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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MAHFUJUR RAHMAN, et ano.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

RED CHILI INDIAN CAFE, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

BARBARA MOSES, United States Magistrate Judge.

The Court held a telephonic conference on April 28, 2020. Plaintiffs appeared through counsel. Individual defendants Miah and Islam appeared *pro se* (accompanied by family members who assisted with translation). Defendant Red Chili Indian Café, Inc. (Red Chili), did not appear. For the reasons discussed at the conference, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. <u>IRS Form 4506-T</u>. No later than **May 12, 2020**, defendants Miah and Islam shall execute and provide to plaintiffs' counsel completed IRS forms 4506-T on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf of Red Chili. Prior to May 12, the parties shall promptly meet and confer by telephone or email to determine the most practical means (*e.g.*, ink vs. electronic signatures) to accomplish that task.
- 2. Documents Required by Order Dated February 27, 2020. No later than May 26, 2020, defendants shall produce to plaintiffs' counsel all of the documents and information required by the ¶ 3 of the Court's February 27, 2020 order. (Dkt. No. 90.) Prior to May 26, the parties shall promptly meet and confer by telephone or email to determine the most practical means to accomplish that task.
- 3. <u>Status Conference</u>. Judge Moses will conduct a further telephonic status conference on **June 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** At that time, the parties shall call into the below

¹ As the Court has repeatedly explained, Red Chili is a corporation and was therefore required to appear and defend itself through counsel. (Dkt. No. 28, at 2; Dkt. No. 42, at 6; Dkt. No. 88, at 1; Dkt. No. 90, at 3.) It has never done so. A Clerk's Certificate of Default was entered against it on December 16, 2019 (Dkt. No. 70), and plaintiffs filed a motion for a default judgment on January 3, 2020. (Dkt. No. 71.) By order dated February 26, 2020, the Hon. Ronnie Abrams, United States District Judge, gave Red Chili "one more opportunity to find counsel to represent it in this action." (Dkt. No. 88.) "If it does not obtain representation and file a responsive pleading by April 27, 2020, Plaintiffs' motion for a default judgment against it [filed at Dkt. No. 71] will be granted." (*Id.*) By order dated February 27, 2020, the undersigned Magistrate Judge repeated that warning. (Dkt. No. 90, at 3.) However, during the conference on April 28, 2020, the individual defendants confirmed that Red Chili had no counsel to represent it.

teleconference: Call in number: 888-557-8511; Access Code: 7746387. No later than **June 3, 2020**, after consultation with the individual defendants, plaintiffs shall submit a letter updating the Court on the status of defendants' compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Order, and proposing a schedule for any remaining necessary discovery, including depositions.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to update the docket to reflect that plaintiffs' attorney Sumatra Tito Sinha's updated phone number is 516-699-2947, and updated email address is tsinha@takerootjustice.org. Copies of this Order, and the Court's Order dated February 27, 2020, will be mailed by chambers to defendants Miah and Islam at their addresses on record. In addition, plaintiffs are directed to email a copy of this Order to defendants Miah and Islam and to file proof of such service on the docket.

Dated: New York, New York April 29, 2020

SO ORDERED.

BARBARA MOSES

United States Magistrate Judge