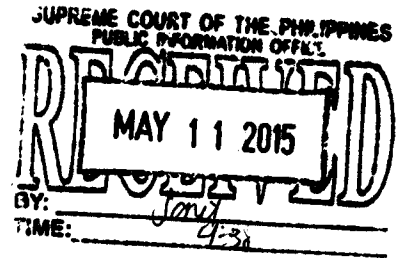




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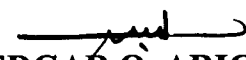
*Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated **March 25, 2015** which reads as follows:*

**“G.R. No. 216704 (Hipolito V. Tidong, Jr. v. Wilhemsen-Smith Bell Manning, Inc., Wilhemsen Shipmanagement, Inc., and Mr. Fausto R. Preysler).** - After a judicious review of the records, the Court resolves to **DENY** the petition and **AFFIRM** the September 17, 2014 Decision<sup>1</sup> and January 23, 2015 Resolution<sup>2</sup> of the Court of Appeals (CA) in CA-G.R. SP No. 134285 for failure of Hipolito V. Tidong, Jr. (petitioner) to sufficiently show that the CA committed any reversible error in holding that he was not entitled to disability benefits, damages, and attorney’s fees.

As correctly ruled by the CA, petitioner failed to prove the causal connection between his illness and the nature of his work as an able-bodied seaman, and that he underwent a post-employment medical examination before the company-designated physician within three (3) days from his repatriation, thus, resulting to the denial of his claims. It is well-settled that factual findings of the labor tribunals, when affirmed by the CA, are generally accorded not only respect, but even finality, and are binding on the Court,<sup>3</sup> as in this case.

**SO ORDERED.”**

Very truly yours,

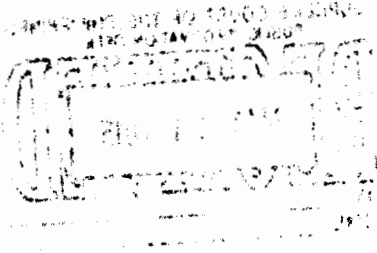
  
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<sup>1</sup> *Rollo*, pp. 342-354. Penned by Associate Justice Carmelita Salandanan-Manahan with Associate Justices Japar B. Dimaampao and Elihu A. Ybañez, concurring.  
<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 372-374.  
<sup>3</sup> *Nahas v. Olarte*, G.R. No. 169247, June 2, 2014.

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