TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Industrial Relations Act 1984

T Nos 5574 and 5576 of 1995

IN THE MATTER OF applications by the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union to vary the Shipbuilders Award

re restructuring of award and second minimum rates adjustment

PRESIDENT

HOBART, 1 February 1996 continued from 14/12/95

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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PRESIDENT: We'll take fresh appearances.

MR P. BAKER: Sir, I appear on behalf of the applicant organisation, P. BAKER.

PRESIDENT: Yes. Thanks, Mr Baker.

MR T. BENSON: I appear on behalf of the CFMEU, the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Tasmanian Branch, Mr President.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Thanks, Mr Benson.

MS J. THOMAS: JENNY THOMAS for the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Limited.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Thank you, Ms Thomas.

Well, when we were last together talking about this matter, it was agreed that we would defer the hearing, or adjourn the hearing to allow negotiations and discussions to take place, both between members of the various organisations. Can you tell me how things have developed. Mr Baker?

MR BAKER: Yes, sir. I might actually defer to Ms Thomas actually, but just to bring you up to date, sir. Her and I have had some discussions in relation to the documentation which she provided to the commission in December of 1995 and there's been some additional information, which as a result of that, has been transposed between the parties.

I understand the CFMEU does in fact have some difficulty with that. That was brought about by the fact that they were unable to be present at the meeting which we had and I would suggest that possibly the best thing to do at this stage would be to adjourn into a conference under your chairmanship, just to go through those matters and just to see where in fact we are at this morning.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thanks, Mr Baker. Ms Thomas?

MS THOMAS: I fully support Mr Baker's submissions, Mr President. I think we should adjourn into conference under your guidance, initially, to see where we go from here.

PRESIDENT: All right. Any objection to that, Mr Benson?

MR BENSON: No objection, Mr President.

30 PRESIDENT: All right. We'll adjourn into conference. Thank you.

INTO CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT: Following our discussions, it seems that there will need to be a substantial amount of discussion between the parties to get us to a stage where we can advance the matter in formal proceedings, which we've set down for 26 February at 10, 00 a.m. We'll adjourn until then.

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