquidation until November 19th 2010, this being 19 months after the complainants had been terminated.

Section 6 (9) of the above named Act states:

"normally weekly remuneration" has the meaning assigned to it by Schedule 3 to the Act of 1967 for the purposes of that Schedule save any reference in that Schedule to the date on which an employee was declared redundant may, where appropriate, be construed as including a reference to the relevant date:

the "relevant date" means -

- (a) in relation to a debt which is an amount, damages, fine or compensation referred to in subparagraph (iii), (v), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), or (xi) of subsection (2) (a) of this section, the date on which the relevant recommendation, decision, determination, award or order is made, whichever is the later,
- (b) in relation to any other debt to which this section applies
 - (i) in case the relevant applicant's employment is terminated as a result of the relevant employer's insolvency, the date on which such employer became insolvent, or the date of such termination, whichever such applicant shall as regards the debt nominate, or
 - (ii) in any other case, the date on which such employer became insolvent;

"the relevant period" means in relation to a debt to which this section applies, the period of eighteen months immediately preceding the relevant date.

The Minister decided that their claims were refused on the basis that they were outside the relevant period. The Tribunal is bound by the Act and therefore has no jurisdiction to hear the complainants under the Protection of Employees (Employers' Insolvency) Acts, 1984 to 2004.

Sealed with the Seal of the		
Employment Appeals Tribunal		
This		
(Sgd.)		
(CHAIRMAN)		