EMPLOYMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

CLAIM(S) OF: CASE NO. EMPLOYEE - claimant UD2335/2010

against

EMPLOYER - respondent

under

UNFAIR DISMISSALS ACTS, 1977 TO 2007

I certify that the Tribunal (Division of Tribunal)

Chairman: Ms C. Egan B.L. Members: Mr. W. O'Carroll

Ms H. Henry

heard this claim at Galway on 28th May 2012

Representation:

Claimant(s): Mr. Alistair Purdy, Purdy Fitzgerald, Solicitors, Kiltartan House, Forster

Street, Galway

Respondent(s): Mr. Tim O'Connell, IBEC, Confederation House, 84/86 Lower

Baggot Street, Dublin 2

Preliminary Issue

The respondent's representative submitted that the Tribunal did not have jurisdiction to hear the case as the claimant had accepted a considerable ex-gratia payment and signed a detailed waiver document in full and final settlement of all claims arising out of his employment with the respondent company. In sworn evidence the claimant stated that he had received legal advice prior to signing the document. Therefore, as the Tribunal is satisfied that the claimant had the benefit of legal advice prior to signing the document the Tribunal finds that it does not have jurisdiction to hear the case.

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(CHAIRMAN)