

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
INGHAM COUNTY

MICHAEL A. COX,
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

No. 04-1604-CZ

Plaintiff,

HON. JOYCE A. DRAGANCHUK

v

Venture USA, Inc.

Defendant,

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DEFAULT JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

The court having considered Plaintiff's COMPLAINT and MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT, the Court being advised in the premises and having determined that the relief requested in the Complaint should be granted.

Declaratory Relief

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant has defaulted on its escrow payment obligations, pursuant to 1999 PA 244, as amended, MCL 445.2051, 445.2052, in the total amount of \$3,516.93 which default may be cured only by Defendant's filing with the Department of Treasury and the Court a certificate that it has deposited into a "qualified escrow fund," as that

term is defined in Act 244, § 1(i), funds in the amount of \$3,516.93, accompanied by documentation from the escrow agent verifying the factual accuracy of the certification.

Civil Penalties

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant knowingly violated MCL 445.2052 and the Court imposes a civil penalty, payable to the State's general fund, in the amount of \$10,550.79, MCL 445.2052(3)(b), plus pre-judgment interest of \$321.03.

Injunctive Relief Ancillary to Declaratory Relief

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, until such time as Defendant provides proof that it has met the escrow obligations determined above, **Defendant is enjoined** from manufacturing cigarettes anywhere that defendant intends to be sold in the United States, including cigarettes intended to be sold in the United States through an importer (except where such importer is an original participating manufacturer that will be responsible for the payments under the Master Settlement Agreement with respect to such cigarettes as a result of the provisions of subsection II(mm) of the Master Settlement Agreement and that pays the taxes specified in subsection II(z) of the Master Settlement Agreement, and provided that the manufacturer of such cigarettes does not market or advertise such cigarettes in the United States). This injunctive judgment applies to Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and to any person or entity that acts in concert or participation with them and has actual notice of this judgment by personal service or otherwise. The reasons for issuance of this injunction are: Defendant has failed to contest well-pled allegations that Defendant has knowingly defaulted on escrow deposit obligations imposed by MCL 445.2051, 445.2052.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as used in this judgment, the terms "cigarette" and "Master Settlement Agreement" have the same meaning as is given to them in MCL 445.2051, subsections (d) and (f), respectively.

Plaintiff may tax costs.

This judgment resolves all pending claims and closes the case with prejudice.

JOYCE DRAGANCHUK

Joyce A. Draganchuk, Circuit Judge

Issued this 3rd day of August, 2005 in the City of Lansing, MI

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