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Dear :

This is in response to your representative’s letter dated September 20, 2016, requesting a ruling on behalf of Taxpayer that it be permitted to change from the fair market value method to the alternative tax book value method of asset valuation for purposes of interest apportionment, pursuant to Treas. Reg. §§ 1.861-8T(c)(2), 1.861-9(i), and 1.861-9T(g)(1)(ii), for its taxable year and subsequent years.

The ruling contained in this letter is based upon information and representations submitted by 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 request for rulings, it is subject to verification on examination.

Taxpayer, a domestic corporation, is the common parent of a group of affiliated corporations that files a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return on a calendar year basis. Taxpayer uses the accrual method as its overall method of accounting. Taxpayer has utilized the fair market value method of asset valuation for several taxable years prior to its taxable year.

Section 864(e) provides that all allocations and apportionments of interest expense shall be made on the basis of assets rather than gross income. Treas. Reg. §§ 1.861-8 through 1.861-13T set forth the rules specific to the allocation and apportionment of interest expense. Treas. Reg. § 1.861-9(i) sets forth the rules applicable to use of the alternative tax book value method of asset valuation. Treas. Reg. § 1.861-9T(g)(1)(ii)

provides that a taxpayer may elect to determine the value of its assets on the basis of either the tax book value or the fair market value of its assets. Treas. Reg. § 1.861-8T(c)(2) provides that, once a taxpayer uses the fair market value method, the taxpayer and all related persons must continue to use such method unless expressly authorized by the Commissioner to change methods.

Based solely on the information submitted and the representations made, pursuant to Treas. Reg. §§ 1.861-8(f)(2), 1.861-8T(c)(2), 1.861-9(i), and 1.861-9T(g)(1)(ii), Taxpayer is permitted to change from the fair market value method to the alternative tax book value method of asset valuation for purposes of apportioning interest expense for all operative sections, including sections 199 and 904 of the Code, for its taxable year and future years. .

This ruling is directed only to Taxpayer. 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, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representatives.

A copy of this letter must be attached to any income tax return to which it is relevant. Alternatively, taxpayers filing their returns electronically may satisfy this requirement by attaching a statement to their return that provides the date and control number of the letter ruling.

Sincerely,

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