

Respondent Franchise Tax Board's Exhibits

Appeal of GERALD J. AND CAROL L. MARCIL

Appeal Case ID No. 458832 Taxable Year 2001

Culver City Hearings June 21, 2011

David Gemmingen

Tax Counsel IV, Franchise Tax Board

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



Appeal Name: GERALD J. MARCIL AND CAROL L. MARCIL

Case ID: 458832 ITEM #: B1

Date: JUNE 21, 2011 Exhibit No: _____

TP FTB DEPT _____

(MD LLC)

MD LLC FORMED

Operating Agreement for MD LLC confirms 50% ownership J. WALSH 50% ownership MARCIL

MD LLC AMENDS MANCHESTER PURCHASE CONTRACT TWICE re CLOSING DATE July 2001

HVA exchanges agreement w/ API

MD LLC 3rd Amendment to 100% purchase contract for MANCHESTER property 9/28/01 - closing date extended to Oct. 23, 01

5/9/01 MD LLC contracts to buy 100% MANCHESTER property \$8 MILLION

JUNE 14, 01 Hollywood Vista Pksp (HVA) considers selling Vista Property to MARCIL letter to CAYINA TAYLOR DEMARTI

8/8/01 HVA enters Agreement to sell VISTA property

9/24/01 API forms LAVA ROCK LLC

LAVA ROCK's 60% TIC DEED recorded 3/18/02

GRANT DEED DATED July 19, 2001 MANCHESTER property Sellers grant to MD LLC the Manchester property, later this deed altered to insert LAVA ROCK LLC WHICH WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE IN July 2001

10/18/01 Although MANCHESTER property under 100% contract with MD LLC HVA purports to convey right to buy 60% TIC in MANCH. Prop to LAVA ROCK LLC by API

11/14/01 VISM Property sold by API

11/28/01 HVA transfers LAVA Rock 60% TIC Manchest Prop. to G. MARCIL

Ownership in MD LLC changed MARCIL 50% -> 60% WALSH 50% -> 40%

HVA files final 2001 tax return with FTB 9/02

DEED w/ MD LLC @ 40% TIC LAVA ROCK LLC @ 60% TIC MANCHESTER property recorded (dated July 19, 2001)

11/20/01 API ASSIGNS LAVA ROCK LLC 60% TIC MANCH. Prop. to HVA

12/15/01 HVA conveys 60% TIC MAN property to MD LLC

12/26/01 HVA terminates LEGAL EXISTENCE files with STATE CA certificates of CANCELLATION of DISSOLUTION

9/01/02 LAVA ROCK MERGES WITH MD LLC

NO MERGER document filed re HVA

December 2001 MD LLC (MANCHESTER DEVEL. LLC) OWNS 100% MANCHESTER PROPERTY

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE
AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS

BY AND AMONG

HANNON REALTY CO., INC.,
WINIFRED S. COCKEY 1988 TRUSTS
AND PRINCIPIA COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

AS SELLER

AND

MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

AS BUYER

RELATING TO

CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS
LOCATED ON 8000-8060 W. MANCHESTER BOULEVARD,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

DATED AS OF

May 16, 2001

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Buyer: Manchester Development, LLC
c/o Palos Verdes Development Management Company
43 Malaga Cove Plaza, Suite D
Palos Verdes, California 90274-1360
Attention: Mr. Gerald J. Marcil



with a copy to: Baker, Burton & Lundy
515 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, California 90254
Attention: Kent S. Burton, Esq.
Telephone: (310) 376-9893
Facsimile No.: (310) 376-7483

Escrow Holder: Stewart Title Insurance Company
505 N. Brand Boulevard
Suite 400
Glendale, California 91203
Attention: Mr. Edward Neil
Telephone: (818) 500-5693
Facsimile No.: (818) 244-7637

(q) "Opening of Escrow": Opening Escrow shall have the meaning given thereto in Paragraph 4 hereof.

(r) "Permitted Exceptions": Permitted Exceptions shall have the meaning given thereto in Paragraph 7 hereof.

(s) "Property": The Property is that certain real property located in Los Angeles County, California, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, and the improvements thereon.

(t) "Prorations": Prorations shall mean the prorations described in Paragraph 13 hereof.

(u) "Purchase Price": The Purchase Price for the Property is EIGHT MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$8,000,000.00); provided, however, the Purchase Price may be reduced as set forth in Paragraph 28 of this Agreement.

(v) "Title Company": The Title Company is Stewart Title Insurance Company.

(w) "Title Policy": Title Policy shall have the meaning given thereto in Paragraph 11 hereof.

2. **Purchase and Sale:** Upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Seller agrees to sell to Buyer and Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller the Property,

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**AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE
AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS**

THIS AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into as of May 16, 2001, by and among HANNON REALTY CO., INC., a California corporation, WINIFRED S. COCKEY 1988 TRUSTS and PRINCIPIA COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS (collectively, "**Seller**") and MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company ("**Buyer**").

Buyer and Sellers agree as follows:

1. **Definitions:** For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms will be defined as follows:

(a) "**Actual Knowledge of Seller**": Actual Knowledge of Seller means and is limited to the actual knowledge of Ms. Elaine S. Ewen without having conducted any independent inquiry or inspection.

(b) "**Assignment**": Assignment shall have the meaning given thereto in Paragraph 6 hereof.

(c) "**Closing Date**": The Closing Date for the Property (as defined below) shall be no later than the first business day following the date which is sixty (60) days after the Effective Date (as defined below) and said Closing Date is the last date on which the Closing/Close of Escrow can occur.

(d) "**Closing**" and "**Close of Escrow**": Closing and Close of Escrow are terms used interchangeably in this Agreement. The Closing or the Close of Escrow with respect to the Property will be deemed to have occurred when a Grant Deed (as defined below) for the Property is recorded in the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. If the Closing does not fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, Escrow shall close on the Tuesday following such date.

(e) "**Deposit**": The Buyer shall deliver to Escrow Holder (as defined below) a deposit of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100THS DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) (the "**Deposit**"). The Deposit shall be in the form of wire transfer of federal funds or cash. The Deposit is nonrefundable unless otherwise provided herein. The Deposit shall be immediately released to Seller (without further written or verbal instructions from Seller and/or Buyer) one (1) business day after receipt by the Escrow Holder. The Deposit shall be applied to the Purchase Price if Escrow closes pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. If Escrow fails to close for any reason other than due to Seller's default or the failure of a condition precedent as set forth in Subparagraph 8.1 below, then the Deposit shall be retained by Seller as liquidated damages.

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One Hundred Forty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$140,000.00). The provisions of this Paragraph 29 shall survive the Close of Escrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year hereinabove written.

SELLER:

BUYER:

Hannon Realty Co., Inc.

Manchester Development, LLC

By: _____
Name: Elaine S. Ewen
Its: President

By: *Gerald J. Marcil*
Name: Gerald J. Marcil
Its: Managing Member

Winifred S. Cockey 1988 Trusts

By: _____
Winifred S. Cockey as trustee

Principia College Communications

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

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Name: _____
Its: _____

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Winifred S. Cockey as trustee

Principia College Communications

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

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Exhibit B

Form of Grant Deed

RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO:
same as above

(Above Space For Recorder's Use Only)

CORPORATION GRANT DEED

In accordance with Section 11932 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, Grantor has declared the amount of transfer tax which is due by a separate statement which is not being recorded with this Grant Deed.

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, RECEIPT OF WHICH IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED, HANNON REALTY CO., INC., a California corporation, WINIFRED S. COCKEY AS TRUSTEE OF WINIFRED S. COCKEY 1988 TRUSTS and PRINCIPIA COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS, hereby grant to MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company, the real property and improvements located in Los Angeles County, State of California, described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property").

This conveyance is subject to non-delinquent taxes and assessments, and all matters of record and off-record affecting the Property, including, without limitation, matters which could be ascertained by an inspection or survey of the Property. Grantor disclaims any and all express or implied warranties regarding the Property other than the implied warranty stated in subparagraph 1 of Section 1113 of the California Civil Code.

