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CCJ JUDGMENT - FEIZAL MOHAMED AMIN, trading under the name, style and firm of AMIN LUMBER ENTERPRISE v GUYANA OIL COMPANY LIMITED

CCJ, Port of Spain. Today a judgment was delivered in the Appellate Jurisdiction of the CCJ in the matter of Feizal Mohamed Amin, trading under the name, style and firm of Amin Lumber Enterprise v Guyana Oil Company Limited at the CCJ Headquarters in Port of Spain.

This case involved a claim for the sum of \$101,280,423.00 owed by a gas station owner, Mr Amin, to its supplier of petroleum products, Guyana Oil Company Limited. In support of its claim the company presented to the trial judge a letter signed by Mr Amin in which he admitted a debt to the company of \$97,609,000.00. The trial judge held that the letter was not properly admitted into evidence and gave judgment for Mr Amin on the basis that no debt had been established by the company. The Court of Appeal, however, having regard to the letter, set aside the trial judge's decision and gave judgment for the company in the full sum claimed. Mr Amin appealed the judgment of the Court of Appeal.

The Court concluded that the trial judge was wrong not to consider the letter but the Court disagreed with the Court of Appeal that there should be judgment in the full sum of \$101,280,423.00 as distinct from \$97,609,000.00, the amount admitted. The Court therefore allowed the appeal in part and gave judgment for the company in the sum of \$97,609,000.00. The Court ordered costs against Mr Amin.

The Court was presided over by Mr Justice Byron, President, along with Justices Nelson, Saunders, Wit, Hayton and Anderson. Mr Rajendra Poonai and Mr K A Juman-Yassin appeared for the Appellant. Mr Hari Ramkarran SC and Mr Kamal Ramkarran appeared for the Respondent.

The final judgment of the Court and an Executive Summary is available on the CCJ's website at www.caribbeancourtofjustice.org.

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