

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

Case No: STL-11-01/T/TC

Before: Judge David Re, Presiding
Judge Janet Nosworthy
Judge Micheline Braidy
Judge Walid Akoum, Alternate Judge
Judge Nicola Lettieri, Alternate Judge

Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis

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DECISION ON EXPERT WITNESS PRH348, MR GEYER

(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 16 July 2014, page 38, line 20 to page 39, line 23)

Having heard the evidence and the submissions, the Trial Chamber is satisfied for the purposes of Rule 161, that Mr. Gerhard Geyer can be qualified as an expert in that he has some form of specialized knowledge, skill, or training to assist the Trial Chamber to understand or determine an issue in dispute.

Here the issue in dispute is, or as Mr. Edwards has submitted could be in dispute, is the identification of vehicle parts found near the scene of the explosion in Beirut on the 14th of February, 2005, and whether they originated from a Mitsubishi Canter van or another vehicle.

Mr. Geyer is the technical manager of MMD Automobile in Germany, formerly known as Mitsubishi Motors Deutschland, and the Trial Chamber is satisfied that Mr. Geyer, by virtue of his technical qualifications and the 17 years of experience he developed between 1990 and 2007, and in particular the 15 years between 1990 and 2005, which is the relevant date, that he has developed through working with Mitsubishi Canter vans and servicing them

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and their parts, he has developed the ability to distinguish Mitsubishi Canter van components from those of other vehicles.

We are satisfied that he has the requisite expertise to qualify him as an expert under Rule 161 of the Special Tribunal' s Rules of Procedure and Evidence but for, I emphasize, these very limited purposes. It is confined to his ability to identify Mitsubishi Canter van parts from those of other motor vehicles.

Having said that, we emphasize that whether the Trial Chamber accepts Mr. Geyer's conclusions from his evidence and his report and statements is a different matter, as indeed is the weight that the Trial Chamber will give to his conclusions or opinions.

So the Trial Chamber will accept and qualify Mr. Geyer as an expert for these very limited purposes.

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