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RECORDING REQUESTED BY
AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Manchester Development, LLC
c/o Palos Verdes Development Management Company
43 Malaga Cove Plaza, Suite D
Palos Verdes, CA 90274-1360
Attention: Mr. Jerry Marcil

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DATED AS OF: July 19, 2001

Hannon Realty Co., Inc.,
a California corporation

Principia College Communications

By: _____
Name: Elaine S. Ewen
Its: President

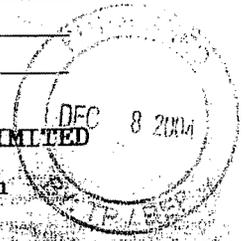
By: Howard Eberner, Jr
Name: HOWARD EBERNER, JR
Its: VICE PRESIDENT

The Winifred S. Cockey 1988 Trusts

By: Michael T. Sharples
Name: Michael T. Sharples
Its: President

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Winifred's Cockey as trustee

*as to an undivided 40% interest, and LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as to an undivided 60% interest, as Tenants in Common



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Principia College Communications

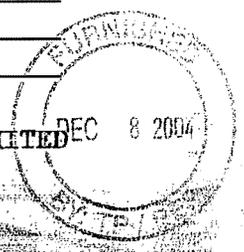
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Name: Elaine S. Ewen
Its: President

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

The Winifred S. Cockey 1988 Trusts

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

By: Winifred S. Cockey
Winifred S. Cockey as trustee



*as to an undivided 40% interest, and LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 60% INTEREST, AS TENANTS IN COMMON

INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF HAWAII, } ss:
City and County of Honolulu.

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On this 25th day of July, A.D. 19....., before me personally appeared

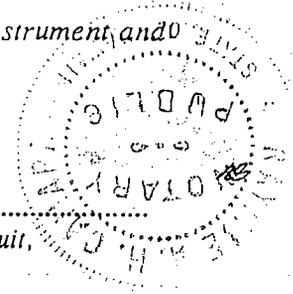
---Winifred S. Cockey**

to me known to be the person *..... described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged thatshe..... executed the same asher.. free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal.

Priscilla A. O'Connell

Notary Public, First Judicial Circuit,
State of Hawaii.



My Commission Expires 4-07-2002

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Date Recorded OCT 24 2001

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**STATEMENT OF TAX DUE AND REQUEST THAT TAX DECLARATION
NOT BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORD
IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER**

(Pursuant to Section 11932 R&T Code)

To: Registrar-Recorder
County of Los Angeles

Request is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of the Documentary Transfer Tax Act that the amount of tax due not be shown on the original document which names:

Hannon Realty Co., Inc., a California corporation,
Winifred S. Cockey as trustee of the Winifred S. Cockey 1988 Trusts
and Principia College Communications

(collectively, the grantor)

and

Manchester Development, LLC, a California limited liability company

(as grantee)

Property described in the accompanying document is located in City of Los Angeles, California.

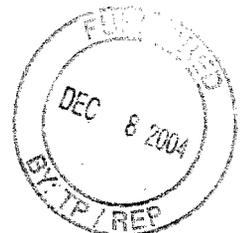
The amount of tax due on the accompanying document is \$44,800.00.

<u> </u>	Computed on full value of property conveyed, or	\$ 8,800 → <u>80</u>
<u> X</u>	Computed on full value less liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale.	\$ 36,000 → <u>44</u>

Signature of Declarant or Agent

Signature of Declarant or Agent

Winifred S. Cockey
Signature of Declarant or Agent





PALOS VERDES DEVELOPERS
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

TO: Vicki Dorfman
FROM: Jerry Marcil
RE: Change of Grand Deed, escrow #01398097

Dear Vicki,

This memo is your authorization to change the vesting on your grant deed from Manchester Development, LLC to Manchester Development LLC as to an undivided 40% interest and Lava Rock Eighty LLC as to an undivided 60% interest, as tenants-in-common.

The Seller would prefer if you just inserted this change unto the Grant Deed without getting it resigned. This is O.K. with me. Please contact the Seller to verify.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Gerald J. Marcil
Gerald J. Marcil

CC: Renee Lindsey
John Walsh

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CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 1671, 1676 AND 1677 SELLER HEREBY WAIVES THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 3389 UPON EITHER (I) THE FAILURE OF BUYER TO CLOSE ESCROW FOR THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT OR (II) THE DEFAULT BY BUYER OF THIS AGREEMENT, UPON THE ELECTION OF SELLER, IN SELLER'S SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE TERMINATED AND, EXCEPT FOR BUYER'S INDEMNITY AND OTHER SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS REFERRED TO HEREIN WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY SELLER (IN ADDITION TO COLLECTION AND RETENTION BY SELLER OF BUYER'S DEPOSIT, EXTENSION DEPOSIT AND SECOND EXTENSION DEPOSIT AS PROVIDED HEREUNDER), NEITHER PARTY WILL HAVE ANY FURTHER RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER TO THE OTHER, EXCEPT FOR THE RIGHT OF SELLER TO COLLECT SUCH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FROM BUYER AND ESCROW HOLDER

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Buyer's Initials

5 The Purchase Agreement is hereby modified by adding the following Paragraph 30 as follows.

"30. Tax Deferred Exchange. Seller agrees to reasonably cooperate with Purchaser in consummating the sale of the Property as part of a simultaneous or non-simultaneous tax-deferred exchange (the "Tax Exchange") pursuant to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that (i) Seller shall not be required to take title to any property including the Property, (ii) the Closing Date shall not be delayed or extended thereby, (iii) all costs and expenses shall be paid by Purchaser and (iv) Purchaser shall indemnify, defend, protect and hold Seller harmless from any liability, damage, costs and expenses related to the Tax Exchange."

6 Sections 6.2(c), 6.2(g), 14.5, 28 and 29 of the Purchase Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety

7 Section 26 of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended by the addition of the following sentence at the end of Section 26 as follows:

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be contained herein, Seller shall have the right to assign this Agreement without Buyer's consent."

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Assignment and Assumption of Intangible Property

THIS ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF INTANGIBLE PROPERTY ("Assignment") is made as of this 19th day of July, 2001, by and between HANNON REALTY CO., INC., a California corporation, WINIFRED S. COCKEY AS TRUSTEE OF THE WINIFRED S. COCKEY 1988 TRUSTS and PRINCIPIA COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS (collectively, "Assignor") and MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Assignee"), with reference to the following facts:

A. Assignor owns the real property legally described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and the improvements constructed thereon ("Property").

B. Assignor has used or acquired (or may have acquired) certain intangible rights in connection with the Property (as defined in the Purchase Agreement which is defined below) including, but not limited to, any trade name used in connection with the Property, various easements, licenses, permits, air rights, certificates of occupancy, rights of way, sewer agreements, water line agreements, utility agreements, water rights and oil, gas and mineral rights, all licenses, permits and entitlements related to the operation of the Property in accordance with its current use, and any and all development rights, entitlements and other intangible rights, titles, interests, privileges and appurtenances owned by Seller and in any way relating to the Property (collectively, the "Intangibles") and has also acquired, or may have acquired, certain express and implied warranties, including, but not limited to, the warranties of Assignor's general contractor for the improvements constructed on the Property, and said general contractor's subcontractors (the "Warranties").

C. Pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Joint Escrow Instructions entered into by Assignor, as Seller, and Assignee, as Buyer (the "Agreement"), Assignor now desires to assign and transfer to Assignee all of its right, title and interest in and to the Intangibles and the Warranties, to the extent such right, title and interest may exist and is assignable by Assignor, and Assignee desires to accept any such Intangibles and Warranties to the extent they exist and are assignable.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinbelow set forth, it is agreed:

1. Effective as of the Close of Escrow, as that phrase is defined in the Agreement, Assignor assigns and transfers to Assignee and its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to the Intangibles and the Warranties, to the extent such right, title and interest may exist and is assignable by Assignor.

2. Effective as of the Close of Escrow Assignee accepts the assignment of the Intangibles and the Warranties and shall be entitled to all rights and benefits accruing to the Assignor thereunder and hereby assumes all obligations thereunder from and after the Close of Escrow.

3 This Assignment may be executed in counterparts which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

4. The provisions of this instrument shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Assignor and Assignee and their respective successors and assigns.

5. Assignor hereby covenants that it will, at any time and from time to time, execute any documents and take such additional actions as Assignee or its successors or assigns shall reasonably require in order to more completely or perfectly carry out the transfers intended to be accomplished by this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor and Assignee have executed this Assignment and Assumption of Intangible Property as of the date set forth above.

"ASSIGNOR"

"ASSIGNEE"

HANNON REALTY CO., INC.,
a California corporation

MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC,
a California limited liability company

By: _____
Name: Elaine S. Ewen
Its: President

By: _____
Name: Gerald J. Marcil
Its: Managing Member

THE WINIFRED S. COCKEY 1988 TRUSTS

By: _____
Name: Winifred S. Cockey as trustee

PRINCIPIA COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

ASSIGNMENT OF REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT is entered into between Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd., a California Limited Partnership, herein called "Assignor" and LAVA ROCK EIGHTY LLC,, a Nevada limited liability company, herein called "Assignee" for the acquisition of the property located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, more commonly known as 60% Undivided Interest In 8000-8060 W. Manchester Blvd., Los Angeles, California herein called the "Subject Property".

