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HIGH COURT JUDGE REJECTS STANSFIELD'S APPEAL

The High Court has upheld the court's earlier decision to reject Stansfield's application for summary judgment and for Stansfield to pay costs to CASE. In doing so, the High Court has affirmed that Stansfield's attempt to avoid a public trial is without merit.

On 13 February 2008, Stansfield filed an application in the High Court for summary judgment to be entered against CASE. The application was accompanied by a lengthy media release boldly claiming that the application had been filed as the law was on the side of Stansfield. On 28 March 2008, an Assistant Registrar of the High Court dismissed Stansfield's application seeking summary judgment against CASE. Stansfield was also ordered to pay CASE costs exceeding \$5,000.00.

Stansfield appealed against this decision to a High Court Judge. Earlier this morning, Justice Belinda Ang accepted the arguments presented by CASE's legal team of Senior Counsel Cavinder Bull and Mr Chia Voon Jiet and ruled that Stansfield's appeal should be dismissed. The ruling of the High Court effectively demonstrates that Stansfield's application for summary judgment lacked merit.

By seeking summary judgment, Stansfield was effectively trying to avoid a trial in open court where all the facts would be examined in public and witnesses would be cross-examined. Today's ruling by the High Court puts paid to Stansfield's deliberate attempts to avoid a public trial. On its part, CASE is confident that its conduct will stand up to scrutiny in a public forum and welcomes the opportunity to present its case at trial. We are confident that the judicial process will result in a fair and just adjudication of the matter.

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