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SUBJECT:

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LEGEND

Year 1 =

Year 2 =

Year 3 =

Year 4 =

Year 5 =

Year 6 =

Date 1 =

Date 2 =

Date 3 =

Date 4 =

Parent =

Parent's Former Name =

Parent's New Name =

Merger Sub =

Foreign Parent =

Foreign Parent's  
former name =Foreign Parent's  
new name =  
Corporation X =

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Intermediate =

State A =

a =ISSUES

- 1) In light of Parent's Date 4 restructuring, what corporate entity is the proper party to extend the statute of limitations for the taxable years Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6?
- 2) In light of Parent's Date 4 restructuring, what corporate entity is the proper party to extend the statute of limitations for the taxable years Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3?
- 3) Whether under the relevant facts and circumstances, it is advisable or necessary for the Service to solicit a separate Form 872 from Intermediate, as alternative agent under Temp. Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-77T(a)(4), for the members of the Parent consolidated group?

CONCLUSIONS

- 1) Parent is the proper party to execute Forms 872 (Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax) for the Parent and subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable years Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6. The following language and format should be used for the Form(s) 872 for Year 4 and/or Year 5: "Parent's New Name (EIN: XX-XXXXXXX), formerly Parent's Former Name, and Subsidiaries.\*" Following an asterisk at the bottom of page 1 of Form 872, state: "With respect to the consolidated tax liability of Parent's Former Name and Subsidiary Companies for [the year or years being extended]." The following language and format should be used for Year 6: "Parent's New Name (EIN: XX-XXXXXXX) and Subsidiaries.\*" Following an asterisk at the bottom of page 1 of Form 872, state: "With respect to the consolidated tax liability of Parent's New Name and Subsidiary Companies for Year 6."
- 2) Parent is the proper party to execute Forms 872 (Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax) for the Parent and subsidiaries consolidated group for the taxable years Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. The following language and

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format should be used for the Form(s) 872 for Year 1, Year 2, and/or Year 3: "Parent's New Name (EIN: XX-XXXXXXX), formerly Parent's Former Name, and Subsidiaries.\*" Following an asterisk at the bottom of page 1 of Form 872, state: "With respect to the consolidated tax liability of Parent's Former Name and Subsidiary Companies for [the year or years being extended]."

- 3) It is neither necessary nor advisable for the Service to solicit a separate Form 872 from Intermediate, as alternative agent under Temp. Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-77T(a)(4), for the members of the Parent consolidated group.

### FACTS

Until the Date 4 Restructuring discussed below, Parent was the common parent of an affiliated group of corporations filing consolidated federal income tax returns. On or about Date 1, Parent and Foreign Parent entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Foreign Parent formed Merger Sub. On Date 2, pursuant to the Agreement, Parent and Merger Sub merged under State A law, with Parent surviving (the "Merger"). Parent therefore became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Foreign Parent. Simultaneously with the Merger, Parent changed its name from Parent's Former Name to Parent's New Name and Foreign Parent changed its name from Foreign Parent's Former Name to Foreign Parent's New Name.

Prior to Date 3, Foreign Parent had acquired approximately a% of the stock of Corporation X, the common parent of an affiliated group filing consolidated federal income tax returns. On or about Date 3, Foreign Parent transferred its stock in Corporation X to Intermediate, a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary of Foreign Parent, in exchange for additional stock in Intermediate (the "Date 3 Restructuring"). The Date 3 Restructuring constituted a "reverse acquisition" under Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-75(d)(3) and consequently resulted in the termination of the Intermediate consolidated group. The Corporation X consolidated group survived the transaction with Intermediate becoming the new common parent of that group.

On or about Date 4 (the day following Date 3) Foreign Parent transferred its stock in Parent to Intermediate in exchange for additional stock in Intermediate (the "Date 4 Restructuring"). The Date 4 Restructuring constituted a "reverse acquisition" under Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-75(d)(3) and consequently, resulted in the termination of the Corporation X consolidated group. The Parent consolidated group survived the transaction with Intermediate becoming the new common parent of that group.

The Service obtained Forms 872 covering various periods. For Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3, the Service obtained Forms 872 executed by Parent and also forms 872

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executed by Intermediate as alternate agent. For Year 4 and Year 5 the Service obtained Forms 872 executed by Parent, in the name "Parent's New Name, formerly Parent's Former Name." For Year 6, the Service obtained a Form 872 executed by Parent, in the name "Parent's New Name."

### LAW AND ANALYSIS

Where the common parent remains in existence, even if it no longer is the common parent, it remains the agent for the group with regard to years for which it was the common parent of the group. Treas. Reg. §§ 1.1502-77(a); 1.1502-77T(a)(4)(i). Here, prior to the Date 4 Restructuring, Parent was the common parent of the Parent and subsidiaries consolidated group. That is, Parent was the common parent of the Parent and subsidiaries consolidated group for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6. Parent remained in existence following the Date 4 Restructuring although it ceased to be the common parent of the consolidated group of which it is a member. Parent therefore is a proper party to sign an extension of the statute of limitations with respect to Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6.

As we understand the facts of the case, there is no appreciable uncertainty as to whether Parent remains a viable and legal entity under State A law. Therefore, it is unnecessary and inadvisable to solicit Forms 872 from Intermediate, as alternative agent under Temp. Treas. Reg. § 1.1502-77T(a)(4), for the members of the Parent consolidated group.

Please call if you have any further questions.

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