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LEGEND

X =

Trust =

A =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

Date 3 =

Date 4 =

Date 5 =

State =

Dear _____ :

This responds to a letter dated December 13, 2022, and supplemental information, submitted on behalf of X by X's authorized representative, requesting relief under section 1362(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

FACTS

According to the information submitted and representations within, X was incorporated on Date 1, under the laws of State. Effective Date 2, X elected to be taxed as an S corporation.

On Date 3, Trust became a shareholder of X. Until Date 4, Trust was a trust, all of which was treated (under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of chapter 1) as owned by an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States. On Date 4, the deemed owner of Trust died. On Date 5, A, the income beneficiary of Trust, failed to timely file an election under § 1361(d)(2) for Trust to be a qualified subchapter S trust (QSST). Accordingly, Trust became an ineligible shareholder of X and X's S corporation status was terminated following the expiration of the two-year period specified in § 1361(c)(2)(A)(ii) on Date 5.

X represents that Trust has at all times since Date 5 met the requirements of a QSST within the meaning of § 1361(d)(3). X also represents that X and its shareholders have filed federal income tax returns consistent with X's treatment as an S corporation. In addition, X represents that the termination of its S corporation status was inadvertent and was not motivated by tax avoidance or retroactive tax planning. Further, X represents that X and its shareholders agree to make any adjustments required as a condition of obtaining relief for the termination of X's election as provided under § 1362(f) of the Code that may be required by the Secretary.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 1361(a)(1) of the Code provides that the term "S corporation" means, with respect to any taxable year, a small business corporation for which an election under § 1362(a) is in effect for such year.

Section 1361(b)(1) defines a "small business corporation" as a domestic corporation which is not an ineligible corporation and which does not (A) have more than 100 shareholders, (B) have as a shareholder a person (other than an estate, a trust described in § 1361(c)(2), or an organization described in § 1361(c)(6)) who is not an individual, (C) have a nonresident alien as a shareholder, and (D) have more than 1 class of stock.

Section 1361(c)(2)(A)(i) provides that a trust, all of which is treated (under subpart E of part I of subchapter J of chapter 1) as owned by an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, may be an S corporation shareholder.

Section 1361(c)(2)(A)(ii) provides that, for purposes of § 1361(b)(1)(B), A trust which was described in clause (i) immediately before the death of the deemed owner and which continues in existence after such death, but only for the 2-year period beginning on the day of the deemed owner's death.

Section 1361(d)(1) provides that a QSST whose beneficiary makes an election under § 1361(d)(2) will be treated as a trust described in § 1361(c)(2)(A)(i), and the beneficiary of such trust will be treated as the owner (for purposes of § 678(a)) of that portion of the trust which consists of stock in an S corporation with respect to which the election under § 1361(d)(2) is made.

Section 1361(d)(3) defines a QSST as a trust (A) the terms of which require that (i) during the life of the current income beneficiary, there shall be only one income beneficiary of the trust; (ii) any corpus distributed during the life of the current income beneficiary may be distributed only to such beneficiary; (iii) the income interest of the current income beneficiary in the trust shall terminate on the earlier of such beneficiary's death or the termination of the trust; and (iv) upon termination of the trust during the life of the current income beneficiary, the trust shall distribute all of its assets to that beneficiary; and (B) all of the income (within the meaning of § 643(b)) of which is distributed (or required to be distributed) currently to one individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States.

Section 1.1361-1(j)(6)(ii) of the Income Taxation Regulations provides that the current income beneficiary of the trust must make the election under § 1361(d)(2) by signing and filing with the service center with which the corporation files its income tax return the applicable form or a statement including the information listed in § 1.1361- 1(j)(6)(ii).

Section 1362(d)(2)(A) provides that an election under § 1362(a) shall be terminated whenever the corporation ceases to be a small business corporation. A termination of an S corporation under § 1362(d)(2) is effective on and after the date of cessation.

Section 1362(f) provides, in relevant part, that if (1) an election under § 1362(a) by any corporation was not effective for the taxable year for which made (determined without regard to § 1362(b)(2)) by reason of a failure to meet the requirements of § 1361(b) or was terminated under § 1362(d)(2) or (3); (2) the Secretary determines that the circumstances resulting in such ineffectiveness or termination were inadvertent; (3) no later than a reasonable period of time after discovery of the circumstances resulting in such ineffectiveness or termination, steps were taken so that the corporation for which the election was made or termination occurred is a small business corporation; and (4) the corporation for which the election was made or termination occurred, and each person who was a shareholder in such corporation at any time during the period

specified pursuant to § 1362(f), agrees to make the adjustments (consistent with the treatment of such corporation as an S corporation) as may be required by the Secretary with respect to such period, then, notwithstanding the circumstances resulting in such ineffectiveness or termination, such corporation shall be treated as an S corporation during the period specified by the Secretary.

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made, we conclude that X's S corporation status inadvertently terminated within the meaning of § 1362(f) on Date 5 because Trust was an ineligible shareholder. Pursuant to the provisions of § 1362(f), X will be treated as an S corporation from Date 5 and thereafter, provided X's S corporation election is otherwise effective and not terminated under § 1362(d). Furthermore, Trust will be treated as a QSST from Date 5 and thereafter.

This ruling is subject to the following conditions that must occur within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this letter (1) A must file a QSST election, as described under § 1361(d)(2), effective Date 5 with the appropriate service center and (2) both Trust and A must file any original and amended returns for all open taxable years consistent with the relief granted in this letter. See page 14 of the Instructions for Form 1041 (2022), U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts, for the special reporting requirements applicable to QSSTs.

A copy of this letter should be attached to the QSST election and amended returns. Furthermore, if these conditions are not met, X must notify the service center where X's S corporation election is filed that its S corporation election has terminated effective Date 5.

Except as specifically ruled upon above, we express or imply no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts of this case under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, we express or imply no opinion regarding X's eligibility to be an S corporation or Trust's eligibility to be a QSST.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. According to § 6110(k)(3), this ruling may not be used or cited as precedent.

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

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file with this office, we are sending a copy of this letter to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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