STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

GLOBAL LINK INTERNATIONAL,

Plaintiff,

v Case No. 26-000117-MZ

THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Hon. Michael J. Riordan

Defendant.
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OPINION AND ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S 7/16/26 MOTION FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION

Plaintiff filed this action in the Ingham Circuit Court on May 6, 2026, raising tort and breach-of-contract claims against defendant. The circuit court transferred the action to this Court on June 4, 2026. On July 16, 2026, defendant moved for summary disposition, contending in part that plaintiff failed to provide timely notice of his claims as required by MCL 600.6431(1) of the Court of Claims Act (COCA). Plaintiff did not respond to this motion. See Court of Claims LCR 2.119(C)(2) (requiring any response to a motion to be filed within 14 days). The Court GRANTS defendant's motion and DISMISSES plaintiff's complaint in its entirety and with prejudice.

MCL 600.6431(1) states:

> [A] claim may not be maintained against this state unless the claimant, within 1 year after the claim has accrued, files in the office of the clerk of the court of claims either a written claim or a written notice of intention to file a claim against this state or any of its departments, commissions, boards, institutions, arms, or agencies.

Plaintiff's claims accrued on March 18, 2025, when defendant delivered its Notice of Grant Termination and Demand for Repayment. Plaintiff was required to file notice of its claim by March 18, 2026, under the COCA. Plaintiff did not file its complaint, which was its first notice of its claims, until May 6, 2026, nearly two months after the expiration of the COCA notice period.

The requirements of the COCA are conditions precedent to "successfully expose the defendant state agencies to liability," *Fairley v Dep't of Corrections*, 497 Mich 290, 298; 871 NW2d 129 (2015), and the failure to comply with the notice and verification requirements mandates dismissal of a case, *Elia Cos, LLC v Univ of Mich Regents*, 511 Mich 66, 68; 993 NW2d 392 (2023). Plaintiff did not file timely notice of its claims and, therefore, its action must be dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court GRANTS defendant's motion for summary disposition.
2. The Court DISMISSES plaintiff's complaint in its entirety and with prejudice.
3. This is a final order resolving all issues in this case.

Date: 08/21/2026

Michael J. Riordan
Judge, Court of Claims