

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

PRIME ALLIANCE BANK, INC.,
SERTANT CAPITAL, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE GREAT LAKES TISSUE
COMPANY, TISSUE DEPOT, INC.,
and CHEBOYGAN ENERGIES &
BIOFUELS CORP.,

Defendants.

Case No. 23-10564

Honorable Laurie J. Michelson

**ORDER FOR THE GREAT LAKES TISSUE COMPANY TO SHOW
CAUSE**

This is a breach of contract action involving the Great Lakes Tissue Company's failure to make monthly payments for equipment it leases from Plaintiffs. Counsel for GLT filed motions to withdraw. (ECF Nos. 46, 47.) The motions advised that GLT had failed to pay legal bills for several months and had ceased all communication with counsel. (*See* ECF No. 46, PageID.721.) The Court held a hearing on the motions on October 24, 2023. The Court ordered a representative of GLT to appear at the hearing in person. (ECF No. 48.) Three employees of Tissue Depot appeared, and the Court heard from the general manager of the mill for Tissue Depot.

Having heard from the parties, the Court found that withdrawal was warranted and granted GLT's counsel's motions. (ECF No. 53.) The Court gave GLT until October 31, 2023, to secure new counsel. (*Id.* at PageID.2809.) The Court's order

further instructed that if, by that time, no new counsel had appeared, “the Court [would] issue an order for GLT to show-cause why a default judgment should not be entered against it for the corporations’ failure to be represented by counsel.” (*Id.* (citing 28 U.S.C. § 1654; *Rowland v. Cal. Men’s Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 202 (1993)).) The time has since passed, and no new counsel has appeared on behalf of GLT.

Accordingly, GLT is ORDERED to show cause as to why the Court should not enter a default judgment on behalf of Plaintiffs, including by awarding Plaintiffs possession of the equipment at issue in this case, for GLT’s failure to be represented by counsel. GLT’s show-cause response should be docketed on or before November 8, 2023. Failure to provide a timely or adequate response will result in the entry of the default judgment.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 2, 2023

s/Laurie J. Michelson
LAURIE J. MICHELSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE