

REUTERS LIMITED
Opposer,

-versus-

IPV No. 10-2011-00012
For Copyright Infringement
And Damages

QUANTA PAPERS CORPORATION
Respondent

Decision No. 2012-01

DECISION
BASED ON COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

REUTERS LIMITED (“Complainant”) filed on 19 July 2011, a complaint against QUANTA PAPERS CORPORATION (“Respondent”) for alleged copyright infringement. The Complainant assails the Respondent’s alleged unauthorized use of Reuter’s content.

The Respondent filed its Answer on 31 August 2011 refuting the material allegations of the Complainant.

In Compliance to Office Order No, 154, s. 2010 of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings”) and Office Order No. 197, s. 2010 (Mechanics for IPO Mediation of Settlement Period”), this Bureau issued on 15 September 2011 Order No. 2011-281 referring the case to mediation.

On 16 December 2011, this Bureau received a “MEDIATOR’S REPORT” indicating the successful mediation of the instant case. Attached to the report is the parties’ “SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT” submitted to this Bureau for approval. The Agreement states, among other things.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the mutual covenants and representations, herein contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Quanta agrees to pay Reuters the amount of Forty Thousand Pesos (Php 40,000.00). In consideration of the foregoing. Reuters agree to the dismissal with the prejudices of the IPO case,
2. After signing of this Agreement, Reuters and Quanta shall jointly move to dismiss and prejudice the IPO case and Reuters shall release, remise and waive and forever discharge Quanta its stakeholders, officers, directors, agents and/ or its employees from any and all actions, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or otherwise, or from any claim of any kind or character in relation to the IPO Case and the subject matter thereof.
3. Reuters and Quanta hereby undertake to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement and the terms hereof. The parties shall not disclose to any third party the terms of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, except where required by law.
4. The parties shall faithfully comply with all the stipulations set forth in this Agreement.”

This Bureau finds that the Agreement has been duly entered into by the parties with the terms and conditions thereof not contrary to law, morals, good customs, public order or public policy,

In this regard, an approved Compromise Agreement shall have the effect of a decision or judgment on the case and shall be enforced in accordance with the pertinent rules of Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the Rules of Court. (Sec. 5, Office Order No. 154, s. 2010)

WHEREFORE, premises considered the parties' SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT is HEREBY APPROVED. Accordingly, with the approved SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT having the force and effect of a decision or judgment, the parties are enjoined to faithfully comply with the terms set forth therein.

SO ORDERED.

Taguig City, 02 January 2012