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Title: Claim in the proceedings brought by the Attorney General and Housing Development Corporation against Jearlean John and others

On April 17th, 2018 Madam Justice Donaldson Honeywell set aside her previous Orders which extended the time for the service of the Claim in the proceedings brought by the Attorney General and Housing Development Corporation against Jearlean John and others. Those orders had been sought and originally granted at a time the Attorney General and Housing Development Corporation were continuing their investigation into the allegations of wrongdoing. The claims in the proceedings allege, among other things, bribery and a conspiracy by those who used to control the Housing Development Corporation and others in connection with the Housing Development Corporation's acquisition, with public funds, of property known as Eden Gardens at a cost substantially greater than its market value.

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The consequence of this procedural decision is that the proceedings which had already begun will now have to be recommenced and re-served. The strength of the substantive claim is unaffected: the Attorney General and the Housing Development Corporation remain confident of success. By obtaining the judge's order the defendants have succeeded only in delaying the final outcome of the litigation.

The Attorney General and the Housing Development Corporation will reissue the proceedings shortly. In view of the delay caused by the defendants seeking this procedural decision the Attorney General and the Housing Development Corporation will press for the speediest procedure and will seek the earliest final hearing that is available. Both remain confident of the strength of the case, which will be publicly demonstrated at the trial of the proceedings.

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