WHEREAS, Assignor has entered into that certain Real Property Purchase Agreement "Real Property Purchase Agreement" dated _____, between Assignor as Purchaser and Hannon Realty Co., Inc.; Principia College Communications; And Winifred W. Cockey 1988 Trust as Seller; wherein Assignor agreed to acquire the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, Assignor wishes to assign to Assignee the rights to purchase the Subject Property under the Real Property Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Assignee wishes to accept said Assignment and acquire the rights of Assignor to purchase the Subject Property under the Real Property Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, this Assignment is being made pursuant to the Exchange Accommodation Agreement between Assignor and Assignee whereby Assignee is accepting this Assignment in order to acquire Replacement Property for Assignor, in furtherance of Assignor's IRC Section 1031 exchange transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee all of Assignor's rights and interest in the Real Property Purchase Agreement. Assignee hereby accepts assignment all of such rights and interest in the Real Property Purchase Agreement. The Real Property Purchase Agreement is hereby assigned in accordance with the terms hereof.

Assignor and Assignee further agree as follows:

1. As additional consideration to Assignee, Assignor hereby agrees to hold Assignee harmless, release, defend and indemnify Assignee from any and all liability, loss, damage or

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injury in any manner arising out of or incident to Assignee's acquiring ownership interest in, holding, transferring or conveying the Subject Property, including, without limitation, any and all consequential damages arising therefrom.

2. Assignor and Assignee agree that this assignment is made for the purposes of facilitating the I.R.C. Section 1031 exchange pursuant to the Exchange Accommodation Agreement to which this Assignment relates. Therefore, pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulation 1.1031 (k)-1(g)(4)(iv), only the rights of Assignor under the Real Property Sale Agreement have been assigned to Assignee. For purposes of any dispute regarding any aspect of the Subject Property other than Assignee's holding or transferring the Subject Property pursuant to the Exchange Accommodation Agreement and this Assignment thereto, this transaction shall be deemed to have occurred only between Assignor and Seller, and Assignee shall not be made a party to any dispute, suit, claim, arbitration or other proceeding concerning the Subject Property without Assignee's prior written consent.

3. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of their respective heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this assignment of the Real Property Sale Agreement.

ASSIGNOR: Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd., A California Limited Partnership

By: Gerald J. Marcil DATED: 10-18-01
Gerald J. Marcil, Managing Member

ASSIGNEE: LAVA ROCK EIGHTY LLC,
A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

BY: API PROPERTIES CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
ITS SOLE MEMBER

BY: Thomas W. Ward DATED 10/18/01
Thomas W. Ward, Corporate Counsel

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HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS, LTD.
LIMITED PARTNER WITHDRAWAL

Carina Taylor DeMarti hereby withdraws from the California Limited Partnership known as Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd.. Carina Taylor DeMarti does hereby relinquish all of her rights, interest, and title to the entity known as Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd.. The remaining limited partners (Carol Marcil and Gerald J. Marcil) shall now each own 49.5% of the limited partner interest in Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd.

In exchange for Carina Taylor DeMarti's withdrawal herein, Hollywood Vista Apartments, Ltd., has deeded 33.33% of the fee title of the property commonly known as Hollywood Vista Apts., 1417 N. Vista St., Hollywood, California to Carina Taylor DeMarti and Charles DeMarti as husband and wife as of Nov. 14, 2001. The effective date of this withdrawal is Nov. 14, 2001.

This agreement shall inure to the benefit or detriment of the heirs, assigns, executors, and /or successors to the parties herein.

If litigation should be required to enforce this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and costs.

The parties whose signatures are listed below are hereby in agreement.

Gerald J. Marcil 11-12-01
Woodglen Apts., LLC Date
General Partner
By Gerald J. Marcil

Carina Taylor DeMarti 11-12-01
Carina Taylor DeMarti Date
Limited Partner

Charles De Marti 11-12-01
Charles De Marti Date

Carol Marcil 11-12-01
Carol Marcil Date
Limited Partner

Gerald J. Marcil 11-12-01
Gerald J. Marcil Date
Limited Partner

Carina & Chuck De Marti

June 14, 2001

[REDACTED]
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear Carina and Chuck,

Good news. I think we can sell Vista for \$5,400,000. The rents have skyrocketed over the last 12 months. We just got \$1,350 for a 2 bedroom and \$1,000 for a one-bedroom. I'm enclosing the rent roll for your review.

I think we should ask \$5,650,000 and settle at \$5,400,000. I am not as motivated to sell as you and Peter, but I recognize this is good timing from a market standpoint. We will have the building paid off in 15 years and would be making cash flow in the mean time. However, a bird in the hand is worth 2 in the bush. We can finally make something.

I want to be sure we are in agreement as to the distribution of sales proceeds before we sell it. Below is my accounting of where we are at:

\$5,400,000.00	Sales Price
-\$2,850,000.00	Balance of the loan
-\$ 189,000.00	Commissions (3.5%)*
-\$ 35,640.00	Transfer Tax (.66%)
-\$ 8,000.00	Title & escrow
-\$ 37,640.00	Security Deposits
-\$ 18,000.00	Payables
<u>\$2,261,475.00</u>	NET SALES PROCEEDS
-\$ 136,430.78	Interest differential owed to Carina**
-\$ 12,238.69	loan owed to Carina ***
-\$ 135,295.30	loan owed to Marcil****
-\$1,977,510.40	Proceeds to Ownership%
X 33.33%	Carina's %
\$ 659,104.21	Carina's share
+\$ 136,430.78	Owed to Carina
+\$ 12,238.69	Owed to Carina
<u>\$807,773.68</u>	CARINA'S TOTAL PROCEEDS *****

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*Commission: John Walsh has agreed to list the property for 1.5% and 2% to any outside broker. If he sells it himself, he gets 3% (we save .5%). Even though our agreement allows me to make a commission, I'm not charging one—nor do I get any kind of a referral fee from John.

** Enclosed is the schedule of interest paid on the loan.

*** Carina loaned Vista \$8,000 from Canyon Crest which is now worth \$12,238.69.

**** Enclosed is an accounting of the year by year balance of the cash I put in to save the property. We used a 15% one time service fee and 10% interest (not 25% interest as previously requested)

***** You owe Peter Raducha 10% of your net proceeds on the \$659,104.21 and the \$136,430.78.

If you agree with the above distribution, please sign below and FAX back. This distribution is based on our agreement for distribution dated 11-15-00 and enclosed herein.

Please call me at 310-791-2000 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Jerry Marcil

I, Carina Taylor DeMarti, hereby approve of the above method of distribution, and hereby authorize Gerald Marcil to list the property at 1417 N. Vista, Hollywood for sale, and agree that he may negotiate any sale at or above \$5,000,000.

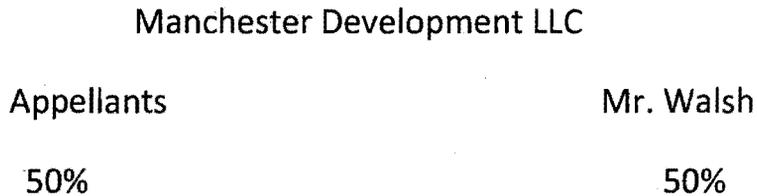
Carina Taylor DeMarti

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ACTUAL OWNERSHIP IN MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

May 2001

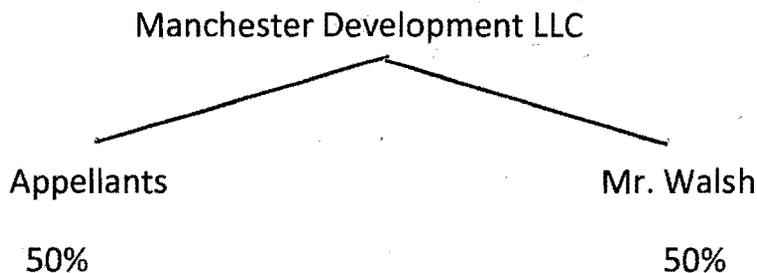


Then: Manchester Development LLC acquires 100% Manchester property.

Hollywood Vista Partnership Formally Dissolves with California Sec. Of State December 201 and files its final tax returns in 2001.

