

**ARBITRAL AWARD**

(BAT 2119/24)

by the

**BASKETBALL ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL (BAT)**

**Mr. Clifford J. Hendel**

in the arbitration proceedings between

**Ms. Elizabeth Balogun**

- Claimant -

represented by Mr. Orlando J Castano, Jr., attorney at law

vs.

**Ms. Amparo Villadongas Sandoval**

- Respondent 1 -

**Polideportivo Bembibre**

C/ Arroyo Quiñones 24-24.300 Bembibre, León, Spain

- Respondent 2 -

## **AWARD**

Upon providing all parties with an opportunity to be heard, having examined his jurisdiction and considered the factual and legal arguments as well as the requests for relief submitted in this case, the Arbitrator decides as follows:

- 1. Ms. Amparo Villadongas Sandoval does not have standing to be sued in the present proceedings.**
- 2. Polideportivo Bembibre shall pay Ms. Elizabeth Balogun USD 10,500.00, as residual value of the Agreement.**
- 3. The costs of this arbitration until the present Award, which were determined by the President of the BAT to be in the amount of EUR 3,825.00, shall be borne by Polideportivo Bembibre alone. Accordingly, Polideportivo Bembibre shall pay an amount of EUR 3,825.00 to Ms. Elizabeth Balogun. The balance of the Advance on Costs in the amount of EUR 1,175.00 shall be reimbursed to Ms. Elizabeth Balogun by the BAT.**
- 4. Polideportivo Bembibre shall pay EUR 3,000.00 to Ms. Elizabeth Balogun as a contribution to her legal fees and expenses (including the non-reimbursable handling fee).**
- 5. Any arbitration costs associated with a Request for Reasons (see attached Notice) shall be advanced and borne by the requesting party.**
- 6. Any other or further-reaching requests for relief are dismissed.**

Geneva, seat of the arbitration, 3 July 2024

Clifford J. Hendel  
(Arbitrator)

### **Notice about Request for Reasons**

in accordance with Articles 16.2 and 16.3 of the BAT Rules (version of 1 February 2024):

*“16.2 By agreeing to submit their dispute to arbitration under these Rules, the parties agree that, subject to Article 16.3, the Arbitrator shall issue an award without reasons if the sum in dispute does not exceed EUR 50,000.*

*16.3 In cases falling under Article 16.2, the Arbitrator shall issue an award with reasons (which shall substitute in full for any previously-issued award without reasons) only if*

- a) a party (i) files a request to that effect at any stage from when the Request for Arbitration is filed until no later than ten (10) days after the notification of the award without reasons, and (ii) pays, within the time limit set by the BAT Secretariat, an amount of EUR 3,000 into the bank account indicated in Article 17.1, failing which the request shall be deemed withdrawn; or*
- b) the BAT President determines in his sole discretion, before the award is issued, that it shall be rendered with reasons, taking into account the issues raised by the case as well as the public interest in a sufficient body of publicized awards with reasons.”*

Please note that the time limit for payment of the amount of EUR 3,000.00, in accordance with Article 16.3(a) of the BAT Rules, will be set by the BAT Secretariat upon receipt of the request for reasons, if any.