

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**  
**HOLDEN AT APO**

CLERK: CHARITY  
COURT NO. 15

SUIT NO: FCT/HC/CV/2071/2019

DATE: 23/11/2020

BETWEEN:

JAWI NIGERIA LIMITED ..... CLAIMANT

AND

ISA ELIYA & COMPANY NIG. LTD ..... DEFENDANT

**RULING**

**(DELIVERED BY HON. JUSTICE S.B. BELGORE)**

I have considered this application for adjournment at the instance of the Defendant's Counsel. He too agrees they were not in Court on 3/2/20 when the matter was transferred to the general cause list. And did not care to find out the status of the case since then. To compound the problem, when they were served with a statement of claim since February, they did not take any step to file any further process.

Considering the above latest facts, it is clear that the Defendant have approached this case so far with some carelessness. This would no doubt occasion some delay since we cannot shut them out from being heard.

It is for the above reason that I award a cost of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only. This is especially so that the Defendant are desirous of

settlement out of Court, which may or may not come out successful.

It is for the above reason that I adjourned this case to 24/2/21 for hearing.

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**S. B. Belgore**  
**(Judge) 23-11-20**