Manchester Development LLC continues to file tax returns and report utilizing its own unique FEIN tax identification number (acquired in 2001) for returns filed in 2002 +.

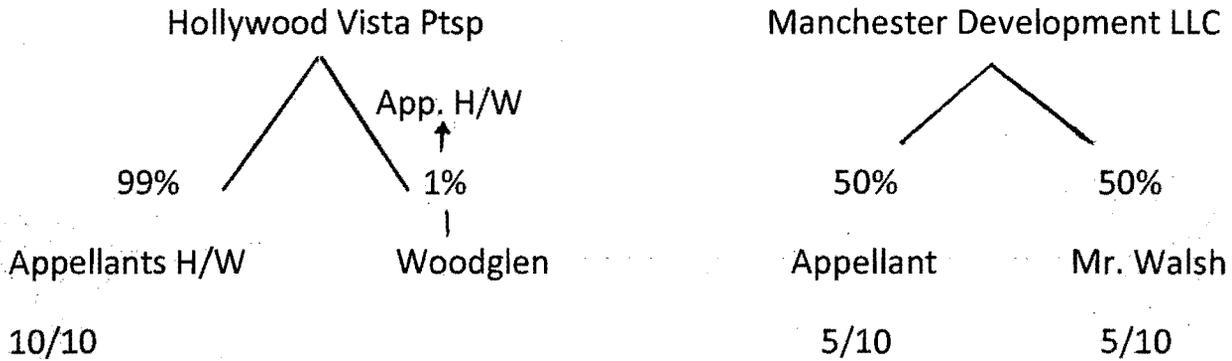
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Manchester Development LLC always treated as a separate business arrangement, independent from Hollywood Vista Apartments' affairs.

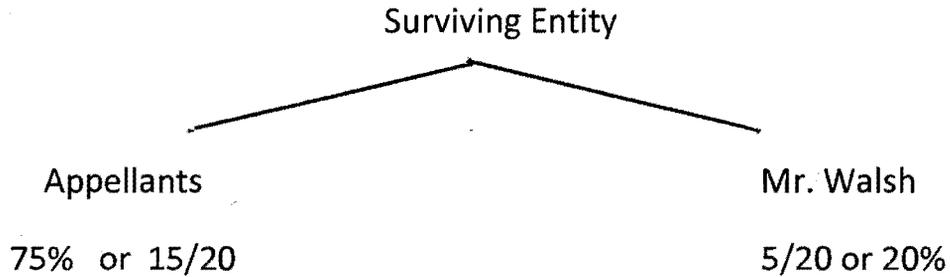
What should have happened if Hollywood Vista Partnership had merged into Manchester Development LLC. in 2001, as provided by Revenue Ruling 90-17, which clarified Rev. Rul. 77-458.

Ownership May through November 2001

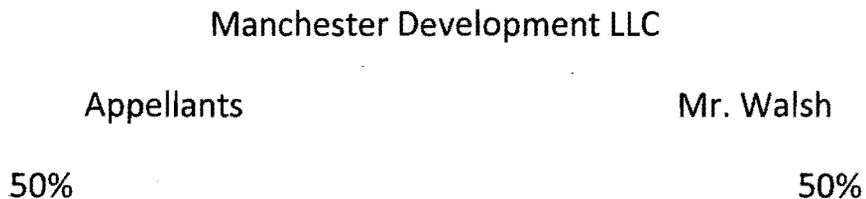


Appellants effectively owned 100% (10/10 of HV)

Ownership Interest changes in surviving entity **that should have occurred, but did not** in 2001, per Revenue Ruling 90-17 and any true business arrangement. Mr. Walsh should have been diluted.



But actually Manchester Development LLC ownership interests remained 50% Appellant, 50% Mr. Walsh through August 31, 2002, proving no merger.



MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC
WRITTEN CONSENT OF MEMBERS TO ACTION

The undersigned members of MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC,
consent to the following action:

WHEREAS the effective date of the Operating Agreement be amended to
September 1, 2002.

WHEREAS, the membership interest of GERALD J. MARCIL be changed
from 50.00% to 60.00%.

WHEREAS, the membership interest of JOHN P. WALSH be changed
from 50.00% to 40.00%.

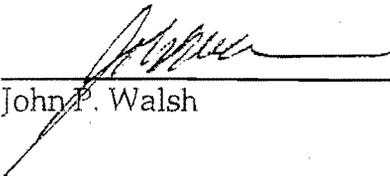
WHEREAS, Exhibit B of the Operating Agreement be amended to reflect
the change in membership interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, the members hereby unanimously consent to the
change of membership interests as reflected in Exhibit B to the Operating
Agreement.

This action is taken effective September 1, 2002.



Gerald J. Marcil



John P. Walsh

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CERTIFICATE OF INTEREST

Organized under the Beverly-Killea
Limited Liability Company Act of California
On May 9, 2001

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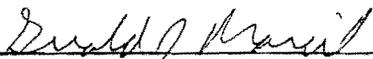
PERCENTAGE SHARE: 60.00%

MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC
A California Limited Liability Company

THIS CERTIFIES THAT GERALD J. MARCIL, is the record holder of Sixty and 00/100 percent (60.00%) fully paid and nonassessable percentage share of MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

This certificate is transferable only on the books of the Company in person or by duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this certificate properly endorsed in accordance with the terms of the Article of Organization and Operating Agreement as amended to the dates of the transfer.

In witness whereof, the Company has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Company Seal to be hereunto affixed this 9th day of May, 2001.



GERALD J. MARCIL, MANAGER

See the reverse of this certificate for a notice of the rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions of the shares represented by this certificate.

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CERTIFICATE OF INTEREST

Organized under the Beverly-Killea
Limited Liability Company Act of California
On May 9, 2001

NUMBER: 2

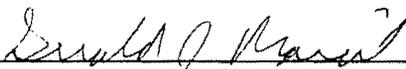
PERCENTAGE SHARE: 40.00%

MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC A California Limited Liability Company

THIS CERTIFIES THAT JOHN WALSH is the record holder of Forty and 00/100 percent (40.00%). fully paid and nonassessable percentage share of MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

This certificate is transferable only on the books of the Company in person or by duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this certificate properly endorsed in accordance with the terms of the Article of Organization and Operating Agreement as amended to the dates of the transfer.

In witness whereof, the Company has caused this Certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers and its Company Seal to be hereunto affixed this 9th day of May, 2001.


GERALD J. MARCIL, MANAGER

See the reverse of this certificate for a notice of the rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions of the shares represented by this certificate.

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Bill Jones

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LIMITED PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

IMPORTANT -- Read instructions before completing this form

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NOTE: THIS CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION (LP-3) MUST BE FILED IN ORDER TO DISSOLVE YOUR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. YOU MUST ALSO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION (LP-417) IN ORDER TO CANCEL YOUR CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP-1) AND NOT INCUR FURTHER LIABILITY FOR TAX AS A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FILE NUMBER 199825400010	2. NAME OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS, LTD., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
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3. EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISSOLUTION: DECEMBER 31, 2001	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
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4. THE EVENT CAUSING THE DISSOLUTION OF THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP IS:

- A. IT IS THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR DISSOLUTION.
- B. THE EVENTS FOR DISSOLUTION THAT ARE SPECIFIED IN THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE OCCURRED.
- C. WRITTEN CONSENT OF ALL GENERAL PARTNERS AND A MAJORITY IN INTEREST OF THE LIMITED PARTNER(S).
- D. THERE ARE NO GENERAL PARTNERS TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS OF THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.
- E. ENTRY OF A DECREE OF JUDICIAL DISSOLUTION UNDER SECTION 15682.

5. OTHER INFORMATION THE PARTNERS FILING THE CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION DETERMINE TO INCLUDE: (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)

6. NUMBER OF PAGES ATTACHED (IF ANY)
NONE.

7. I CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO MY OWN KNOWLEDGE. I DECLARE THAT I AM THE PERSON WHO IS EXECUTING THIS INSTRUMENT, WHICH EXECUTION IS MY ACT AND DEED.

BY: WOODGLEN APTS., LLC

Gerald J. Marcil GENERAL PARTNER
SIGNATURE POSITION OR TITLE

GERALD J. MARCIL (MNGNG MBR) 12-20-01
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this power of attorney is coupled with an interest and shall survive the delivery of an assignment of a limited partnership interest. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement, or any amendment to it, and any document executed, acknowledged, sworn to or filed by the general partners under this power of attorney, this Agreement and any amendments thereto shall govern.

