

**GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF ABIA STATE**  
**HOLDEN AT UMUAHIA**  
**BEFORE HIS WORSHIP MARY UKEJE EMENIKE (MRS) CHIEF MAG. GD. 1**  
**THIS FRIDAY THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.**

**CLAIM NO: U/SCC/69/2024**

**BETWEEN**

**CHIEF GODSPOWER NGOZI IHEDIKO**                      -                      **CLAIMANT**  
*(By Attorney Idika Okechi Esq)*

**AND**

**CHIBUIKE UKPABIA**    -                      **DEFENDANT**

Parties are present except the Claimant.

**APPEARANCES:** Idika Okechi Esq for the Plaintiff. The Defendant is not represented.

**Idika Esq:** I apply that the Court should grant me leave to amend by adding Idika Okechi Esq as Attorney.

**COURT:** Application granted as prayed.

Plea was taken and the Defendant admitted owing the Claimant the sum of **₦276,000.00 (Two Hundred and Seventy Six Thousand Naira)**. The Claimant was claiming the total sum of **₦1,278,100 (One Million Two Hundred and Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Naira Only)** from the Defendant. The breakdown of the amount is as follows:  
(a) Arrears of rent from 2023 to 2024 which is ₦276,000 (b) Court fees of ₦2,100.00 (c) Cost of ₦1,000,000.00.

Defendant admitted owing the arrears of rent and liable to the Court fees of ₦2,100.00. Thereafter the Claimant's Counsel applied that Judgment be entered for the Claimant in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> arm of the Claim and also applied to withdraw the 3<sup>rd</sup> arm of the Claim.

Having listened to the Defendant's plea of liability to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> arm of the Claim and the application of the learned Claimant's Counsel, I am convinced that the Defendant understood the claim and intended to plead liable. Accordingly, Judgment is and hereby entered for the Claimant in the following terms:

- (a) The Defendant shall pay to the Claimant the sum of **₦276,000.00 (Two Hundred and Seventy Six Thousand Naira)** forthwith.
- (b) The Court fee of **₦2,100.00** is hereby awarded against the Defendant.

This is the Judgment of the Court.



**Signed**  
**His Worship Mary Ukeje Emenike (Mrs)**  
**Chief Mag. Gd. I.**  
**28/02/2025**

**AGBANYIM C.C. (MRS)**  
**Asst. Chief Registrar I**