

## ***Valuation Factors Studies***

### **Non-Production Computer Equipment Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment Biopharmaceutical Equipment and Fixtures**

The staff of the State Board of Equalization, Assessment Policy and Standards Division, is commencing a project to conduct studies to develop valuation factors for nonproduction computer equipment, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and biopharmaceutical equipment and fixtures. The studies are being funded through additional budget authority received by the Board pursuant to the adopted 2006-07 state budget. It is anticipated that these studies will be conducted over the next two years. Ultimately, the factors will be incorporated into Assessors' Handbook Section 581, *Equipment Index and Percent Good Factors*.

A kick-off interested parties meeting was held on August 7, 2006 to advise interested parties of the proposed scope of the studies and to seek assistance and data. Board staff worked with the California Taxpayers' Association and the California Assessors' Association to obtain volunteers to staff three teams to work on the studies.

### ***Valuation Study Teams***

#### **Non-Production Computer Equipment Team**

Mike Harris, Chair	State Board of Equalization
Isaac Cruz	State Board of Equalization
John Despotakis	Apple Computer, Inc.
Larry Hoenig	Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP
Kurt Gensicke	Los Angeles County Assessor's Office
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#### **Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment Team**

Mike Harris, Chair	State Board of Equalization
Isaac Cruz	State Board of Equalization
Pete Rincon	Philips Electronics
Bill Harris	Intel Corporation
Ginny Hamley	Santa Clara County Assessor's Office
Richard Leong	Santa Clara County Assessor's Office

#### **Biopharmaceutical Equipment and Fixtures Team**

Mike Harris, Chair	State Board of Equalization
Isaac Cruz	State Board of Equalization
Mike Hart	Amgen, Inc.
Charles J. Moll III	Winston & Strawn, LLP
Terry Flinn	San Mateo County Assessor's Office
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## ***Projected Timelines***

### **Non-Production Computer Equipment Study**

September 26, 2006	First meeting of the team members
Ongoing	Development of a definition of the equipment to be included in the study
December 1, 2006	Industry to provide prior studies and other relevant data
December 1, 2006	Counties to provide sales data and other relevant data
January 2007	Board team members to analyze data collected and develop recommended factors for the team members' consideration
March 2007	Proposed factors distributed to interested parties
May 2007	Factors presented to the Board for adoption

### **Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment Study**

September 20, 2006	First meeting of the team members
Ongoing	Development of a definition of the equipment to be included in the study
October 31, 2006	Industry to provide prior studies and other relevant data
November 8, 2006	Counties to provide appraisal data and other relevant data
January 2007 through September 2007	Board team members to conduct audits of semiconductor manufacturing companies
December 2007	Board team members to analyze data collected and develop recommended factors for the team members' consideration
February 2008	Proposed factors distributed to interested parties
May 2008	Factors presented to the Board for adoption

### **Biopharmaceutical Equipment and Fixtures Study**

September 25, 2006	First meeting of the team members
Ongoing	Development of a definition of the equipment to be included in the study
November 8, 2006	Industry to provide prior studies and other relevant data
November 8, 2006	Counties to provide appraisal data and other relevant data
March 2007 through October 2007	Board team members to conduct audits of biopharmaceutical manufacturing companies
November 2007	Board team members to analyze data collected and develop recommended factors for the team members' consideration
January 2008	Proposed factors distributed to interested parties
March 2008	Factors presented to the Board for adoption