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We are responding to your correspondence requesting relief in order to establish the 2000 taxable year as the beginning year for your S corporation election. The information submitted (using an improper Form 3115), explains that you are attempting to elect S corporation status using Revenue Procedure 98-55. However, the window period under this special revenue procedure expired in March 2001. In order to elect S corporation status, taxpayers are required to file a timely Form 2553. We have attempted to reach you by telephone to explain this situation, but were unable to contact you at the number provided. Although we are unable to respond to your request as submitted, this letter provides useful information relating to your request.

Announcement 97-4 (copy enclosed) provides guidance on seeking relief for late S corporation elections and inadvertent invalid S corporation elections. Generally, to request relief for a late or invalid S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling from the National Office. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set out in Revenue Procedure 2001-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, Rev. Proc. 2001-1 requires taxpayers to submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$6,000. However, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their last-filed tax return qualify for a **reduced user fee** in the amount of \$500. If you are eligible to use the reduced fee provision you must include the statement described in § (B)(1)(b) of Appendix A with your request. Please review Appendix B for a sample format for requesting a private letter ruling.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please include the proper user fee (if applying under the reduced fee provisions, send a statement certifying gross income), and refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:PA:T
P.O. Box 7604
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044

Direct to: CC:PSI:1
Room 5002

By way of introduction, the IRS has a new small business website which provides specific information and various links to useful non-IRS sites. Visit this new site at www.irs.gov/smallbiz. Additionally, you can order a single, free copy of the *Small Business Resource Guide CD-ROM 2001*, by calling 1-800-829-3676. The CD-ROM provides critical tax information including forms, instructions, and publications, as well as valuable business information from a variety of government agencies, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions.

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dianna K. Miosi

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Enclosures:

Announcement 97-4
Rev. Proc. 2001-1