1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT TACOMA 9 F.C. BLOXOM COMPANY, INC., a 10 **CASE NO. C09-5307BHS** Washington corporation, 11 Plaintiff, 12 ORDER GRANTING v. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR 13 EMERALD CITY PRE-PACK, INC., a PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION Washington corporation; FREDERICK A. 14 HAMILTON, a/k/a FREDERICK A. GUEVERA, an individual: JAMES D. 15 HAMILTON, an individual; IMELDA R. HAMILTON, an individual; and the 16 marital community of JAMES D. HAMILTON AND IMELDA R. 17 HAMILTON. 18 Defendants. 19 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary 20 Injunction (Dkt. 7). The Court has considered the pleadings filed in support of the motion 21 and the remainder of the file and hereby grants Plaintiff's motion for the reason stated 22 herein. 23 On May 26, 2009, Plaintiff F.C. Bloxom filed a complaint against Defendants 24 Emerald City Pre-Pack, Inc.; Frederick A. Hamilton, a/k/a Frederick A. Guevera; James 25 D. Hamilton; and Imelda R. Hamilton. Dkt. 1. Plaintiff also filed a Motion for a 26 Temporary Restraining Order. Dkt. 2. On May 27, 2009, the Court granted Plaintiff's 27 28

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motion and issued a Temporary Restraining Order. Dkt. 5. The Court has twice extended the restraining order and it expires on June 29, 2009. Dkts. 9 and 11.

On June 2, 2009, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Dkt. 7. Defendants failed to respond.

On June 16, 2009, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Filing of Bankruptcy by Defendant Emerald City Pre-Pack, Inc. Dkt. 13. The Court has stayed this action as to that Defendant. Dkts. 14 and 15.

On June 29, 2009, the Court held a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. Dkt. 21. Defendants did not appear. Plaintiff's counsel informed the Court that it has not given notice to Defendant Frederick A. Hamilton.

In order for Plaintiff to obtain injunctive relief, the Court must find that: "(1) the moving party will suffer irreparable injury if the relief is denied, (2) the moving party will probably prevail on the merits, (3) the balance of potential harm favors the moving party, and (4) the public interest favors granting relief." *Cassim v. Bowen*, 824 F.2d 791, 795 (9th Cir. 1987).

In this case, Plaintiff has met its burden on all four elements of the test for injunctive relief. Therefore, the Court grants Plaintiff's motion.

## It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Defendants James D. Hamilton and Imelda R. Hamilton are hereby enjoined and restrained from dissipating, paying, transferring, assigning, selling and/or disbursing any and all assets covered by or subject to the trust provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act ("PACA"), 7 U.S.C. §499e(c), without agreement of the Plaintiff or until further order of this Court.
- 2. Defendants James D. Hamilton and Imelda R. Hamilton shall provide to Plaintiff, on or before July 6, 2009, a statement identifying each bank account, whether checking, savings, or other, in which any and all funds which may be the product of the

sale of perishable agricultural commodities, are on deposit, or have been on deposit during the 30 days prior to the entry of this order.

- 3. Defendants James D. Hamilton and Imelda R. Hamilton shall provide to Plaintiff, on or before July 6, 2009, a list of the complete names and addresses of all known or potential PACA trust creditors so that the disposition of PACA trust assets may be adequately assessed.
- 4. As Defendants already have possession of no less than \$41,923.95 in amounts owed to Plaintiff, it is determined that no bond shall be required.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2009.

BENJAMIN H. SETTLE United States District Judge