SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Citation: Bonang v. Wolfridge Farm Ltd., 2014 NSSC 40

Date: 20140131

Docket: Hfx No. 352277

Registry: Halifax

Between:

Gerald P. Bonang and Dianne Bonang both of Brooklyn, in the County of Hants, Province of Nova Scotia

Plaintiff

v.

Wolfridge Farm Limited, a body corporate, of Yarmouth, in the County of Yarmouth, Province of Nova Scotia

Defendant

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Judge: The Honourable Justice M. Heather Robertson

Heard: October 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2013, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Subject: Foreclosure and Sale. Defendant failure to meet obligation of a vendor take-back

mortgage. Defence and counterclaim related to failure to remediate old

hydrocarbon impacts.

Summary: The vendor had given an indemnification agreement at closing with respect to the

hydrocarbon impacts associated with the former service station use of the commercially zoned property. The defence claimed an agreement was in place requiring the vendor to remediate "to his satisfaction" and demanded the vendor complete remediation to a residential standard at significantly greater cost. The defendant had failed to pay taxes on the property in the three years proceeding the

foreclosure action, filed a defence and counterclaim, and had ceased any payment

on the mortgage from July 5, 2011 forward.

Issue: Merits of foreclosure action, defence and counterclaim for failure to remediate.

Result: The defendant was in breach of the terms of the mortgage. The plaintiffs'

foreclosure application is allowed. The defendant's defence and counterclaim are

dismissed.

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