3.3 An amendment to the Certificate shall be signed by the general partner.

4. NAME. The partnership name shall be HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS LTD., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

5. PLACE OF BUSINESS. The Partnership's principal place of business shall be 43D Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274, or at such other place as the general partner determines in the future.

6. PURPOSE. The purpose of this partnership is to acquire that certain real property located in the city of Hollywood, California commonly known as 1417 N. Vista, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property"), to actively manage the Property, to offer the Property for sale and to do such other things as are incidental, proper or related thereto. The term "Property" as used herein shall mean the interest in the above real property and all private property owned by the Partnership. The specifications of these particular activities, however, shall not be deemed a limitation upon the general powers of the Partnership.

7. TERM. The partnership shall begin upon the filing of the Certificate and shall continue until March 1, 2050, at which time it shall dissolve. The Partnership may be dissolved and terminated at any time before that date upon the sale of substantially all of its real property or as more particularly described in Section 14.

8. CAPITAL AND LOANS.

8.1 Each partner shall make a cash contribution to the capital of the Partnership in the amount set forth opposite each respective partner's name in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the partners (limited and general) shall contribute additional cash to the Partnership as may be needed from time to time to meet the needs of the Partnership.

8.2 Except as specifically provided herein, no partner may withdraw his capital from the Partnership without the approval of the general partner.

8.3 No interest shall be paid and no partner shall be entitled to interest on any of his capital contributions to the Partnership.

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LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION

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THIS CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION (LP-4/7) MUST BE FILED IN ORDER TO
CANCEL YOUR CERTIFICATE OR REGISTRATION OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND
YOUR LIABILITY FOR ANY TAX AS A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FILE NUMBER 199825400010	2. NAME OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS, LTD., A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
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3. THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP HEREBY CANCELS ITS: (CHECK ONE)

- CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP-1) PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (B)(1) OF SECTION 15623 OF THE CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE.
- REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP-5) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15696 OF THE CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE.

4. OTHER INFORMATION THE PARTNERS FILING THE CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION DETERMINE TO INCLUDE, IF ANY: (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

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BY: WOODGLEN APTS., LLC

Gerald J. Marcil GENRL. PARTNR.
SIGNATURE POSITION OR TITLE

GERALD J. MARCIL (MNGNG MBR) 12-26-01
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OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR
MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

ALL PARTIES MUST READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, THE
SECURITY NOTICE CONTAINED IN SECTION 8.10 AND NOTE EACH OF
THE FOLLOWING:

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR MANDATORY ARBITRATION OF
ALL CLAIMS. SEE ARTICLE X HEREOF.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE COMPANY HAS DRAFTED THIS
OPERATING AGREEMENT. EACH MEMBER MUST OBTAIN
INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND TAX ADVICE AS TO THE TERMS OF THE
AGREEMENT, AND WHETHER SUCH MEMBER'S INTEREST ARE BEST
SERVED BY THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT AND THE TERMS HEREOF.

NO MEMBER MAY RELY UPON ANY REPRESENTATION OR
STATEMENT BY LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE COMPANY THAT IS NOT
SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THIS OPERATING AGREEMENT. SEE
RECITALS C.2 AND C.8.

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A COVENANT BY MEMBERS NOT TO
SUE OTHER MEMBERS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN LIMITED
CIRCUMSTANCES. SEE SECTION 2.8.

THIS AGREEMENT RESTRICTS THE ABILITY OF MEMBERS TO
TRANSFER THEIR INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY. MEMBERS AND
THEIR SPOUSES MUST CONSENT TO THIS RESTRICTION. SEE ARTICLE
VIII.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER-
MANAGER FOR A PERIOD OF 35 YEARS WHO MAY NOT BE REMOVED
DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD EXCEPT FOR CAUSE BASED UPON
GROSS MISCONDUCT, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR DISHONESTY. SEE
ARTICLE V AND SECTION 5.3.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SPECIAL DISTRIBUTIONS AND
ALLOCATION OF CASH FLOW, PROFITS AND LOSSES WHICH MAY
RESULT IN PHANTOM INCOME FOR TAX PURPOSES. SEE ARTICLE IV.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR REQUIRED ADDITIONAL CAPITAL
CONTRIBUTIONS AND REDUCTION OF A MEMBER'S PERCENTAGE
INTEREST UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. SEE ARTICLE III AND
SECTION 3.4 HEREOF.

THIS AGREEMENT ALLOWS FOR THE RETURN OF CERTAIN MEMBER'S
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE THAT MEMBER RETAINS FULL
PERCENTAGE AND VOTING INTEREST. SEE ARTICLE IV.

IN THE EVENT A MEMBERSHIP UNIT IS ISSUED IN EXCHANGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED, OR TO BE RENDERED, THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SUCH INTEREST MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GROSS INCOME OF THE MEMBER RECEIVING THE INTEREST. EACH PROPOSED MEMBER SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR AS TO THE APPLICATION AND IMPACT OF THIS MATTER. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES SHALL RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO ENTITIES WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS AND IN WHICH SOME MEMBERS HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST. SEE ARTICLE IV AND SECTION 4.9 HEREOF.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES AUTHORITY FOR THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. SEE SECTION 5.4(G).

THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT DIFFERS FROM THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE OF CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. SEE SECTIONS 1.24 AND ARTICLE IV.

MEMBER'S VOTING INTERESTS ARE DIFFERENT THAN MEMBER'S PERCENTAGE INTERESTS DESPITE EQUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPITAL. SEE SECTION 1.23 HEREOF.

THERE ARE NO SUPER-MAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN. SEE ARTICLE V HEREOF.

THERE ARE SPECIAL QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF MEMBERS. SEE ARTICLE V

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT MEMBER GERALD J. MARCIL'S SPECIFIC CONSENT. SEE SECTION 1.20, ARTICLE V AND ARTICLE VII. A MEMBER ACTING IN VIOLATION OF THIS SPECIAL CONSENT PROVISION SHALL BECOME PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES AND INDEMNIFICATION. SEE ARTICLE 5 AND SECTION 5.11.

THE MANAGER HAS THE RIGHT TO CAUSE THE COMPANY TO ELECT TO KEEP ITS BOOKS ON AN ACCRUAL BASIS. SEE ARTICLE VI AND SECTION 6.2.

Gerald J. Marcil and John Walsh (referred to individually as a Member and collectively as the Members) enter this Operating Agreement into effective as of May 29, 2001.

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1.25. "Profits and Losses" means, for each fiscal year or other period specified in this Agreement, an amount equal to the Company's taxable income or loss for such year or period, determined in accordance with IRC section 703(a)

1.26. The "Project" shall mean a parcel of approximately 2.33 acres located at 8000 and 8060 Manchester Avenue, in the City of Playa Del Rey, California (APN 4118-002-067 and 4118-002-101).

1.27. "Proxy" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of California Corporations code section 17001(ai). A Proxy may not be transmitted orally.

1.28. "Regulations" ("Reg") means the income tax regulations promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury and published in the Federal Register for the purpose of interpreting and applying the provisions of the Code, as such Regulations may be amended from time to time, including corresponding provisions of applicable successor regulations.

1.29. "Substituted Member" is defined in Article VIII, Section 8.8.

1.30. "Successor in Interest" means an Assignee, a successor of a Person by merger or otherwise by operation of law, or a transferee of all or substantially all of the business or assets of a Person.

1.31. "Transfer" means, with respect to a Membership Interest, or any element of a Membership Interest, any sale, assignment, gift, Involuntary Transfer, or other disposition of a Membership Interest or any element of such a Membership Interest, directly or indirectly, other than an Encumbrance that is expressly permitted under this Agreement.

1.32. "Triggering Event" is defined in Article VIII, Section 8.3.

1.33. "Vote" means a written consent or approval, a ballot cast at a Meeting, or a voice vote.

1.34. "Voting Interest" means, with respect to a Member, the right to Vote or participate in management and any right to information concerning the business and affairs of the Company provided under the Act, except as limited by the provisions of this Agreement. A Member's Voting Interest is set forth on Exhibit B, and is different than a Member's Percentage Interest despite equal Capital Contribution.

ARTICLE II: ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

2.1. The Articles of Organization, attached hereto as Exhibit A, have previously been filed. Nothing in this Operating Agreement requires an amendment to the Articles.

