

Sam's East, Inc., Plaintiff, v. Reginald S. Hinton, Secretary of Revenue of the State of North Carolina, Defendant

NO. COA08-453

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Taxation--assessment of additional taxes and interest--penalties

For the reasons stated in *Wal-Mart Stores E., Inc. v. Hinton*, No. COA08-450, which is filed simultaneously with this opinion, judgment is affirmed with respect to the assessment of additional taxes, interest, and penalties.

Appeal by plaintiff Sam's East, Inc. from order entered 4 January 2008 by Judge Clarence E. Horton, Jr. in Wake County Superior Court. Heard in the Court of Appeals 22 October 2008.

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STROUD, Judge.

Plaintiff Sam's East, Inc. appeals from an order entered 4 January 2008 granting summary judgment in favor of defendant. This case was consolidated with *Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. v. Hinton*, No. COA08-450 (Wake County 06-CVS-3928) for the purpose of entry of summary judgment because as the trial court stated in the summary judgment order, "with the exception of the amounts assessed . . . the same facts and reasoning apply" to both cases. Neither party disputes this statement and we found nothing in the record indicating otherwise. Accordingly, for the reasons stated in *Wal-*

Mart Stores East, Inc. v. Hinton, No. COA08-450, which is to be filed simultaneously with this opinion, judgment is affirmed with respect to the assessment of additional taxes and interest thereon. Furthermore, judgment as to the penalties assessed is also affirmed.

Affirmed.

Judges STEELMAN and JACKSON concur.