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In the matter of:

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FINAL RULING NO. 2011-04
January 19, 2011

Assessment of Income Tax on Unreported Earnings
Tax Years 2004, 2005, and 2006

FINAL RULING

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has issued individual income tax assessments against [REDACTED] for the taxable years 2004, 2005 and 2006. The following table provides a breakdown of the amount of tax due, all assessed penalties, as well as accrued interest as of the date of this final ruling.

TAX YEARS	TAX	INTEREST	PENALTIES	TOTAL
2004	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2005	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2006	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
TOTAL	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

The assessments resulted from [REDACTED]'s failure to file Kentucky Individual Income Tax Return, Revenue Form 740, for 2004, 2005 and 2006 and to pay the tax due for those years as required by KRS 141.020. The records of the Kentucky Department of Revenue disclose that [REDACTED]'s Kentucky net income for 2004, 2005 and 2006 is based on information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") under the authority of Section 6301 of the Internal Revenue Code ("I.R.C.").

At issue is whether the information obtained from the IRS for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 tax years is evidence of taxable income, and also whether Kentucky law requires a person who is a resident of this state to pay individual income taxes on such income.

KRS 141.020(1) states that “an annual tax shall be paid for each taxable year by every resident individual of this state upon his entire net income.” “Net income” is gross income with certain adjustments and minus allowable deductions. See KRS 141.010(10) and (11). Please note that while Kentucky adopts certain federal definitions, its power to tax its residents is found in its own constitutional and statutory authority.

KRS 141.010(17) defines a “resident” as including an individual domiciled within this state. The taxpayer and the IRS provided the Department of Revenue with information indicating the taxpayer was domiciled in Kentucky during the tax years in question.

For Kentucky income tax purposes, “gross income” in the case of taxpayers other than corporations means “gross income” as defined in I.R.C. Sec. 61. See KRS 141.010(9). For federal income tax purposes, “gross income” means all income from whatever source derived and includes compensation for services. See I.R.C. Sec. 61. Further, Treasury Regulation Sec. 1.1-1(b) provides that, “[i]n general, all citizens of the United States, wherever resident, and all resident alien individuals are liable to the income taxes imposed by the Code whether the income is received from sources within or without the United States.”

After reviewing the available information, and the applicable statutes, it is the position of the Kentucky Department of Revenue that the outstanding individual income tax assessments issued against [REDACTED] for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 tax years are valid liabilities due the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This letter is the final ruling of the Department of Revenue.

APPEAL

You may appeal this final ruling to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals pursuant to the provisions of KRS 131.110, KRS 131.340-131.365, 103 KAR 1:010 and 802 KAR 1:010. If you decide to appeal this final ruling, your petition of appeal must be filed at the principal office of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, 128 Brighton Park Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-3714, within thirty (30) days from the date of this final ruling. The rules of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, which are set forth in 802 KAR 1:010, require that the petition of appeal must:

1. Be filed in quintuplicate;
2. Contain a brief statement of the law and facts in issue;
3. Contain the petitioner's or appellant's position as to the law and facts; and
4. Include a copy of this final ruling with each copy of the petition of appeal.

The petition of appeal must be in writing and signed by the petitioner or appellant. Filings by facsimile or other electronic means shall not be accepted.

Proceedings before the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals are conducted in accordance with 103 KAR 1:010, 802 KAR 1:010 and KRS 131.340-131.365 and KRS Chapter 13B. Formal hearings are held by the Board concerning the tax appeals before it, with all testimony and proceedings officially reported. Legal representation of parties to appeals before the Board is governed by the following rules set forth in Section 3 of 802 KAR 1:010:

1. An individual may represent himself in any proceedings before the Board where his individual tax liability is at issue or he may obtain an attorney to represent him in those proceedings;
2. An individual who is not an attorney may not represent any other individual or legal entity in any proceedings before the Board;
3. Any party appealing a final ruling to the Board other than an individual, such as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, estate or other legal entity, shall be represented by an attorney in all proceedings before the Board, including the filing of the petition of appeal; and
4. An attorney who is not licensed to practice in Kentucky may practice before the Board only if he complies with Rule 3.030(2) of the Rules of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

You will be notified by the Clerk of the Board of the date and time set for any hearing.

Sincerely,
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET



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