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EXHIBIT B

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS
AS OF MAY, 2001

Member's Name	Member's Address	Member's Capital Contribution	Member Percent Interest	Member Voting Interest
Gerald J. Marcil	[REDACTED]	A sum up to \$1,650,000	50.00%	60.00%
John Walsh	[REDACTED] CA 90274	A sum up to \$1,650,000	50.00%	40.00%

EXHIBIT B

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2002

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Member's Address</u>	<u>Member's Capital Contribution</u>	<u>Member Percent Interest</u>	<u>Member Voting Interest</u>
Gerald J. Marcil	[REDACTED]	A sum up to \$1,650,000	60.00%	60.00%
John P. Walsh	[REDACTED] Ve C	A sum up to \$1,650,000	40.00%	40.00%



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 Secretary of State

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**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 CERTIFICATE OF MERGER**

(Corporations Code Section 17552)

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1. Name of surviving entity: anchester Development, LLC	2. Type of entity: LLC	3. Secretary of State File Number: 200113110043	4. Jurisdiction: CALIFORNIA
5. Name of disappearing entity: VA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC	6. Type of entity: LLC	7. Secretary of State File Number: 200129210071	8. Jurisdiction: NEVADA
Future effective date, if any:	Month	Day	Year

If a vote was required pursuant to Section 17551 or Section 1113, enter the outstanding interests of each class entitled to vote on the merger and the percentage of vote required:

<u>Surviving Entity</u>		<u>Disappearing Entity</u>	
<u>Class entitled to vote</u>	<u>Percentage of vote required</u>	<u>Each class entitled to vote</u>	<u>Percentage of vote required</u>
Memberships	51 %	1 Memberships	51%

The principal terms of the agreement of merger were approved by a vote of the number of interests or shares of each class that equaled or exceeded the vote required.

SECTION 12 IS ONLY APPLICABLE IF THE SURVIVING ENTITY IS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, COMPLETE ITEM 12 AND PROCEED TO ITEM 15.

Requisite changes to the information set forth in the Articles of Organization of the surviving limited liability company resulting from the merger. Attach additional pages if necessary. **None**

SECTIONS 13 AND 14 ARE APPLICABLE IF THE SURVIVING ENTITY IS A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY. COMPLETE ITEMS 13 AND 14.

Principal business address of the surviving foreign limited liability company or other business entity:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Other information required to be stated in the Certificate of Merger by the laws under which each constituent other business entity is organized. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Number of pages attached, if any:

I certify that the statements contained in this document are true and correct of my own knowledge. I declare that I am the person who is executing this instrument, which execution is my act and deed.

Gerald J. Marcil 9-22-02
 Signature of Authorized Person for the Surviving Entity Date

Gerald J. Marcil, Manager 9-22-02
 Type or Print Name and Title of Person Signing Date

Gerald J. Marcil 9-22-02
 Signature of Authorized Person for the Disappearing Entity Date

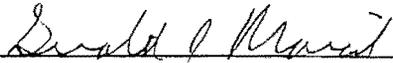
Gerald J. Marcil, Member
 Type or Print Name and Title of Person Signing Date

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WRITTEN CONSENT OF MEMBERS TO MERGER

We, the undersigned, representing at least a majority in interest of LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, do hereby consent to the merger of LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, the surviving entity to be MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, upon the terms and provisions of the Agreement of Merger between said entities.

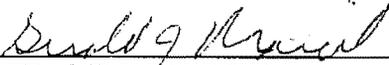
WITNESS our Signatures this 1st day of September, 2002.

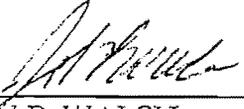

GERALD J. MARCIL, MEMBER

WRITTEN CONSENT OF MEMBERS TO MERGER

We, the undersigned, representing at least a majority in interest of MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, do hereby consent to the merger of LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, the surviving entity to be MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, upon the terms and provisions of the Agreement of Merger between said entities.

WITNESS our Signatures this 1st day of September, 2002.


GERALD J. MARCIL


JOHN P. WALSH

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43-D Malaga Cove Plaza
PVE., CA 90274

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THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(S)
DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX is \$ 0 CITY TAX \$ 0 R&T 11911 Value
& Consideration of this property at less than \$100.
City of _____ and _____

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, as to an undivided 60%, as tenants
in common
hereby GRANT(S) to MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC a California limited liability company

the following described real property in the County of LOS ANGELES State of California:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

THIS CONVEYANCE CHANGES THE MANNER IN WHICH
TITLE IS HELD, GRANTOR(S) AND GRANTEE(S)
REMAIN THE SAME AND CONTINUE TO HOLD
THE SAME PROPORTIONATE INTEREST
R & T 11911.

LAVA ROCK EIGHTY, LLC.,
A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
BY: HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS, LTD.
a California Limited Partnership

Dated December 15th, 2001

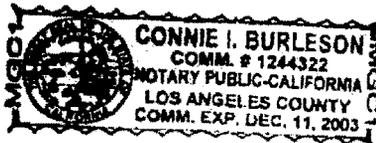
BY: Gerald J. Marcil
Gerald J. Marcil, Managing Member
of Woodglen Apts., LLC
General Partner

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF _____) S.S.

On December 15th, 2001 before me, CONNIE I. BURLESON
(here insert name and title of the officer), personally appeared GERALD J. MARCIL

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument
and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument
the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature: Connie I. Burleson

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YEAR

2001

Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.

CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

K-1 (568)

For calendar year 2001 or fiscal year beginning month MAY day 9 year 2001, and ending month DEC day 31 year 2001

Member's identifying number [redacted] LLC's FEIN [redacted]

Member's name, address, state, and ZIP Code Secretary of State file number 200113110043

LLC's name, address, state, and ZIP Code

GERALD J. MARCIL
43 MALAGA COVE PLAZA, SUITE D
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274-1360

MANCHESTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC
43 MALAGA COVE PLAZA, SUITE D
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274-1360

- A What type of entity is this member?
(1) [X] Individual (5) [] General Partnership (8) [] LLC
(2) [] S Corporation (6) [] Limited Partnership (9) [] IRA/KEOGH/SEP
(3) [] Estate/Trust (7) [] LLP (10) [] Exempt Organization
(4) [] C Corporation

- D Member's share of liabilities:
Nonrecourse \$
Qualified nonrecourse financing \$ 3,120,000.
Other \$ 0.

B Is this member a foreign member? [] Yes [X] No

- E Tax shelter registration number
F (1) Check here if this is a publicly traded partnership as defined in IRC Section 469(k)(2) []
(2) Check here if this is an investment partnership (R&TC Sections 17955 and 23040.1) []

C Enter member's percentage

(without regard to special allocations) of: (i) Before decrease or termination (ii) End of year
Profit sharing % 60.00000000 %
Loss sharing % 60.00000000 %
Ownership of capital % 60.00000000 %

- G Check here if this is:
(1) [] A final Schedule K-1 (568) (2) [] An amended Schedule K-1 (568)
H Is this member a nonresident of California? [] Yes [X] No

Table with 5 columns: (a) Capital account at beginning of year, (b) Capital contributed during year, (c) Member's share of line 3, line 4, and line 7, Form 568, Schedule M-2, (d) Withdrawals and distributions, (e) Capital account at end of year (combine column (a) through column (d)).

Refer to Member's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (568) before entering information from this schedule on your California return.

Main table with 5 columns: (a) Distributive share item, (b) Amount from federal Schedule K-1 (1065), (c) California adjustments, (d) Total amounts using California law (Combine column (b) and column (c)), (e) California source amounts and credits. Rows include Income (Loss) and Deductions.

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CALIFORNIA FOOTNOTES

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F.E.I.N. [REDACTED]
FORM 1065, F.Y.E. DECEMBER 31, 2001

ELECTION TO AMORTIZE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
ORGANIZATION EXPENSES, UNDER IRC SECTION 709:

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ELECTS, PURSUANT TO
IRC SECTION 709, TO AMORTIZE ITS ORGANIZATIONAL
EXPENSES OVER A 60-MONTH PERIOD. THE PERIOD IS TO
BEGIN ON MAY 9, 2001, THE DATE ON WHICH THE
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY COMMENCED DOING BUSINESS.

ELECTION TO AMORTIZE START-UP EXPENSES,
UNDER IRC SECTION 195:

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ELECTS, PURSUANT TO
IRC SECTION 195, TO AMORTIZE ITS START-UP EXPENSES
OVER A 60-MONTH PERIOD, FOR EXPENDITURES
INCURRED IN STARTING UP A BUSINESS WHICH
COMMENCED MAY 9, 2001.

