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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Justice Renate Winter, Pre-Hearing Judge

Acting Registrar:

Binta Mansaray

Date:

30 June 2009

PROSECUTOR

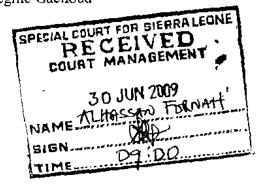
Against

ISSA HASSAN SESAY MORRIS KALLON AUGUSTINE GBAO (Case No. SCSL-04-15-A)

DECISION ON PROSECUTION REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PAGE LIMIT FOR RESPONSE TO SESAY RULE 115 MOTION

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John Cammegh Scott Martin 1, Hon. Justice Renate Winter, Pre-Hearing Judge in this case,

BEING SEISED of the "Public Prosecution Request for Extension of Page Limit for Response to Sesay Rule 115 Motion," filed on 26 June 2009 (the "Motion") in which the Prosecution requests leave to file an additional 10 pages in its response to a prospective motion to be filed by the Sesay Defence pursuant to Rule 115;

NOTING the "Decision on Urgent Request to File a Motion in Excess of Ten Pages," filed on 22 June 2009, which ordered that the Sesay Defence may file a motion pursuant to Rule 115 ("Sesay Rule 115 Motion") not to exceed twenty (20) pages instead of the normal page limit of 10 pages;

NOTING that the Sesay Defence has not filed a response;

NOTING that I am properly seised of the Motion because it is procedural in nature and pertains to a filing that will be made before me as the Pre-Hearing Judge;

CONSIDERING that Article 6(B) of the Practice Direction on Filing Documents before the Special Court for Sierra Leone, as amended 10 June 2005, provides that "motions [and] responses to such motions ... shall not exceed 10 pages or 3,000 words, whichever is greater";

RECALLING that, pursuant to Article 6(G) of the Practice Direction, an extension of the page limits prescribed in Article 6(B) of the Practice Direction may be granted if the moving Party demonstrates exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing;

CONSIDERING that the fact that the Prosecution will be responding to an oversized filing constitutes circumstances warranting leave to file additional pages;

HEREBY GRANT the Motion, and **ORDER** that the Prosecution may file a response to the Sesay Rule 115 Motion not to exceed twenty (20) pages.

Done this 30th day of June 2009 at Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Justice Renate Winter, Pre-Hearing Judge

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