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In re:

LEGEND

Taxpayer =

Entity A =

Entity B =

Tax Years 1, 2, 3 =

Individual A =

Individual B =

CPA Firm =

Dear :

This replies to letters dated January 9, 2002, requesting that Taxpayer be granted an extension of time under Treas. Reg. § 301.9100-3 to file the election and agreement provided under Treas. Reg. § 1.1503-2(g)(2)(i) for Entity A for Tax Years 1 and 3; and for Entity B for Tax Years 1 and 3; and to file the annual certification provided under § 1.1503-2(g)(2)(vi)(B) for Entity A for Tax Years 2 and 3; and for Entity B for Tax Years 2 and 3. Additional information was submitted in a letter dated November 15, 2002. The information submitted for consideration is substantially as set forth below.

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The ruling contained in this letter is predicated upon facts and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. This office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the request for a ruling. Verification of the factual information, representations, and other data may be required as a part of the audit process.

Individuals A and B are tax professionals and are employees of CPA Firm. The affidavits of Individuals A and B and the facts submitted describe the circumstances surrounding the discovery of and reasons for the Taxpayer's failure to file the agreements and annual certifications as required by § 1.1503-2(g)(2) for the tax years at issue. Taxpayer is requesting relief before the failure to file the agreements and annual certifications has been discovered by the Internal Revenue Service.

Treas. Reg. § 301.9100-1(b) provides that an election includes an application for relief in respect of tax, and defines a regulatory election as an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation, a revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice, or announcement.

Treas. Reg. § 301.9100-1(c) provides that the Commissioner has discretion to grant a taxpayer a reasonable extension of time, under the rules set forth in § 301.9100-3, to make a regulatory election under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code, except subtitles E, G, H, and I.

Treas. Reg. § 301.9100-3(a) provides that requests for relief subject to this section will be granted when the taxpayer provides the evidence (including affidavits described in § 301.9100-3(e)) to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and the grant of relief will not prejudice the interests of the Government.

In the present situation, the agreements and annual certifications are regulatory elections as defined in § 301.9100-1(b). Therefore, the Commissioner has discretionary authority under § 301.9100-1(c) to grant Taxpayer an extension of time, provided that Taxpayer satisfies the rules set forth in § 301.9100-3(a).

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Based on the facts and circumstances of this case, we conclude that Taxpayer satisfies § 301.9100-3(a). Accordingly, Taxpayer is granted an extension of time until 30 days from the date of this ruling letter to file the election and agreement provided under § 1.1503-2(g)(2)(i) for Entity A for Tax Years 1 and 3; and for Entity B for Tax Years 1 and 3; and to file the annual certification provided under § 1.1503-2(g)(2)(vi)(B) for Entity A for Tax Years 2 and 3; and for Entity B for Tax Years 2 and 3.

The granting of an extension of time is not a determination that Taxpayer is otherwise eligible to file the agreements and annual certifications. § 301.9100-1(a). A copy of this ruling letter should be associated with the agreements and annual certifications.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. I.R.C. § 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

No ruling has been requested, and none is expressed, as to the application of any other section of the Code or regulations to the facts presented.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file in this office, a copy of this letter is being furnished to Taxpayer and the other authorized representative.

Sincerely,

/s/ Allen Goldstein
Allen Goldstein
Reviewer
Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (International)