UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JANICE LEE, et al.,

v.

TMZ PRODUCTIONS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 15-234 (WJM)

ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the Court for a case management

conference on November 5, 2015; and the Court having discussed with counsel the status of the case, including Plaintiffs' motion for default judgment against Defendant TMZ Productions, Inc. [ECF No. 46] and TMZ's cross-motion to vacate default [ECF No. 50]; and the Court noting the Third Circuit's strong preference to resolve cases on the merits whenever possible, *see, e.g., United States v. \$55, 518.05 in U.S. Currency*, 728 F.2d 192, 194-95 (3d Cir. 1984); and Plaintiffs' counsel having consented to vacate default and allow TMZ to respond to the Complaint; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 9th day of November 2015,

ORDERED that, Plaintiffs' motion for default judgment [ECF No. 46] is

DENIED; and it is further

ORDERED that, Defendant TMZ's cross-motion to vacate default [ECF No. 50]

is **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, Defendant TMZ answer or otherwise move in response to the

Complaint on or before November 19, 2015.

<u>s/Mark Falk</u> MARK FALK United States Magistrate Judge