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PRC COUNTER GUARANTEE CASE In litigation occurring in P.R. China, an applicant sued the local guarantor and requested a suspension of payment order from the court prohibiting the counter guarantor from honoring the local guarantor's claim due to independent guarantee fraud. Courts at the trial and appellate level decided in favor of the applicant, however the local guarantor petitioned for retrial and the Supreme People's Court of P.R. China overturned the appellate court decision and rejected the applicant's claims. In her case abstract of Yapi Kredi v. Shenyang Yuanda Aluminum Industry Engineering Co., Jun XU reviews the facts and examines important considerations of this decision, including the Supreme People's Court's insistence on the independence principle of demand guarantees and the protection rule for a guarantor in a counter demand guarantee transaction.