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## **LEGEND**

<u>X</u> =

Trust =

<u>a</u> =

State =

<u>Date 1</u> =

Date 2 =

<u>Year 1</u> =

<u>Year 2</u> =

Dear :

This responds to a letter dated June 24, 2010, submitted on behalf of  $\underline{X}$ , requesting a ruling under § 1362(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information submitted states that  $\underline{X}$  was incorporated in <u>State</u> on <u>Date 1</u>.  $\underline{X}$  made an election to be treated as an S corporation effective <u>Date 2</u>. <u>Trust</u> made an election to be treated as a Qualified Subchapter S Trust (QSST) with respect to  $\underline{a}$  effective <u>Date 2</u>.

On the first day of the year following <u>Year 1</u>, <u>Trust</u> ceased to qualify as a QSST due to its failure to distribute all of its income (within the meaning of § 1.643(b)-1) to <u>a</u> in <u>Year 1</u>. <u>Trust</u> discovered the failure in <u>Year 2</u> and made a corrective distribution to <u>a</u> representing all undistributed income between <u>Year 1</u> and <u>Year 2</u>.

 $\underline{X}$  represents that  $\underline{a}$  reported  $\underline{a}$ 's allocable share of  $\underline{Trust}$ 's income on all affected returns consistent with the treatment of the  $\underline{Trust}$  as QSST.  $\underline{X}$  further represents that  $\underline{X}$  filed as an S corporation for all years from and after  $\underline{Date\ 2}$ .  $\underline{X}$  represents that the circumstances resulting in the termination of  $\underline{X}$ 's S corporation election were inadvertent and were not motivated by tax avoidance or retroactive tax planning.

Section 1361(c)(2)(A)(i) provides that for purposes of § 1361(b)(1)(B), a trust all of which is treated (under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of Chapter 1) as owned by an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States may be a shareholder.

Section 1361(d)(1) provides that in the case of a QSST with respect to which a beneficiary makes an election under  $\S$  1361(d)(2) -- (A) such trust shall be treated as a trust described in  $\S$  1361(c)(2)(A)(i) and, (B) for purposes of  $\S$  678(a), the beneficiary of such trust shall be treated as the owner of that portion of the trust which consists of stock in an S corporation with respect to which the election under  $\S$  1361(d)(2) is made.

Section 1361(d)(3) provides that, for purposes of § 1361(d), a QSST means a trust (A) the terms of which require that (i) during the life of the current income beneficiary there shall be only 1 income beneficiary of the trust, (ii) any corpus distributed during the life of the current income beneficiary may be distributed only to such beneficiary, (iii) the income interest of the current income beneficiary in the trust shall terminate on the earlier of such beneficiary's death or the termination of the trust, and (iv) upon the termination of the trust during the life of the current income beneficiary, the trust shall distribute all of its assets to such beneficiary, and (B) all of the income (within the meaning of § 643(b)) of which is distributed (or required to be distributed) currently to 1 individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States.

Section 1362(f) provides that if (1) an election under § 1362(a) by any corporation (A) was not effective for the taxable year for which made (determined without regard to § 1362(b)(2)) by reason of a failure to meet the requirements of § 1361(b) or to obtain shareholder consents or (B) was terminated under § 1362(d)(2) or (3), (2) the Secretary determines that the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination were inadvertent, (3) no later than a reasonable period of time after discovery of the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination, steps were taken (A) so that the corporation is a small business corporation or (B) to acquire the shareholder consents, and (4) the corporation and each person who was a shareholder of the corporation at any time during the period specified pursuant to § 1362(f), agrees to make such adjustments (consistent with the treatment of the corporation as an S

corporation) as may be required by the Secretary with respect to such period, then, notwithstanding the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination, the corporation will be treated as an S corporation during the period specified by the Secretary.

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the termination of  $\underline{X}$ 's S corporation election on the first day of year following  $\underline{Y}$ ear  $\underline{1}$  was inadvertent within the meaning of § 1362(f). We further hold that, pursuant to the provisions of § 1362(f),  $\underline{X}$  will be treated as continuing to be an S corporation from  $\underline{D}$  and thereafter, provided  $\underline{X}$ 's S corporation election was valid and provided that the election was not otherwise terminated under § 1361(d).

Except as specifically ruled above, we express no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the transactions described above under any other provisions of the Code.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer that requested it. Section 6110(j)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file, a copy of this letter is being sent to  $\underline{X}$ 's authorized representative.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2):

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