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### LEGEND

Purchaser =

S Corporation Shareholder =

S Corporation Target =

State A =

Date 1 =

B Year =

Tax Professionals =

Dear :

This letter responds to a letter received on October 11, 2016, submitted on behalf of Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, and S Corporation Target, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file an election. Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, and S Corporation Target are requesting an extension of time to file an election under § 1.336-2(h)(3) of the Income Tax Regulations (“Election”) with respect to Purchaser’s acquisition of all of the stock of S Corporation Target from S Corporation Shareholder on Date 1. The material information submitted is summarized below.

On Date 1, Purchaser, an individual, acquired all of the stock of S Corporation Target, a State A corporation that elected to be treated as an S corporation for federal income tax purposes, from S Corporation Shareholder in exchange for cash and an interest bearing note payable in three annual installments (the "Disposition"). It has been represented that the Disposition qualified as a "qualified stock disposition" as defined in § 1.336-1(b)(6).

S Corporation Target, S Corporation Shareholder and Purchaser intended to make a section 336(e) election but, for various reasons, a timely election was not made. Subsequently, this request was submitted, under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations, for an extension of time to file the Election. It has been represented that none of Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, or S Corporation Target is seeking to alter a return position for which an accuracy-related penalty has been or could be imposed under section 6662 at the time of the request for relief (taking into account any qualified amended return filed within the meaning of § 1.6664-2(c)(3)) and for which the new position requires or permits a regulatory election for which relief is requested.

Regulations promulgated under section 336(e) permit certain sales, exchanges, or distributions of stock of a corporation to be treated as asset dispositions if: (1) the disposition is a "qualified stock disposition" as defined in § 1.336-1(b)(6); and (2) a section 336(e) election is made.

Section 1.336-2(h)(3) provides that a section 336(e) election for an S corporation target is made by: (i) all of the S corporation shareholders, including those who do not dispose of any stock in the qualified stock disposition, and the S corporation target entering into a written, binding agreement, on or before the due date (including extensions) of the federal income tax return of the S corporation target for the taxable year that includes the disposition date, to make a section 336(e) election; (ii) the S corporation target retaining a copy of the written agreement; and (iii) the S corporation target attaching the section 336(e) election statement, described in § 1.336-2(h)(5) and (6), to its timely filed (including extensions) federal income tax return for the taxable year that includes the disposition date.

Under § 301.9100-1(c), the Commissioner has discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election or a statutory election (but no more than six months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad) under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code except subtitles E, G, H, and I.

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 a regulatory election. Section 301.9100-1(a). Section 301.9100-2 provides automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Requests for relief under § 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that

the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government. Section 301.9100-3(a).

The time for filing the Election is fixed by the regulations (i.e., § 1.336-2(h)(3)). Therefore, the Commissioner has discretionary authority under § 301.9100-3 to grant an extension of time to file the Election, provided Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, and S Corporation Target acted reasonably and in good faith, the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 are satisfied, and granting relief would not prejudice the interests of the government.

Information, affidavits, and representations submitted by Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, S Corporation Target, and Tax Professionals explain the circumstances that resulted in the failure to timely file the Election. The information establishes that Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, and S Corporation Target reasonably relied on qualified tax professionals who failed to file, or advise them to timely file, the Election and that the request for relief was filed before the failure to file the Election was discovered by the Internal Revenue Service. See §§ 301.9100-3(b)(1)(i) and (v).

Based on the facts and information submitted, including the representations made, we conclude that Purchaser, S Corporation Shareholder, and S Corporation Target have acted reasonably and in good faith, the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 are satisfied, and granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government. Accordingly, an extension of time is granted under § 301.9100-3, until 45 days from the date on this letter, to file the Election with respect to the Disposition.

WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE ON THIS LETTER, S Corporation Target and the S Corporation Shareholder must enter into a written, binding agreement to make a section 336(e) election and S Corporation Target must file the section 336(e) election statement in accordance with § 1.336-2(h). The section 336(e) election statement must be attached to S Corporation Target's tax return for B Year. In addition, a copy of this letter must be attached to S Corporation Target's return. Alternatively, if S Corporation Target files its return electronically, it may satisfy the requirement of attaching a copy of this letter to the return by attaching a statement to its return that provides the date and control number (PLR-131803-16) of this letter ruling.

WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE DATE ON THIS LETTER, all relevant parties must file or amend, as applicable, all returns and amended returns (if any) necessary to report the transaction consistently with the making of a section 336(e) election for the taxable year in which the transaction was consummated (and for any other affected taxable year).

The above extension of time is conditioned on the taxpayers' (i.e., Purchaser's, S Corporation Target's, and S Corporation Shareholder's) tax liability (if any) being not lower, in the aggregate, for all years to which the section 336(e) election applies than it would have been if the Election had been timely filed (taking into account the time value

of money). No opinion is expressed as to the taxpayers' tax liability for the years involved. A determination thereof will be made by the applicable Director's office upon audit of the federal income tax returns involved.

We express no opinion as to: (1) whether the Disposition qualifies as a "qualified stock disposition"; or (2) any other tax consequences arising from the section 336(e) election.

In addition, we express no opinion as to the tax consequences of filing the return or Election late under the provisions of any other section of the Code and regulations, or as to the tax treatment of any conditions existing at the time of, or resulting from, filing the Election late that are not specifically set forth in the above ruling. For purposes of granting relief under § 301.9100-3, we have relied on certain statements and representations made by the taxpayers. However, the Director should verify all essential facts. In addition, notwithstanding that an extension is granted under § 301.9100-3 to file the Election, penalties and interest that would otherwise be applicable, if any, continue to apply.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer(s) who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file in this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

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Ken Cohen  
Chief, Branch 3  
Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate)

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