UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

FORSTECH TECHNICAL NIGERIA LIMITED & CHIDI ADABANYA,

24 Civ. 7629 (PAE)

<u>ORDER</u>

Plaintiffs,

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THE SHELL PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF NIGERIA LIMITED et al.,

Defendants.

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

On November 26, 2024, defendants filed a motion to dismiss the complaint under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Under Rule 15(a)(1)(B), a plaintiff has 21 days after the service of a motion under Rule 12(b) to amend the complaint once as a matter of course.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that plaintiffs shall file any amended complaint by December 17, 2024. No further opportunities to amend will ordinarily be granted. If plaintiffs do amend, by January 7, 2025, defendants shall: (1) file an answer; (2) file a new motion to dismiss; or (3) submit a letter to the Court, copying plaintiffs, stating that they rely on the previously filed motion to dismiss.¹

It is further ORDERED that if no amended complaint is filed, plaintiffs shall serve any opposition to the motion to dismiss by December 17, 2024. Defendants' reply, if any, shall be served by January 2, 2025. At the time any reply is served, the moving party shall supply the

¹ If defendants file a new motion to dismiss or rely on their previous motion, plaintiffs' opposition will be due 14 days thereafter, and defendants' reply, if any, will be due seven days after that.

Court with two (2) courtesy copies of all motion papers by mailing or delivering them to the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York 10007.

SO ORDERED.

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER United States District Judge

Dated: November 26, 2024 New York, New York