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This study was an investigation of the impact of management justice among retrenchment survivors of selected companies in the Solid Group Incorporated.

Retrenchment has become a widespread occurrence in today's business world and had been a recurrent theme in corporate life over the past 20 years. Many organizations resort to retrenchment to cope with increased competition in the market brought about by globalization.

Management believes that the decision to retrench is made for strategic and financial reasons. The expectation is that the reduction in expense will lead to a positive impact on the bottom line and will ultimately be reflected in improved profitability and productivity. Others perceive retrenchment as the best option to make the organization survive the business crisis.

This paper presents a descriptive research on the impact of management justice on retrenchment survivors of Solid Group companies namely, AA Commercial Incorporated, Kita Corporation, Omni Logistics Corporation and Solid Laguna Corporation. The data for this study were gathered in a survey from one hundred



thirty nine respondents on their views of the dimensions of management justice and the effects of retrenchment.

The study revealed the relationship of the three dimensions of management justice (communication, treatment of victims, and severance pay) with the effects of retrenchment (survivors' trust in management, survivors' morale, and business performance). The extent of the effects of the dimensions of management justice with the demographic characteristics of the respondents was also determined.

Results also revealed that the dimensions of management justice of communication, treatment of victims and survivors, and severance pay are correlated with respect to survivors' trust in management, survivors' morale and business performance. Likewise, survivors do not differ in their views of the elements of management justice with respect to gender, tenure and education but they differ in their perceptions with respect to age and job category. Finally, research revealed the following extent of impact of management justice to the effects of retrenchment: (1) communication and treatment of victims and survivors are statistically significant with survivors' trust in management while severance pay is not; (2) communication and treatment of victims and survivors are statistically significant with survivors' morale while severance pay is not; (3) and communication and treatment of victims and survivors are not statistically significant with business performance while severance pay is statistically significant with business performance while severance



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