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February 6, 2016. High Court rules in favour of Nairobi Java House.

supported.”

A key point of contention was whether there could be a trademark on the use of the word “Java” which

the coffee shop chain was looking to tap into the emerging middle class and consumer trends in the country.

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to be taken in another member state and sought to be registered in yet a different member state of the community.”

KCB South Sudan staff go on strike for salary increase

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JUBA. The operations of KCB Group in South Sudan came to a halt early in the week after the bank's staff went on strike demanding higher pay to compensate for a currency devaluation that shaved off workers' take home packages.

The firm says the higher pay demand came after South Sudan aban-

doned its fixed exchange rate system in December, causing a major weakening of its currency.

“The strike is on the basis of employees demanding an astronomical salary increase following South Sudan currency devaluation in December 2015,” said KCB South Sudan managing director Harun Kibogong, in a statement.

“KCB has been in engagement with staff since the devaluation and con-

siders the strike illegal and is engaging with relevant authorities on the strike.”

The South Sudan pound was trading at an official fixed rate of 2.96 units to the dollar when the government decided to let the rate float in line with supply and demand.

The currency is currently trading at about 6.4 units to the dollar, representing a devaluation of more than 100 per cent.

The move, meant to allow the country embark on structural reforms and deal with the drop in oil revenues, has hurt citizens who are grappling with hyperinflation.

The year-on-year rate of inflation in the country stood at 165 per cent last month, according to the South Sudan national bureau of statistics.

The rising cost of living is expected to force employers to raise salaries, and in turn see operation costs rise.