## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU APPELLATE DIVISION

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ORAKIBLAI CLAN, BLIUB CLAN, : SOWEI CLAN, NGERBUUCH CLAN, : OCHEDARUCHEI CLAN, NGEUDEL : CLAN, OKEDERAOL CLAN, BOSAOL: CLAN, SECHEDUI CLAN, : NGERUOSECH CLAN, IBELKUNGEL : CLAN, and UES PEDRO, DEC., : through her Representative, : UCHERBELAU ABEL K. SUZUKI, :

CIVIL APPEAL No. 11-003 Civil Case No. 09-251

> ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR REHEARING

Appellants,

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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN,

Appellees.

Decided: Kh day of How, 2012

Counsel for Appellants: Brien Sers Nicholas, Yukiwo P. Dengokl

Counsel for Appellees: William L. Ridpath, Mariano W. Carlos

BEFORE: ALEXANDRA F. FOSTER, Associate Justice; KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Part-Time Associate Justice; and HONORA E. REMENGESAU RUDIMCH, Associate Justice Pro Tem.

Appeal from the Trial Division, the Honorable ARTHUR NGIRAKLSONG, Chief Justice, presiding.

## PER CURIAM:

This matter comes before the Court on Appellants' Petition for Rehearing under ROP R. App. P. 40(a). It is well-established that "petitions for rehearing should be granted exceedingly sparingly, and only in those cases where this Court's original decision obviously and demonstrably contains an error of fact or law that draws into question the result of the appeal." *Melaitau v. Lakobong*, 9 ROP 192, 192 (2002) (quoting *Superluck Enters., Inc. v. ROP*, 7 ROP Intrm. 7, 7 (1998)).

Petitioners argue that because the Court incorporated the January 5, 2011 Opinion and Order issued by Chief Ngiraklsong, the Court "incorporated and compounded the same errors of fact and law made by the Trial Court." (App. Br. 3.). The Appellate Panel adopted the Trial Division's decision because in the decision, the trial court accurately and appropriately responded to the issues raised on appeal.

As to the current petition, Petitioners have not demonstrated that the Court overlooked or misapprehended a point of law or fact so as to call into question the result of the appeal.

Accordingly, the Appellants' Petition for Rehearing is DENIED.

Entered this  $15^{\frac{h}{2}}$  day of  $12^{\frac{h}{2}}$ 

ALEXANDRA F. FOSTER

Associate Justice

KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
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Associate Justice Pro Tem

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