1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 KOBE FALCO, individually, Case No. CV 13-00686 DDP (MANx) and on behalf of a class similarly situated 12 individuals, ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION 13 TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO Plaintiff, RULES 12(B)(4) AND 12(B)(5) 14 v. 15 [Dkt No. 28] NISSAN NORTH AMERICA INC., 16 NISSAN MOTOR CO. LTD, a Japanese Company, 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 Presently before the court is Defendant Nissan Motor Co. 21 Ltd.'s (NML) Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint 22 (FAC) Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 12(b)(5) and 12(b)(4). Having reviewed the parties' submissions and heard oral argument, the 23 2.4 court now adopts the following order: 25 26 A defendant may move to dismiss a complaint for insufficient 27 service of process. Fed. R. Civ. P. (12(b)(5). Effective service of 28 process requires service of both a Complaint and a Summons. Fed. R.

Civ. P. (4)(c)(1)("A summons must be served with the complaint."). See also Omni Capital Int'l, Ltd. v. Rudolf Wolff & Co., Ltd., 484 U.S. 97, 104 (1987) ("[S]ervice of summons is the procedure by which a court having venue and jurisdiction of the subject matter of the suit asserts jurisdiction over the person of the party served.") (quoting Mississippi Publishing Corp. v. Murphree, 326 U.S. 438, 444-445 (1946)).

Plaintiffs concede that on June 27, 2013 they served Defendant NML (purportedly via substitute service on an executive of NML's subsidiary, Defendant Nissan North America) with a copy of their First Amended Complaint, but inadvertently failed to serve a Summons, instead providing only a copy of the FAC. (Opp at 2:21-22.) Because service of process was not effected in accordance with the law, the court may not exercise jurisdiction over NML. Plaintiffs' claim against NML is therefore dismissed without prejudice.

The court is aware that Plaintiffs have since attempted to cure the defective service of process, but that NML has moved to dismiss this second attempt under Rule 12(b)(5) and that a hearing is set as to this motion for November 18, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 Dated: October 10, 2013

DEAN D. PREGERSON

United States District Judge