

New Construction and Shipbuilding Case Update: Prevention Principle and Delay Notices

Construction and Shipbuilding Case Alert: prevention principle; delay and extension of time notices – *Jiangsu Guoxin Corp v Precious Shipping Public Co Ltd* [2020] EWHC 1030 (Comm)

A noteworthy [judgment](#) considering (1) the prevention principle, and (2) notice requirements for extensions of time under amended SAJ form shipbuilding contracts was handed down by Butcher J on 30 April 2020.

4 Pump Court's [Andrew Stevens](#) and [Gideon Shirazi](#) acted for the shipyard in these s.69 appeals, arising out of a series of substantial multivessel shipbuilding arbitrations, against Roderick Cordara KC and Adam Board appearing for the buyer.

Construction and shipbuilding practitioners will note five key aspects of the decision set out in a note which can be found [here](#).

Of general note to yards and shipbuilding practitioners, some of Butcher J's findings differ from findings of Leggatt J (as he then was) on similarly worded SAJ form provisions in *Zhoushan Jinhaiwan Shipyard Co Ltd v Golden Exquisite* [2015] 1 Lloyd's Rep 283.

The case turns on the particular wording of the relevant amended SAJ contracts. 4 Pump Court barristers have substantial experience of construction, shipbuilding and offshore disputes. If you have any queries about related shipbuilding or construction matters (on land or offshore) please contact Lucy Burrows, lburrows@4pumpcourt.com or Freddie Hawke, fhawke@4pumpcourt.com.