

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**LISMAN MISAEL DE LEON
GIRON, et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

ZEYTUNA, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 20-cv-1977 (GMH)

ORDER LIFTING STAY PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)

On May 28, 2021, Defendant Zeytuna, Inc. filed a Suggestion of Bankruptcy, advising the Court that it filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on May 28, 2021. *See* ECF No. 28. Then-Defendant Mohamed Hyali also filed a Suggestion of Bankruptcy on April 14, 2021. *See* ECF No. 22. The Court therefore stayed the cases against both Defendants pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). *See* Minute Order dated June 1, 2021.

On October 11, 2021, Plaintiffs filed a status report in which they indicated that both Defendants had received discharges in their bankruptcy proceedings, which had by that point been closed. *See* ECF No. 30 at 1; Final Decree, *In re Hyali*, No. 21-12451 (Bankr. D. Md. Aug. 11, 2021); Final Decree, *In re Zeytuna, Inc.*, No. 21-13607 (Bankr. D. Md. July 13, 2021). At that time, Plaintiffs requested that the case remain stayed pending dismissal of the claims against the Defendants. *See id.* Four days later, on October 15, 2021, Plaintiffs filed another status report, this time requesting that the stay be lifted against Defendant Zeytuna, Inc., which did not, in fact, receive a discharge in its bankruptcy proceeding. *See* ECF No. 31 at 1–2. Plaintiffs then moved to dismiss the claims against Defendant Hyali without prejudice. *See generally* ECF No. 32.

The Court held a status hearing on November 15, 2021. Following that hearing, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss the claims against Defendant Hyali without prejudice and set a briefing schedule for Plaintiffs' contemplated motion to amend their complaint to name a successor entity to Defendant Zeytuna, Inc. *See* ECF No. 35; ECF No. 36. That motion was filed on November 29, 2021, and motion practice will unfold per the Court's Scheduling Order. *See generally* ECF No. 37.

Thus, with the bankruptcy proceedings against Defendant Zeytuna, Inc. having been closed and the motion practice in this case restarted, it is hereby

ORDERED that the stay entered on June 1, 2021 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) is **LIFTED**.

SO ORDERED.

Date: December 6, 2021

G. Michael Harvey
United States Magistrate Judge