

ORDER PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF THIS JUDGMENT

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND**

**I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

**[2025] NZEmpC 27
EMPC 51/2025**

IN THE MATTER OF	a without notice application for a freezing order and ancillary orders
BETWEEN	TRADEZONE INDUSTRIAL GROUP LTD Applicant
AND	MICHAEL STANTON Respondent

Hearing: On the papers

Appearances: S Langton and B Colgan, counsel for applicant
M Stanton, respondent in person

Judgment: 21 February 2025

**JUDGMENT (NO 2) OF JUDGE M S KING
(Extension of freezing and ancillary orders)**

[1] On 7 February 2025, I made freezing and ancillary orders in this matter on an ex parte basis.¹ I directed that the orders that I made on that occasion would expire after 5 pm on 24 February 2025. A review was scheduled for this morning.²

[2] By the time of the review hearing, documents had been filed by the parties which raised issues that could not be resolved at the hearing.

¹ *TradeZone Industrial Group Ltd v Stanton* [2025] NZEmpC 15.

² At [57].

[3] By consent, however, it is agreed that the freezing and interim non-publication orders made by the Court should continue until after the Court has held its next hearing to review the orders. The Court will call the matters in Auckland for review at 9.30 am on 26 February 2025. The orders made by the Court in the 7 February 2025 judgment will continue until 9.30 am on 27 February 2025.

[4] For the purposes of the review hearing, I make the following directions:

- (a) Any application by the applicant to extend the freezing order and/or to vary its terms, including any affidavit evidence, is to be filed and served by 5 pm on Monday 24 February 2025.
- (b) Any notice of opposition is to be filed and served by 5 pm on Tuesday 25 February 2025.
- (c) Any application by the respondent for an order prohibiting publication of his name or information that would tend to identify him, and supporting affidavit evidence, must be filed and served by 5 pm on Monday 24 February 2025.
- (d) Any notice of opposition is to be filed and served by 5 pm on Tuesday 25 February 2025.

[5] Leave is reserved for the parties to apply to the Court for any further orders or directions on reasonable notice.

[6] This judgment and the order which I now make are to be served immediately on the relevant bank and superannuation schemes.

[7] Costs are reserved.

M S King
Judge

Judgment signed at 3.40 pm on 21 February 2025