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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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TESORO FOUNDATION
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Employer Identification Number:

84-1542815

DLN:

505035019

Contact Person:

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ID# 31172

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

60 Month Period Ends:

May 15, 2014

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

We have received your notification of intent to terminate your private foundation status under section 507(b)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code during a 60 month period beginning January 1, 2005.

The information submitted indicates that you intend to operate as an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code during the 60 month period.

Based on your proposed activities and support, it is held that you can reasonably be expected to terminate your private foundation status under section 507(b)(1)(B) of the Code. Accordingly, you will be treated as a public charity described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code for an advance ruling period of 60 months beginning January 1, 2005.

Within 90 days after the end of your 60 month period, you must establish to the satisfaction of the Internal Revenue Service that you have qualified as an organization which meets the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 509(a) of the Code for the 60 month period. If you do establish that fact, you will be so classified for all purposes beginning with the first day of the first taxable year of the 60 month period and, thereafter, so long as you continue to meet the requirements of section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3). If, however, you do not meet these requirements for the 60 month period, you will be classified as a private foundation as of the first day of the first taxable year of the 60 month period.

If you satisfy the requirements of section 507(b)(1)(B) of the Code at the end of your 60 month period, you will not be subject to the provisions of section 507(a), (c), or (g) of the Code.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status.

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You are required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as a Private Foundation, until you complete your 60 month termination and are classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization. Form 990-PF must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts (whichever is less), for failure to file a return on time unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

If you do not pay the tax imposed by section 4940 of the Code for any taxable year or years during the 60 month period, and it is subsequently determined that such tax is due for such year or years, you will be liable for interest in accordance with section 6601 of the Code. Since any failure to pay such taxes during the 60 month period is due to reasonable cause, the penalty under section 6651 with respect to the tax imposed by section 4940 shall not apply.

If the heading of this letter indicate that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosure(s) :
Form 872

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