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X =

Y =

Country1 =

Country2 =

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Dear :

This letter responds to a letter dated October 18, 2019, submitted by your authorized representative, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations for X to file an election under § 301.7701-3 to be classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes.

FACTS

The information submitted states that X was formed by Y under the laws of Country1 on Date. Y, a Country2 entity classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes, owns a majority interest in X. X represents that it is a foreign entity eligible to elect to be classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes as of Date. However, X

failed to timely file Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, to be classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes effective Date.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 301.7701-3(a) provides that a business entity that is not classified as a corporation under § 301.7701-2(b)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8) (an eligible entity) can elect its classification for federal tax purposes. An eligible entity with at least two members can elect to be classified as either an association (and thus a corporation under § 301.7701-2(b)(2)) or a partnership, and an eligible entity with a single owner can elect to be classified as an association or to be disregarded as an entity separate from its owner.

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2)(i) provides that, unless the entity elects otherwise, a foreign eligible entity is (A) a partnership if it has two or more members and at least one member does not have limited liability; (B) an association if all members have limited liability; or (C) disregarded as an entity separate from its owner if it has a single owner that does not have limited liability. Section 301.7701-3(b)(2)(ii) provides, in part, that for purposes of § 301.7701-3(b)(2)(i), a member of a foreign eligible entity has limited liability if the member has no personal liability for the debts of or claims against the entity by reason of being a member.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) provides that an eligible entity may elect to be classified other than as provided under § 301.7701-3(b), or to change its classification, by filing Form 8832 with the appropriate service center. Under § 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii), the election will be effective on the date specified by the entity on Form 8832 or on the date filed if no such date is specified. The date specified on Form 8832 cannot be more than 75 days prior to the date on which the election is filed and cannot be more than 12 months after the date the election is filed.

Section 301.9100-1(c) provides that the Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election, or a statutory election (but no more than 6 months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) except subtitles E, G, H, and I. Section 301.9100-1(b) provides that the term “regulatory election” includes an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register.

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 the election. Section 301.9100-2 provides the rules governing automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 provides the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time for regulatory elections that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2. Under § 301.9100-3, a request for relief will be granted when a taxpayer provides evidence (including affidavits described in § 301.9100-3(e)) to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that

(1) the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and (2) the grant of relief will not prejudice the interests of the Government.

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the information submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 have been satisfied. As a result, X is granted an extension of time of 120 days from the date of this letter to file Form 8832 with the appropriate service center to elect to be classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes effective Date. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 8832.

This ruling is contingent on X and Y (along with Y's owners) filing, within 120 days from the date of this letter, all required federal income tax returns and information returns (including amended returns) for all open years consistent with the requested relief. These returns must include, but are not limited to, Form 8865, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships, such that these forms reflect the consequences of the relief granted in this letter. A copy of this letter should be attached to any such returns.

If applicable, X's election to be classified as a partnership effective Date is disregarded for purposes of determining the amounts of all section 965 elements of all United States shareholders of X if the election otherwise would change the amount of any section 965 element of any such United States shareholder. See § 1.965-4(c)(2) of the Income Tax Regulations.

Except as specifically set forth above, we express or imply no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code and the regulations thereunder. In addition, § 301.9100-1(a) provides that the granting of an extension of time for making an election is not a determination that the taxpayer is otherwise eligible to make the election.

The ruling contained in this letter is based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the ruling request, it is subject to verification on examination.

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, we are sending copies of this letter to X's authorized representatives.

Sincerely,

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