UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

XIAOYAN LIU, GUIZHEN LI, LIBERATO TENELEMA, FENG WU DU, SHUI XIN MO, CHONG CHEN, and JUN GENG LI,

Plaintiffs,

17 Civ. 7862 (KPF)

-v.-

<u>ORDER</u>

CANTEEN 82 INC., ALLEN LI, SONG ZHENG, and YEH CHING,

Defendants.

KATHERINE POLK FAILLA, District Judge:

On December 12, 2019, the Court was notified that the parties reached a settlement on all issues in mediation. (Minute Entry for 12/12/19). On December 13, 2019, the Court ordered the parties to submit their settlement agreement by December 20, 2019 for the Court's review in light of *Cheeks* v. *Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015). (Dkt. #71). On December 17, 2019, Plaintiffs requested a one-month extension of time to submit the settlement agreement. (Dkt. #72). The Court granted the motion, giving the parties until January 20, 2020 to submit the settlement agreement for review. (Dkt. #72).

On January 21, 2020, Plaintiffs asked for another two-week extension through February 5, 2020, as the parties were still exchanging drafts. (Dkt. #74). The Court granted the extension, but noted that no further extensions would be granted. (Dkt. #75).

On February 6, 2019, the Court reached out to counsel for both parties by email because the Court had still not received the settlement papers. Plaintiffs' counsel requested a further extension because two plaintiffs, Chong Chen and Guizhen Li, have refused to sign the settlement agreement, and Plaintiffs' counsel has lost touch with another Plaintiff, Jun Geng Li, who has not signed the agreement. Plaintiffs' counsel informed the Court that they have proposed to Defendants settling the claims with the Plaintiffs who had signed the agreement, but had not yet heard back from Defendants.

Accordingly, the parties are ORDERED to meet and confer with regard to whether this case can be settled without respect to the three Plaintiffs who have not signed the settlement agreement. On or before **February 28, 2020**, the parties must either submit the settlement agreement for *Cheeks* review or submit a letter proposing how the parties would like to proceed with the case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 12, 2020 New York, New York



KATHERINE POLK FAILLA United States District Judge