

In the name of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

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IN THE QATAR FINANCIAL CENTRE
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL COURT
FIRST INSTANCE CIRCUIT

Date: 29 June 2025

CASE NO: CTFIC0019/2025

GULF INSURANCE GROUP (GULF) B.S.C.(C)

Claimant

V

ALJABER ENGINEERING W.L.L.

Defendant

JUDGMENT

Before:

Justice Fritz Brand

Order

- 1. The Defendant is directed to pay to the Claimant forthwith the amount of QAR 4,634,423.
- 2. The Defendant is directed to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Claimant in these claims. The quantum of such costs to be determined by the Registrar if not agreed.

Judgment

1. This is an application for default judgment pursuant to article 22 of the Rules and Procedures of this Court (the 'Rules'). The Claimant, Gulf Insurance Group B.S.C, is a branch of an international insurance company and is registered and licenced in the Qatar Financial Centre (the 'QFC') to operate in the insurance sector. The Defendant, AlJaber Engineering WLL, is a corporate entity registered in the State of Qatar where it operates in the field of general construction. The Claimant's claim is for insurance premiums in an aggregate amount of QAR 4,634,423 arising from insurance policies issued by the Claimant in favour of the Defendant. Since the dispute arises from a contract between an entity established within the QFC and an entity established in the State of Qatar but outside the QFC, it falls within this Court's jurisdiction by virtue of article 9.1.1.4 of the Rules.

2. Whereas:

- i. the claim was duly served on the Defendant on 30 April 2025 in accordance with the provisions of article 18.3.2 of the Rules;
- ii. the Defendant failed to file and serve a Defence within the 28-day period during which it was allowed to do so under article 20.1 of the Rules;
- iii. the claim is for a specified amount of money as contemplated by article 22.2 of the Rules; and

iv. article 22.5 of the Rules states:

The default judgment shall include the names of the parties, the amount awarded (if applicable), and confirmation that it was issued due to the Defendant's failure to file a Defence. No further reasons shall be stated in the judgment.

I propose to grant the order sought by default without further reasons.

3. The Claimant's claim for QAR 800,000 as "compensation for material and moral damages" is, in my view, insufficiently substantiated. In the exercise of my discretion under article 22.3 of the Rules, it is therefore refused.

By the Court,



[signed]

Justice Fritz Brand

A signed copy of this Judgment has been filed with the Registry.

Representation

The Claimant was represented by the Al-Mahmoud Law Firm (Doha, Qatar).

The Defendant did not appear and was not represented.