

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

DEBBIE BRENT,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 2:14-cv-52-FtM-38DNF

SOURCE INTERLINK  
DISTRIBUTION, LLC and SOURCE  
INTERLINK COMPANIES, INC.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

This matter comes before the Court on Suggestion of Bankruptcy of Defendant Source Interlink Distribution, LLC ([Doc. 18](#)) filed on July 9, 2014. Defendant Source Interlink Distribution, LLC indicates it has filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition. ([See Doc. 18-1](#)). Therefore, all matters against Defendant Source Interlink Distribution, LLC are stayed by operation of law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362. This matter, however, is not stayed as it relates to Defendant Source Interlink Companies, Inc. The clear language of [Section 362](#) only stays the action automatically against a debtor. [Chicago Title Ins. Co. v. Lerner, 435 B.R. 732, 735 \(S.D. Fla. 2010\)](#) (quoting [McCartney v. Integra Nat'l Bank North, 106 F.3d 506, 509 \(3d Cir. 1997\)](#)); [see e.g., Souder v. Premier Automotive on Atlantic, LLC, No. 3:08-cv-973-J-32JRK, 2009 WL 691916, at \\*1 \(M.D. Fla. Mar. 13, 2009\)](#)

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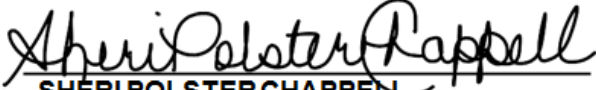
(staying the case only to the debtor defendant); [In re Colonial Bancgroup Inc. Securities Litigation, 2:09cv104-MHT, 2010 WL 119290, at \\*1 \(M.D. Ala. Jan. 7, 2010\)](#) (“The automatic stay provisions of [§ 362\(a\)](#) generally do not operate to stay claims against non-debtor defendants.”) (citation omitted). To date, there is no evidence that unusual circumstances exist in this matter to warrant a stay of the case regarding the Defendant Source Interlink Companies, Inc. as well.

Accordingly, it is now

**ORDERED:**

This matter is **stayed** as it relates to Defendant Source Interlink Distribution, LLC **only**.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida this 11th day of July, 2014.

  
SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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