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SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU
APPELLATE DIVISION 2017 DEC 15 PM 1:20

JOHN SUGIYAMA, representing Teruko Kingya, deceased,

Appellant,

v.

GEORGE KEBEKOL, representing Rose Kebekol Lineage and Rose Kebekol, deceased

Appellee.

SUPREME COURT
CIVIL APPEAL NO. ~~17-006~~
(LC/B 17-00026) REPUBLIC OF PALAU

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Decided: December 18th, 2017

Counsel for Appellant: Pro Se
Counsel for Appellee: Pro Se

BEFORE: JOHN K. RECHUCHER, Associate Justice
R. BARRIE MICHELSEN, Associate Justice

Appeal from the Land Court, the Honorable Salvador Ingereklii, Associate Judge, presiding.

PER CURIAM:

On August 7, 2017, Appellant filed Civil Appeal No. 17-006, challenging the Land Court's Determination of Ownership No. 12-1169, in which the Land Court awarded ownership of Lot 182-100 (located in Ngerksoaol Hamlet, Koror State) to Rose Kebekol, deceased. Appellant did not request either an audio recording or a transcript, making Appellant's Opening Brief due on September 21, 2017 (forty-five (45) days after the filing of the notice of appeal, as provided for by ROP R.App.P. 31(b)). According to ROP R.App.P. 31(c), if an appellant fails to file a brief within the time provided by Rule 31, the Appellate Division may dismiss the appeal *sua sponte*.

Exercising such authority, the Appellate Division hereby dismisses Civil Appeal No. 17-006 for Appellant's failure to comply with Rule 31.

SO ORDERED, this 8th day of December, 2017.



JOHN K. RECHUCHER
Associate Justice



R. BARRIE MICHELSEN
Associate Justice