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Former Company Official
& Tax Professional =

Dear :

This letter responds to your authorized representatives' letter dated March 9, 2017, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations. Specifically, Parent is requesting an extension of time for Parent to file an election under § 1.1502-36(d)(6)(i)(A) for the taxable year ended Date 1, for Parent to reduce its adjusted basis in the stock of Sub 1 and Sub 2 by their respective attribute reduction amounts (the "Election"). Additional information and

documentation was submitted in a letter dated May 12, 2017. The material information is summarized below.

During Year, Parent was the common parent of a consolidated group (the "Parent Group"), which included Sub 1 and Sub 2. During Year, Parent sold all of the outstanding shares of Sub 1 and Sub 2, each at a loss. The Sub 1 and Sub 2 dispositions constituted transfers by Parent of the Sub 1 and Sub 2 stock under § 1.1502-36(f)(1), and as a result of the transfers, Parent was no longer affiliated with Sub 1 and Sub 2.

Parent intended to make the Election. The Election was due by the due date (including extensions) of Parent Group's consolidated return for the taxable year ending Date 1. However, for various reasons, no election was made. Subsequently, Parent submitted this request, under § 301.9100-3, for an extension of time to file the Election.

Parent has represented that it is not seeking to alter a return position for which an accuracy related penalty has been or could have been imposed under § 6662.

Section 1.1502-36 provides rules for adjusting members' basis in stock of a subsidiary (S) and for reducing S's attributes when a member (M) transfers a loss share of S stock. Section 1.1502-36(a)(1).

Section 1.1502-36(d) provides rules to reduce attributes of S and its lower tier subsidiaries to the extent they duplicate a net loss on shares of S stock transferred by members in one transaction.

Section 1.1502-36(d)(6)(i) provides that notwithstanding the general operation of § 1.1502-36(d), the parent of a consolidated group (P) may elect to reduce the potential for loss duplication, and thereby reduce or avoid attribute reduction. Under this election, P may elect: (A) to reduce all or any portion (including any portion in excess of a specified amount) of members' bases in transferred loss shares of S stock; (B) to reattribute all or any portion (including any portion in excess of a specified amount) of S's Category A, Category B, and Category C attributes (each as defined in § 1.1502-36(d)(4)), to the extent they would otherwise be subject to reduction under § 1.1502-36(d); or (C) any combination thereof.

Section 1.1502-36(d)(6)(ii) provides that an election to reduce loss duplication under § 1.1502-36(d)(6) is made in the manner provided in § 1.1502-36(e)(5).

Section 1.1502-36(e)(5) states that the elections provided by § 1.1502-36 are irrevocable and made in a statement entitled "Section 1.1502-36 Statement" that must be included on or with the group's timely filed return (original or amended, if filed by the due date of the return, including extensions) for the taxable year of the transfer of the subsidiary stock to which the election relates.

Under § 301.9100-1(c), the Commissioner has discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election or a statutory election (but no more than six months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code except subtitles E, G, H, and I.

Sections 301.9100-1 through 301.9100-3 provide the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time to make a regulatory election. Section 301.9100-1(a). Requests for relief under § 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government. Section 301.9100-3(a).

The election by a consolidated group to reduce a member's basis in its loss shares of subsidiary stock under § 1.1502-36(d)(6)(i)(A) is a regulatory election. Therefore, the Commissioner has discretionary authority under § 301.9100-3 to grant an extension of time for Parent to file the Election, provided Parent establishes to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it acted reasonably and in good faith, the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 are satisfied, and granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government.

Information, affidavits, and representations submitted by Parent and Former Company Official & Tax Professional explain the circumstances that resulted in the failure to timely file the valid Election. The information establishes that Parent reasonably relied on a qualified tax professional who failed to make, or advise Parent to make, the Election, and that the request for relief was filed before the failure to timely make the Election was discovered by the Internal Revenue Service. See §§ 301.9100(b)(1)(i) and (v).

Based on the facts and information submitted, including the affidavits submitted and the representations made, we conclude that Parent has shown it acted reasonably and in good faith, that the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 are satisfied, and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government. Accordingly, provided that Parent Group qualifies substantively to file the Election, we grant an extension of time under § 301.9100-3, until sixty (60) days from the date on this letter, for Parent to file the Election.

Parent should file the Election in accordance with § 1.1502-36(e)(5). Parent Group's returns must be amended to attach the election statement required by § 1.1502-36(e)(5). A copy of this letter must be attached to the election statement. Alternatively, if Parent files its returns electronically, Parent may satisfy the requirement of attaching a copy of this letter by attaching a statement to the Parent Group's amended return that provides the date and control number (PLR-109092-17) of this letter ruling.

The above extension of time is conditioned on the Parent Group's tax liability, if any, not being lower in the aggregate for all years to which the Election applies than it would have been if the Election had been made timely (taking into account the time value of money). We express no opinion as to the Parent Group's or any of its members' tax liabilities. A determination thereof will be made by the Director's office upon audit of the income tax returns involved.

Except as expressly provided herein, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the tax consequences of any item discussed or referenced in this letter. In particular, we express no opinion with respect to whether Parent qualifies substantively to make the Election. In addition, we express no opinion as to the tax effects or consequences of filing the Election late under the provisions of any other section of the Internal Revenue Code or regulations, or as to the tax treatment of any conditions at the time of, or resulting from, filing the Election late that are not specifically set forth in this letter.

For purposes of granting relief under § 301.9100-3, we relied on certain statements and representations made under penalty of perjury by Parent and Former Company Official & Tax Professional. The Director, however, should verify all essential facts. In addition, notwithstanding that an extension is granted under § 301.9100-3 to file the Election, any penalties and interest that would otherwise be applicable continue to apply.

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

In accordance with the Power of Attorney on file with this office, copies of this letter are being sent to your authorized representatives.

Sincerely,

Ken Cohen

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