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Service Foods Limited v Liu [2025] NZEmpC 200 (9 September 2025)

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IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND

I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU

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IN THE MATTER OF an application for freezing and ancillary orders

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application to discharge freezing and ancillary orders

BETWEEN SERVICE FOODS LIMITED

Applicant

AND GONGQIAN LIU

Respondent

Hearing: On the papers

Appearances: K Crossland, counsel for applicant

E K Anderson, counsel for respondent

Judgment: 9 September 2025

JUDGMENT (NO 9) OF JUDGE M S KING

(Application to discharge freezing and ancillary orders)

[1] On 6 November 2023, freezing and ancillary orders were made without notice. The orders had been reviewed and extended by the Court on seven occasions.

[2] On 15 August 2025 the Court issued a judgment varying the freezing orders, by releasing all assets subject to the freezing orders, except for one property identified in the orders sealed by the Court.

[3] On 5 September 2025, the parties filed a joint memorandum recording that they had reached a settlement agreement. In accordance with their agreement the property

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is now unconditionally sold and the parties seek for the freezing orders to be discharged in full. The sale of the property is pending and requires the freezing order to be discharged.

[4] By consent, the freezing order and ancillary orders made in [1] above are discharged.

Non-publication

[5] On 6 November 2023 an interim non-publication order was made. On 5 December 2023 a further order was made prohibiting the Court file from being inspected by a non-party without leave of the Court. While the parties indicated that they were seeking permanent non-publication orders, counsel have now confirmed that they are not proceeding with this application.

[6] The interim non-publication order and order prohibiting the Court file from being searched is now set aside.

[7] Costs are reserved.

Judgment signed at 10 am on 9 September 2025

M S King Judge

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