UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA GALAXIA ELECTRONICS CO., LTD., | No. 2:16-cv-05144-JAK (GJSx) Plaintiff, ORDER RE GALAXIA ELECTRONICS, CO.'S RENEWED MOTION FOR DEFAULT v. **JUDGMENT AGAINST** LUXMAX, U.S.A., et al., DEFENDANTS LUXMAX, USA AND RWS MANAGEMENT, INC. (DKT. Defendants. 340) AND RELATED CLAIMS

Based on a review of the Galaxia Electronics, Co.'s Renewed Motion for Default Judgment Against Defendants Luxmax, USA and RWS Management, Inc. (the "Motion" (Dkt. 340)), sufficient good cause has been shown for the requested relief. Therefore, the Motion is **GRANTED**, as follows:

In a prior Order, it was determined that, based on a review of the *Eitel* factors, default judgment would be entered against Luxmax, USA ("Luxmax") and RWS Management, Inc. ("RWS"); provided, however, that ruling was stayed until Galaxia Electronics Co. ("Galaxia") submitted a declaration that satisifed the requirements of Local Rule 55-1 and provided additional evidence as to its claimed damages. Dkt. 319 at 35-39. The analysis in the prior Order is incorporated here by this reference.

Local Rule 55-1 requires that a party moving for default judgment submit a declaration that provides evidence as to each of the following: (i) when and against which party default has been entered; (ii) the identification of the pleading to which default has been entered; (iii) whether the defaulting party is an infant or incompetent person, and if so, whether that person is represented by a general guardian, committee, conservator or other representative; (iv) the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.A. § 3931 does not apply; and (v) notice has been provided to the defaulting party, if required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(2).

Galaxia submitted a declaration from its counsel satisfying all of these requirements. It identifies the relevant parties and pleading. Dkt. 340-1, Yoo Decl. ¶ 3. It also states that neither Luxmax nor RWS is an infant or incompetent and the SCRA does not apply. *Id.* ¶¶ 5-6. It has also been adequately shown that Galaxia's counsel has percipient knowledge of these facts. Luxmax and RWS initially sought to participate in this litigation, which provided Galaxia's counsel with the opportunity to learn about them. Counsel also declares that he provided proper notice to each of the defaulting parties. *Id.* ¶ 2. Because Galaxia has now provided a sufficient declaration, its Motion for Default Judgment is **GRANTED**.

It was previously determined that Galaxia was entitled to the following remedies through the entry of a default judgment: compensatory damages against RWS in the amount of \$8,857,949; interest at the Korean statutory rates of 6% per annum from September 1, 2015, to July 24, 2018, and 15% per annum from July 25, 2018, until RWS pays the amount of the principal; attorney's fees and costs in the amount of KRW 285,861,620;¹ compensatory damages against RWS and Luxmax in the amount of \$2,730,051.20 pursuant to the December 2015 and May 2016 Acknowledgments; and pre- and post-judgment interest. Dkt. 319 at 38-39.

A determination as to compensatory damages against Luxmax was deferred with respect to the debts incurred pursuant to the Exclusive Agreement and the Purchase Agreement, and confirmed in the ARPA and Confirmation Letter. *See id.* at 38. Galaxia has now proffered a declaration from its CFO explaining that the principal amount outstanding is \$8,857,949. Dkt. 340-2, Shim Decl. ¶ 4. In computing damages on a motion for default judgment, a court may "rely on the declarations submitted by the plaintiff" *Philip Morris USA, Inc. v. Castworld Prod., Inc.*, 219 F.R.D. 494, 498 (C.D. Cal. 2003). Therefore, it is determined that Luxmax is liable for the foregoing amount.

With respect to pre-judgment interest, Galaxia is only seeking pre-judgment interest from July 13, 2016 to the present. Dkt. 340 at 14 n.2, 15 n.3. With respect to the amounts owed by Luxmax, they arise under the Exclusive Agreement and Purchase Agreement, and because no interest rate is stated in those contracts, California law applies 10% simple interest. *See id.*; Cal. Civ. Code § 3289. With respect to the \$8,857,949 owed by RWS, the arbitrator set the interest rate at 6% per annum from September 1, 2015, to July 24, 2018, and 15% per annum from July 25, 2018, until RWS pays the amount of the principal. *See* Dkt. 319 at 38. Finally, with respect to the

¹ KRW refers to Korean won, the currency of South Korea.

\$2,730,051.20 owed by RWS, RWS agreed to pay 6% interest on \$1,397,168.10 of that amount and 10% interest on the remaining \$1,332,883.10. *Id.* at 39.

With respect to post-judgment interest, 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a) provides: "Such interest shall be calculated from the date of the entry of the judgment, at a rate equal to the weekly average 1-year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the calendar week preceding the date of the judgment." In addition, "a district court judgment affirming an arbitration award is governed by statutory post-judgment interest rates." *Parsons & Whittemore Alabama Mach. & Servs. Corp. v. Yeargin Const. Co.*, 744 F.2d 1482, 1484 (11th Cir. 1984).

Based on the foregoing, judgment will be entered as follows. Combining the principal amounts described in the Exclusive Agreement and Purchase Agreement with those described in the December 2015 and May 2016 Acknowledgments, Luxmax and RWS are jointly and severally liable for \$11,588,000.20 in principal. In addition, RWS is separately liable for attorney's fees and costs in the amount of KRW 285,861,620 arising out of the Korean arbitration proceeding.

As to pre-judmgment interest, both Luxmax and RWS are obligated to pay the following amounts: 6% interest on \$8,857,949 from July 13, 2016 to July 24, 2018; 10% interest on \$8,857,949 from July 25, 2018 to present; 10% interest on \$1,332,883.10 from July 13, 2016 to present; and 6% interest on \$1,397,168.10 from July 13, 2016 to present. Luxmax alone is responsible for 4% of additional interest (having agreed to pay 10% interest rather than 6% interest) on \$8,857,949 from July 13, 2016 to July 24, 2018 and on \$1,397,168.10 from July 13, 2016 to present. RWS alone is also responsible for 6% interest on \$8,857,949 from September 1, 2015 to July 12, 2016 and an additional 5% interest (having been found liable by the arbitrator for 15% interest rather than 10% interest) on \$8,857,949 from July 25, 2018 to present. In total, Luxmax and RWS are jointly and severally liable for \$7,382,405.63 in pre-judgment interest, Luxmax alone is liable for \$1,129,966.58 in pre-judgment interest, and RWS alone is liable for

\$2,814,158.26 in pre-judgment interest. As of the entry of judgment, the applicable post-judgment interest rate is 5.38%. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: November 16, 2023 John A. Kronstadt United States District Judge