



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated 01 February 2021 which reads as follows:

“G.R. No. 253386 (*Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc. and/or Marin Shipmanagement Limited v. Aramis M. Orsolino*). — This is a Petition for Review on *Certiorari*¹ under Rule 45 assailing the Court of Appeals’ (CA) Decision² dated January 28, 2020 and Resolution dated August 27, 2020 in CA-G.R. SP No. 155542 which affirmed the Panel of Voluntary Arbitrators’ (PVA) award of total and permanent disability benefits to a seafarer.

Considering the allegations, issues, and arguments adduced in the petition for review on *certiorari*, the Court finds no cogent reason to deviate from the CA and the PVA’s findings that respondent Aramis M. Orsolino’s (respondent) illness is work-related and compensable. However, the interest rate on the monetary awards must be reduced from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%) *per annum* consistent with prevailing jurisprudence.³

FOR THESE REASONS, the petition is **DENIED**. The Court of Appeals’ Decision dated January 28, 2020 and Resolution dated August 27, 2020 in CA-G.R. SP No. 155542 are **AFFIRMED with MODIFICATION** in that the interest rate on the awards of disability benefits and attorney’s fees is **REDUCED** from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%) *per annum*.

SO ORDERED.”

¹ *Rollo*, pp. 3-49.

² *Id.* at 56-72; penned by Associate Justice Ronaldo Roberto B. Martin, with the concurrence of Associate Justices Danton Q. Bueser and Walter S. Ong.

³ *Nacar v. Gallery Frames*, 716 Phil. 267, 280-281 (2013).

jm

By authority of the Court:

TERESITA AQUINO TUAZON
Division Clerk of Court

By:


MA. CONSOLACION GAMINDE-CRUZADA
Deputy Division Clerk of Court
11 MAY 2021

DEL ROSARIO & DEL ROSARIO (reg)
Counsel for Petitioners
14th Floor, DelRosarioLaw Centre
21st Drive corner 20th Drive
Bonifacio Global City
1630 Taguig City

ATTY. ROMULO P. VALMORES (reg)
Counsel for Respondent
Unit 14-A, 5th Floor, Royal Bay Terrace Building
U.N. Avenue corner A. Mabini Street
Ermita, 1000 Manila

NATIONAL CONCILIATION & MEDIATION
BOARD (reg)
Office of Voluntary Arbitrators
Ground Floor, DOLE Building
1002 Intramuros, Manila
(AC-542-RCMB-NCR-209-07-06-2017)

COURT OF APPEALS (x)
Ma. Orosa Street
Ermita, 1000 Manila
CA-G.R. SP No. 155542

JUDGMENT DIVISION (x)
Supreme Court, Manila

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (x)
LIBRARY SERVICES (x)
[For uploading pursuant to A.M. No. 12-7-SC]

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ATTORNEY (x)
OFFICE OF THE REPORTER (x)
PHILIPPINE JUDICIAL ACADEMY (x)
Supreme Court, Manila

Please notify the Court of any change in your address.
GR253386. 02/01/21 (163)URES