

63RD DAY OF THE "HIDDEN DEBT" SCANDAL JUDGMENT

Arktek worked on the design and supervision of more than five house construction projects belonging to Ângela Leão

After her hearing on 29 November 2021, the declarant Italma Pereira returned to the court yesterday for a new hearing. Through Arktek, the company of which she is a partner and manager, Italma Ariane Pereira provided architectural services and supervision of works to the defendant Ângela Leão. Therefore, her hearing on 29 November was interrupted when Ângela Leão became ill and was taken to hospital.



Italma Pereira, partner and manager of the company Arktek

Italma Pereira said that she met the defendant Mbanda Anabela Henning (Ângela Leão's sister) in 2012, through a friend. In 2013, Mbanda Henning, through Hight Imobiliária, her company, hired Arktek to design a project to build 14 houses at Costa do Sol neighbourhood, Maputo City, for Hight Imobiliária. For the work, Arktek, a company dedicated to consulting and management of architectural and engineering projects, charged USD 50,000.

In addition to the design of the project, Arktek was hired to supervise the respective works, but this work was not carried out to the end, due to a lack of understanding with the contractor, M Moçambique Construções, the company of the defendant Fabião Mabunda. "Several times, the contractor did not comply with Arktek's recommendations, in its capacity as supervisor of the work. For example, the company made the foundation in the absence of supervision. And the solution would be destroying it and doing it again following the supervision's recommendations. But this would imply additional costs to the owner of the work, so we withdrew".

The declarant said that at the end of 2013, when she was still working in the supervision of the works of the Mbanda Henning company, she met her sister, the defendant Ângela Leão. A year later, Ângela Leão began to present herself as the owner of the project. "At the time of designing the project, the owner was Mbanda Anabela Henning, but when the works began the project passed to Ângela Leão. I don't know what kind of business the two sisters did".

Also in 2013, Ângela Leão hired Arktek to design two construction projects: one for four (4) identical houses at Costa do Sol neighbourhood, and another for a disco, event hall and warehouse at Belo Horizonte neighbourhood, municipality of Boane. For the work, Arktek charged 120 thousand dollars. The disco project did not move forward, as the space documentation was still lacking.

Later, the four (4) villa project was resized to two identical villas and an eight (8) apartment building. The works were awarded to M Moçambique Construções, with Arktek being responsible for supervision. As with the project for 14 houses at Costa do Sol, Arktek withdrew from supervising the works at Belo Horizonte because the contractor M Moçambique Construções did not comply with its recommendations.

Italma Simões Pereira said that payments for the work were made by Ângela Leão, but also by M Moçambique Construções, under her guidance. "I never understood why the payments were made by M Moçambique Construções. Since M Moçambique was the contractor, it was not ethically correct for it to pay the supervision company".

Arktek also provided advisory services for Ângela Leão residential complex, located at Jonasse neighbourhood, in Matola Rio, district of Boane, province of Maputo. The work consisted of reviewing the architectural project and supervising the works that consisted of an 8-bedroom house, with three floors and terrace, disco, museum and gym. For the review of the project, Arktek charged 16,500 dollars, and for the supervision it charged

about 3,000 dollars a month for a year.

The declarant confirmed that when Arktek started supervising the construction work at the Jonasse residential complex, the contractor was M Moçambique Construções. Arktek was also contracted to supervise the works on two houses owned by the defendant Ângela Leão, located at Triunfo neighbourhood, in Maputo City, at a price of USD 2,000 per month.

Later, Arktek was hired by Ângela Leão to review a building located in the city of Quelimane. But the company found that the solution was to destroy the work and design a new project. Arktek charged USD 22,000. Ângela Leão also hired Arktek to design the housing project in an area of one hectare, in the district of Marracuene, province of Maputo. The architectural project cost 33 thousand dollars.

The declarant said that while working at Jonasse residential complex, there are times when Ângela Leão was accompanied by a man named Barros, identified as her husband. This is Gregório Leão, Ângela Leão's husband and former General Director of the State Intelligence and Security Service (SISE).


Alexandre Pereira is Italma Ariane's husband and partner and was the second declarant to be heard by the court. He said that he is responsible for the technical work at Arktek, the first client of which was Hight Imobiliária, a company owned by Mbanda Anabela Henning. Alexandre Pereira fully confirmed the statements made by his wife and partner Italma Ariane Pereira about the engineering and supervision project design work provided to the Ângela Leão.



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