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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NATIONAL OFFICE LEGAL ADVICE

MEMORANDUM FOR Associate Area Counsel

FROM: Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate) CC:CORP:B03

SUBJECT: Proper Parties to Execute Forms 872

This Chief Counsel Advice responds to your memoranda dated March 30, 2001, and May 7, 2002. In accordance with I.R.C. § 6110(k)(3), this Chief Counsel Advice should not be cited as precedent.

LEGEND

Corporation A =

Corporation B =

Corporation C =

Corporation D =

Corporation E =

Corporation F =

Corporation G =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

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Date 3 =  
Date 4 =  
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Date 8 =  
Date 9 =  
Date 10 =  
Date 11 =  
Date 12 =  
Date 13 =  
Date X =  
Date Y =

ISSUES

- (1) Who is the proper party to execute a Form 872 for Corporation A for the period ended Date 3?
- (2) Who is the proper party to execute Forms 872 for Corporation A for the periods ended Date 9 and Date 11?
- (3) Who is the proper party to execute Forms 872 for Corporation B for the period ended Date 3 and the final consolidated return on Date 7?
- (4) How should Forms 872 and Forms SS-10 be executed for the members of the former Corporation B consolidated group that filed separate returns for the periods ended Date 9 and Date 11?
- (5) What language should be included for the Form 872 for Corporation E for the taxable period ended Date 11?

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## CONCLUSIONS

### ISSUE 1:

Two Forms 872 should be obtained: one from Corporation A and one from Corporation E. On the first Form 872, the following language should be used:

Corporation A (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.\*

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3.

On the second Form 872, the following language should be used:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3.

### ISSUE 2:

A Form 872 should be obtained from Corporation E. The following language should be used:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\* This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable period ending on Date 7.

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From Date 8 through Date 9 and then Date 10 through Date 11, Corporation A filed separate returns. Therefore, the proper party to execute a Form 872 for these time frames is an authorized party from Corporation A.

#### ISSUE 3:

A Form 872 should be obtained from Corporation E. The following language should be used:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3, and the final consolidated return for the taxable period ending on Date 7.

#### ISSUE 4:

Each member of the former Corporation B consolidated group that filed separate returns and is still in existence is the proper party to execute a Form 872 for that period. If a member of the group filed a separate return but is not currently in existence, then that member’s successor is the proper party to execute a Form 872. Alternatively, Rev. Proc. 72-38 can be followed to execute a Form 872 or SS-10.

#### ISSUE 5:

A Form 872 should be obtained from Corporation E. The following language should be used:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D, formerly Corporation C, formerly Corporation F, for the taxable period ending Date 11.

#### FACTS

As we understand the facts from your memoranda, Corporation A was the common parent of an affiliated group of corporations that filed a consolidated federal income tax return with a taxable year ending Date X. On Date 1, Corporation A formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Corporation B, for purposes of

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merging with Corporation G. On Date 2, the shareholders of Corporation A exchanged their Corporation A stock on a share for share basis for Corporation B common stock (the Restructuring).

On Date 5, Corporation B and Corporation G formed Corporation F. On Date 6, Corporation F changed its name to Corporation C. On Date 7, Corporation B and Corporation G merged into Corporation C. Corporation A merged into a transitory subsidiary of Corporation F and survived the merger. Also on Date 7, Corporation C, the surviving entity, changed its name to Corporation D. Corporation D uses a tax year ending Date Y. On Date 7, Corporation B filed its final consolidated tax return. Each member of the former Corporation B consolidated group filed separate Forms 1120 for the remainder of their tax year, from the period Date 8 through Date 9 and then from the period Date 10 through Date 11. On Date 12, Corporation D changed its name to Corporation E.

#### LAW AND ANALYSIS

ISSUE 1: We recommend obtaining a Form 872 from both Corporation A and the successor to Corporation B because an open question of law exists concerning whether the Restructuring resulted in the termination of the old Corporation A consolidated group and formation of a new Corporation B group or the continuation of the old Corporation A group under §1.1502-75(d) pursuant to a group structure change with a new common parent.

For the first Form 872 from Corporation A, we suggest using the following language:

Corporation A (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.\*

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3.

For the second Form 872 from the successor of Corporation B, we suggest the following language:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.\*

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Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3.

ISSUE 2: Corporation A's tax year must be broken into three periods. From Date 4 through Date 7, the proper party to execute a Form 872 is:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.\*

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\* This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable period ending on Date 7.

From Date 8 through Date 9 and then Date 10 through Date 11, Corporation A filed separate returns. Therefore, the proper party to execute a Form 872 for these time frames is an authorized party from Corporation A.

ISSUE 3: Under ISSUE 1 we recommend that the successor to Corporation B execute a Form 872 for the period ending Date 3. That same party is the proper party to execute a Form 872 for the period ending Date 7:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation C (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), as successor in interest to Corporation B and Subsidiaries (EIN xx-xxxxxxx) and as alternative agent under Temp. Reg. § 1.1502-77T for the members of the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group.\*

Put an asterisk after “group.” At the bottom of the Form 872, write:

\*This is with respect to the Corporation B and Subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable year ending Date 3, and the final consolidated return for the taxable period ending on Date 7.

ISSUE 4: Each member of the former Corporation B consolidated group that filed separate returns and is still in existence is the proper party to execute a Form 872 for that period (see ISSUE 2). For example, a duly authorized agent from Corporation A is the proper party to execute a Form 872 for the periods from Date 7 through Date 11. If a member of the group filed a separate return but is not

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currently in existence, then that member's successor is the proper party to execute a Form 872. Alternatively, Rev. Proc. 72-38 can be followed to execute a Form 872 or SS-10.

ISSUE 5: According to facts in your memoranda, Corporation D changed its name to Corporation E on Date 12. Whatever Corporation E's legal name was on its Date 11 tax return is the party to whom the Form 872 should apply. According to a conversation with the examining field agent on Date 13, a separate (non-consolidated) tax return was filed for the taxable period from Date 5 to Date 11 for the party currently known as Corporation E. Therefore, a duly authorized officer from Corporation E is the proper party to executed the Form 872. The language we suggest using is:

Corporation E (EIN xx-xxxxxxx), formerly Corporation D, formerly Corporation C, formerly Corporation F, for the taxable period ending Date 11.

#### CASE DEVELOPMENT, HAZARDS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

All legal names of the corporations involved herein, EIN numbers, and dates on the relevant tax returns should be confirmed.

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Please call (202) 622-7790 if you have any further questions.

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