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To

Minister of National Security

Temple court

31-33 Abercromby Street

Port of Spain

Dear Sir,

Re: Residency status of Martins Samuelof 34 Belle view Lane, Acono Road, Maracas , St.Joseph.

I act on behalf of the above named applicant. This application is made pursuant to section 5 (3) of the Immigration Act chapter 18:01.

1. Mr. Martins Samuel is Nigerian Citizen. He came to Trinidad and Tobago in November, 2008.
2. After coming here he met Lisa Yolande Thomas, who is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago. They fell in love and decided to marry.
3. They are married on 24th of January , 2009. However, his stay permit is not valid, he went out and came back in 22nd April, 2009. He has posted a security bond for himself. When he came in April , 2009 he was given a stay permit, for 3 months until 21st of July, 2009. The permit was given for the purpose of applying for Permanent Residency.
4. This permit is further extended to 9th of December, 2009.
5. On 23rd February, 2010 the permit is extended to 22nd of August, 2010, on basis of pending Permanent Residency. Again on 23rd of August, the permit is further extended to 17th of February, 2011.In November, 2009., Mr. Martins Samuel applied for Permanent residency status , through spousal support.
6. Mr. Martins Samuel was called for an interview in 2011 and his documents were checked.
7. He opened a business in 34 Belle vue, Acono, Maracas, St.Joseph. He was given an exemption under regulation 10 (14) of the Immigration regulations 1974 and he is permitted to work without a work permit for a period of one year, until September, 17,2012.
8. On 27th of November, 2012 his stay permit is extended further to 16th of September, 2013. He was able to establish himself with the business and was never charge on the state. In February, 2012 he had an second interview, and they spoke to both his spouse and him. The interview did establish that the marriage is Genuine marriage and not a marriage in convenience.
9. In 2013 they did not give a further exemption to work without a work permit since he already had two exemptions and he would have to get the residency. However his stay permit is extended to 24th of March, 2014.
10. In the year 2013 the spouse, Lisa Yolande Thomas, started demanding more and more things from Mr. Martins Samuel. It became difficult for him to meet her demands on a daily basis.
11. Started threatening him that he do not meet her demands she would divorce him. This came as a shock to Mr.Martins.
12. In 2013 when Mr. Martins went for the final interview, he to his surprise found out that Lisa Yolande Thomas wrote a letter to the immigration to take back her application.
13. Sir,
14. Mr. Martins Samuel, has been living in this country for more than 6 years, with valid stay permits. He had legimitimate expectation that he would get his residency. He has severed all connections with his country of origin. He is 44 years of age. He has established a place of business and has been running it suceesfully. He never was a charge on the state. He could establish himself further. He has been a victim of unnecessary demands from his spouse and she want to victimize him, because he did not fulfill her exorbitant demands.
15. In these circumstances, it would in human, and your merciful humanitarian self we ask you to grant him the residency under section 5 (3) of the immigration act, chapter 18:01

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Yours Sincerely

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