IN THE SOUTH GAUTENG HIGH COURT (JOHANNESBURG)

CASE NO 03/21585

INVICTUS HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD (formerly MERIDIAN INVESTMENT HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD)

FIRST APPLICANT

MARINA WELIHOCKYJ SECOND APPLICANT

ANDRY WELIHOCKYJ THIRD APPLICANT

and

ADVTECH LIMITED FIRST RESPONDENT

ADVTECH RESOURCE HOLDINGS (PTY)

LTD SECOND RESPONDENT

ADVTECH RESOURCING THIRD RESPONDENT

SUMMARY

Leave to Appeal – against costs order in respect of Rule 35(7) application and dismissal with costs of application to compel further and better discovery in terms of Rule 35(7) – appealability of orders - section 20 Supreme Court Act – 'judgment or order' as opposed to 'rulings' – former only appealable – In casu interlocutory application in preparation of trial – Order not having effect of anticipating or precluding or prejudicing in whole or in part the relief claimed in pending action – neither definitive of the rights of the parties – therefore not a 'judgment or order' as contemplated in s 20 of Supreme Court Act.

Leave to appeal against only a costs order - general reluctance by Court to grant leave to appeal in respect of costs only – unless matter of principle involved and amount of costs not insubstantial – Section 20A Supreme Court Act – in casu any order on appeal would not have any practical effect on either the parties or others – no special circumstances or valid ground for interference by another Court shown – Application for leave to appeal refused with costs.