

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TRUSTEES OF THE METAL POLISHERS :  
LOCAL 8A-28A FUNDS, :

Plaintiff, :

-against- :

INTEX MARBLE & METAL INC., :

Defendant. :  
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ORDER  
17-CV-159 (JFB)(SIL)

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JOSEPH F. BIANCO, District Judge:

On June 21, 2017, the Court issued an Order granting plaintiff's motion for entry of default judgment against defendant, and referring this matter to Magistrate Judge Steven I. Locke for a Report and Recommendation to address the issue of damages and other relief sought by plaintiff. On February 7, 2018, Magistrate Judge Steven I. Locke issued a Report and Recommendation (the "R&R," ECF No. 16) recommending that plaintiff be awarded damages in the total amount of \$41,909.08, plus additional daily interest and liquidated damages. The R&R was served on plaintiff on February 23, 2018. (ECF No. 17.) The R&R instructed that any objections to the R&R be submitted within fourteen (14) days of service of the R&R. (R&R at 11.) The date for filing any objections has thus expired, and defendant has not filed any objection to the R&R. For the reasons set forth below, the Court adopts the thorough and well-reasoned R&R in its entirety and awards plaintiff damages in the total amount of \$41,909.08, plus additional daily interest and liquidated damages.

Where there are no objections to a report and recommendation issued by a magistrate judge, the Court may adopt the report and recommendation without *de novo* review. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985) ("It does not appear that Congress intended to require district

court review of a magistrate's factual or legal conclusions, under a *de novo* or any other standard, when neither party objects to those findings."); *see also Mario v. P & C Food Mkts., Inc.*, 313 F.3d 758, 766 (2d Cir. 2002) ("Where parties receive clear notice of the consequences, failure timely to object to a magistrate's report and recommendation operates as a waiver of further judicial review of the magistrate's decision."); *cf.* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(3) (requiring *de novo* review after objections). However, because the failure to file timely objections is not jurisdictional, a district judge may still excuse the failure to object in a timely manner and exercise its discretion to decide the case on the merits to, for example, prevent plain error. *See Cephas v. Nash*, 328 F.3d 98, 107 (2d Cir. 2003) ("[B]ecause the waiver rule is non jurisdictional, we 'may excuse the default in the interests of justice.'" (quoting *Thomas*, 474 U.S. at 155)).

Although defendant has waived any objection to the R&R and thus *de novo* review is not required, the Court has conducted a *de novo* review of the R&R in an abundance of caution. Having conducted a review of the Complaint, the motion papers, and the applicable law, and having reviewed the R&R *de novo*, the Court adopts the findings and recommendations contained in the well-reasoned and thorough R&R in their entirety. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff is awarded damages in the total amount of \$41,909.08, plus additional daily interest and liquidated damages.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff serve a copy of this Order on defendant.

SO ORDERED.

  
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JOSEPH F. BIANCO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: March 16, 2018  
Central Islip, New York