ELECTION TO ADOPT THE RECURRING ITEM EXCEPTION,
UNDER IRC SECTION 461(H)(3):

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ELECTS, PURSUANT TO
IRC SECTION 461(H)(3), TO ADOPT THE RECURRING ITEM
EXCEPTION WITH RESPECT TO ALL RECURRING ITEMS,
INCLUDING PROPERTY TAXES, FOR ALL RENTAL REAL
ESTATE ACTIVITIES.

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**PALOS VERDES DEVELOPERS
MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

TO: Vicki Dorfman
FROM: Jerry Marcil
RE: Change of Grand Deed, escrow #01398097

Dear Vicki,

This memo is your authorization to change the vesting on your grant deed from Manchester Development, LLC to Manchester Development LLC as to an undivided 40% interest and Lava Rock Eighty LLC as to an undivided 60% interest, as tenants-in-common.

The Seller would prefer if you just inserted this change unto the Grant Deed without getting it resigned. This is O.K. with me. Please contact the Seller to verify.

Thank you and Best Regards,

Gerald J. Marcil
Gerald J. Marcil

CC: Renee Lindsey
John Walsh

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PO 2

*Rev. Rul. 90-17; 1990-1 C.B. 119;
1990 IRB LEXIS 71, *; 1990-8 I.R.B. 13*

Revenue Ruling 90-17

Rev. Rul. 90-17; 1990-1 C.B. 119; 1990 IRB LEXIS 71; 1990-8 I.R.B. 13

January 1990

[*1]

SUBJECT MATTER: Continuation of Partnership

SUMMARY:

Three merging partnership contributed their assets to a resulting partnership in exchange for an interest in the resulting partnership. The interests in the resulting partnership were then distributed proportionately to the respective partners of the merging partnerships. Under I.R.C. § 708(b)(2)(A), the resulting partnership could be considered a continuation of two of the merging partnerships whose members owned an interest of 50 percent in the capital and profits of the resulting partnership. However, under Treas. Reg. § 1.708-1(b)(2)(i), the resulting partnership was considered to be a continuation of the partnership that contributed the greatest dollar value of assets to the resulting partnership. The IRS held that I.R.C. § 761(e) did not cause the termination of the resulting partnership. Because the resulting partnership was considered to be a continuation of one of the merging partnerships under I.R.C. § 708(b)(2)(A), liquidating distributions by the other merging partnerships of 50 percent or more of the capital and profits interest in the resulting partnership did not cause the resulting partnership to terminate under § 708(b)(1)(B).

APPLICABLE SECTIONS:

±Section 708.-Continuation of Partnership
±26 CFR 1.708-1: Continuation of partnership.
(Also Section 761.)

TEXT:

Continuation of partnership. Section 761 (e) of the Code does not cause the resulting partnership of a partnership merger to terminate under section 708. Rev. Ruls. 68-289, 1968-1 C.B. 314 and **77-458, 1977-2 C.B. 220** clarified.

ISSUE

If a partnership resulting from a partnership merger is considered a continuation of one of the merging partnerships under section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Internal Revenue Code, do liquidating distributions by the other merging partnerships of 50 percent or more of the capital and profits interests in the resulting partnership cause the resulting partnership to terminate under section 708 (b) (1) (B) because of the application of section 761 (e)?

FACTS

A and B each owned a 50 percent interest in *RP*, a partnership having assets worth \$500x. B and C each owned a 50 percent interest in *MP1*, a partnership having assets worth \$400x. D

and *E* each owned a 50 percent interest in *MP2*, a partnership having assets worth \$100x. For business reasons independent of federal income tax consequences, the parties agreed to merge *RP*, *MP1*, and *MP2*. The merger was effected by each merging partnership contributing [*2] its assets to the resulting partnership in exchange for an interest in the resulting partnership. With respect to the interests in the resulting partnership *RP* received 50 percent, *MP1* received 40 percent, and *MP2* received 10 percent. The interests in the resulting partnership were then distributed proportionately to the respective partners of *RP*, *MP1* and *MP2*. After the merger transaction, the interests in the resulting partnership were held, 25 percent by *A*, 45 percent by *B*, 20 percent by *C*, and 5 percent each by *D* and by *E*.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 708 (a) of the Code provides that an existing partnership shall be considered as continuing until such time as it is deemed terminated under section 708 (b).

Section 708 (b) (1) of the Code provides rules of general application governing the termination of partnerships. Section 708 (b) (1) (B) provides that a partnership shall be considered terminated if, within a 12-month period, there is a sale or exchange of 50 percent or more of the total interest in partnership capital and profits.

Section 708 (b) (2) of the Code provides rules of special application governing the termination of partnerships involved in mergers, consolidations, and divisions. [*3] Section 708 (b) (2) (A) provides that, in the case of a merger or consolidation of two or more partnerships, the resulting partnership shall be a continuation of any merging or consolidating partnership whose members own an interest of more than 50 percent in the capital and profits of the resulting partnership.

Section 1.708-1 (b) (2) (i) of the Income Tax Regulations provide that, if a resulting partnership can, under section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Code, be considered a continuation of more than one of the merging or consolidating partnerships, it shall be considered the continuation of the partnership that is credited with the contribution of the greatest dollar value of assets to the resulting partnership. Any other merging or consolidating partnership shall be considered as terminated.

Section 761 (e) of the Code, which was added by the Tax Reform Act of 1984, section 75 (b), 1984-3 C.B. (Vol. 1) 1, 102, provides that, except as otherwise provided in regulations, for purposes of section 708, any distribution of an interest in a partnership (not otherwise treated as an exchange) shall be treated as an exchange.

In Rev. Rul. 68-289, 1968-1 C.B. 314, three partnerships, *P1*, *P2*, and *P3* [*4] are merged. All three partnerships have the same partners and, therefore, under section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Code, the partnership resulting from the merger could be treated as the continuations of either *P1*, *P2* or *P3*. However, because *P3* contributes the greatest dollar value of assets, the resulting partnership is considered the continuation of *P3*. *P1* and *P2* are treated as having first transferred their assets and liabilities to *P3* in exchange for partnership interests and then as having distributed the *P3* interests in liquidation.

Rev. Rul. 77-458, 1977-2 C.B. 220, considers the proposed merger of ten partnerships, *P1* - *P10*. These partnerships all have the same equal partners, *A* and *B*. Under the plan of merger *P2* - *P10* will transfer all of their assets and liabilities to *P1* (the largest partnership by dollar value of assets) in exchange for partnership interests in *P1*. *P2* - *P10* will then distribute their interests in *P1* to *A* and *B*. **Rev. Rul. 77-458, 1977-2 C.B. 220** concludes that the partnership resulting from the merger of *P1* - *P10* will be considered the continuation of *P1* because *P1* will contribute the greatest dollar value of assets to the resulting partnership.

Under section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Code, [*5] the partnership resulting from the merger of

RP, *MP1*, and *MP2* can be considered the continuation of either *RP* or *MP1*. This is because both the members of *RP* (*A* and *B*) and the members of *MP1* (*B* and *C*) become the owners of more than 50 percent of the capital and profits interests in the resulting partnership. In accordance with section 1.708-1 (b) (2) (i) of the regulations, however, the resulting partnership is the continuation of *RP*, the partnership that contributes the greatest dollar value of assets (\$500x).

Consistent with the analysis in Rev. Rul. 68-289, 1968-1 C.B. 314, *MP1* and *MP2* are considered to have contributed their assets to *RP* in exchange for ownership interests in *RP*. *MP1* and *MP2* then liquidate and distribute their assets, the *RP* interests, to their partners. Because the *RP* partnership interests are received 40 percent by *MP1* and 10 percent by *MP2*, a total of 50 percent of the *RP* interests is distributed in the course of the merger. If section 761 (e) of the Code causes the distributions to be treated as exchanges to which section 708 (b) (1) (B) applies, *RP* will terminate.

The question thus presented is whether sections 761 (e) and 708 (b) (1) (B) of the Code have the effect of adding [*6] an additional requirement to section 708 (b) (2) (A), namely, that fewer than 50 percent of the interests in the resulting partnership are distributed in the merger.

Section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Code applies only to mergers and consolidations. Together with section 1.708-1 (b) (2) (i) of the regulations, it provides the exclusive means for deciding whether a partnership involved in a merger will terminate. Section 708 (b) (2) (A) does not define the term "merger." However, as illustrated in Rev. Rul. 68-289, 1968-1 C.B. 314 and **Rev. Rul. 77-458, 1977-2 C.B. 220**, a merger includes the distribution by the terminating partnerships of interests in the resulting partnership. Thus, section 708 (b) (2) (A) is a statute that creates a specific rule for a particular transaction, a merger, and that transaction includes the distribution of resulting partnership interests.

Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 708 (b) set forth, respectively, a general rule on the termination of partnerships and specific rules on partnership terminations where a partnership merger, consolidation, or division is involved. The specific rules are clearly exceptions to the general rule and intended to override the general rule in the limited circumstances [*7] to which they apply. Even if this relationship were not clear from the provisions themselves, a basic principle of statutory construction is that a specific statutory provision, like section 708 (b) (2), is not controlled or nullified by a more general one, like section 708 (b) (1), unless that result is clearly intended. *Bulova Watch Co. v. United States*, 365 U.S. 753, 6 L. Ed. 2d 72, 81 S. Ct. 864, 1961-1 C.B. 782 (1961). The legislative history of section 708 (b) (1) (B) neither states nor implies a congressional intent that the provisions of section 708 (b) (1) (B) take precedence over the partnership merger rules under section 708 (b) (2) (A). See S. Rep. No. 1622, 83d Cong., 2d Sess. 388 (1954), and H.R. Rep. No. 2543, 83d Cong., 2d Sess. 61 (1954). Nor does the legislative history of section 761 (e) state or imply a congressional intent to change the relationship between the provisions of sections 708 (b) (1) (B) and

708 (b) (2) (A). See H.R. Rep. No. 432, 98th Cong., 2d Sess. 1225-27 (1984), S. Prt. No. 169 (Vol. I), 98th Cong., 2d Sess. 236-38 (1984), and H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 861, 98th Cong., 2d Sess. 863-65 (1984), 1984-3 C.B. (Vol. 2) 1, 117-19.

In other words, the purpose [*8] of the exception contained in section 708 (b) (2) (A) of the Code and section 1.708-1 (b) (2) (i) of the regulations is to provide for the continuation of one of the merging partnerships as the resulting partnership if the 50 percent test of those provisions is met, notwithstanding the provisions of the general rule of section 708 (b) (1). Consistent with this purpose, a resulting (continuing) partnership in a merger to which section 708 (b) (2) (A) applies is, as to the elements of the merger itself, excepted from the application of the termination provisions of section 708 (b) (1).

Since section 761 (e) of the Code cannot cause a termination of a partnership except through its effect on the term "exchange" in section 708 (b) (1) (B), and since a resulting partnership in a merger to which section 708 (b) (2) (A) applies is excepted from the application of section

708 (b) (1) as to the elements of the merger itself, section 761 (e) cannot cause the termination of the resulting partnership merely by virtue of its section 708 (b) (2) merger.

Thus, the distribution of a total of 50 percent of the *RP* interests by *MP1* and *MP2* during the course of the merger will not cause a termination of [*9] *RP* under section 708 (b) (1) (B) of the Code.

HOLDING

In a partnership merger, if the resulting partnership is considered a continuation of one of the merging partnerships under section 708 (b)-(2) (A) of the Code, liquidating distributions by the other merging partnerships of 50 percent or more of the capital and profits interest in the resulting partnership do not cause the resulting partnership to terminate under section 708 (b) (1) (B).

EFFECT ON OTHER REVENUE RULINGS

Rev. Rul. 68-289, 1968-1 C.B. 314 and **Rev. Rul. 77-458, 1977-2 C.B. 220** are clarified.

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September 14, 2009

TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

APPLICATION OF THE STEP TRANSACTION DOCTRINE

Recently, we have received numerous inquiries regarding change in ownership transactions involving properties where the current market value is less than the factored base year value. Specifically, a property owner transfers his/her property to a second party, and then the second party transfers the property back to the original owner, often on the same day. The apparent intended consequence is to record a change in ownership that would establish a new base year value at a lower current market value, thereby reducing property tax obligations. County assessors have inquired as to whether the step transaction doctrine could be applied to these transactions. The answer is yes.

The step transaction doctrine is applied when a series of transfers are used to transfer real property in order to circumvent the change in ownership laws.¹ The general principle is that whether a transaction is a change in ownership depends upon the substance of a transaction rather than its form. That is, the doctrine focuses on whether each step of a transaction may stand alone or, rather, whether the transaction should be treated as a whole.

In *Shuwa Investments Corp. v. County of Los Angeles*, the California Court of Appeal set forth three tests for determining the application of the step transaction doctrine for property tax purposes:²

- *End result test.* Under the end result test, if it appears that a series of transfers were really component parts of a single transaction intended from the beginning to be taken for purposes of reaching the end result, the step transaction doctrine may apply and the intermediate steps may be disregarded.
- *Interdependence test.* Under the interdependence test, if the steps or transfers taken were so interdependent that the legal relations created by one transaction or transfer would have been fruitless (apart from the parties' intention to qualify for an exclusion) without completing the entire series of steps, then the step transaction doctrine may apply and the intermediate steps may be disregarded.
- *Binding commitment test.* Under the binding commitment test, if the structure of the transactions establishes that there is an agreement that once the first step or transfer is

¹ *Shuwa Investments Corp. v. County of Los Angeles* (1991) 1 Cal.App.4th 1635, 1648-1649.

² *Shuwa, supra*, at p. 1648.

taken that the parties are obligated to complete the remainder of the steps, the step transaction doctrine may apply and the intermediate steps may be disregarded.

While the same set of facts may meet the criteria for more than one of the three tests, only one test needs to be satisfied for the step transaction doctrine to apply.³ The existence of a business purpose for any of the transfers does not necessarily prevent the step transaction doctrine from being applied in a particular situation; however, it is a factor, along with all other facts and circumstances, that should be considered when analyzing the entire transaction to determine whether the step transaction doctrine should be applied.

When processing change in ownership transactions, county assessors should be particularly cognizant of multiple transactions involving the same parties. To ensure that these tax-avoidance transactions do not involve employee-owned property, we remind county assessors that they should have effective procedures for maintaining the integrity of assessments of employee-owned property (see Letter To Assessors 2008/058).

If you have further questions regarding the step transaction doctrine, please contact the Assessment Services Unit at 916-445-4982.

Sincerely,

/s/ David J. Gau

David J. Gau
Deputy Director
Property and Special Taxes Department

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³ *McMillin-BCED/Miramar Ranch North v. County of San Diego* (1995) 31 Cal.App.4th 545, 556.

Like-Kind Exchanges
(and section 1043 conflict-of-interest sales)

CALIFORNIA
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OMB No. 1545-1190

2001

Attachment
Sequence No. 109

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on tax return

Identifying number

HOLLYWOOD VISTA APARTMENTS, LTD.

Part I Information on the Like-Kind Exchange FORM 8824 NO. 1

Note: If the property described on line 1 or line 2 is real or personal property located outside the United States, indicate the country.

- 1 Description of like-kind property given up ▶ REAL ESTATE: LOS ANGELES, CA
- 2 Description of like-kind property received ▶ REAL ESTATE: LOS ANGELES, CA
- | | | |
|---|---|----------|
| 3 Date like-kind property given up was originally acquired (month, day, year) | 3 | 06/29/87 |
| 4 Date you actually transferred your property to other party (month, day, year) | 4 | 11/14/01 |
| 5 Date like-kind property you received was identified (month, day, year) (see instructions) | 5 | 10/24/01 |
| 6 Date you actually received the like-kind property from other party (month, day, year) | 6 | 10/24/01 |
- 7 Was the exchange made with a related party (see instructions)? If "Yes," complete Part II. If "No," go to Part III.
 a Yes, in this tax year b Yes, in a prior tax year c No

Part II Related Party Exchange Information

- 8 Name of related party _____ Related party's identifying no. _____
- Address (no., street, and apt., room, or suite no.) _____
- City or town, state, and ZIP code _____ Relationship to you _____

- 9 During this tax year (and before the date that is 2 years after the last transfer of property that was part of the exchange), did the related party sell or dispose of the like-kind property received from you in the exchange? Yes No
- During this tax year (and before the date that is 2 years after the last transfer of property that was part of the exchange), did you sell or dispose of the like-kind property you received? Yes No
- If both lines 9 and 10 are "No" and this is the year of the exchange, go to Part III. If both lines 9 and 10 are "No" and this is not the year of the exchange, stop here. If either line 9 or line 10 is "Yes," complete Part III and report on this year's tax return the deferred gain or (loss) from line 24 unless one of the exceptions on line 11 applies. See Related party exchanges in the instructions.

- 11 If one of the exceptions below applies to the disposition, check the applicable box:
- a The disposition was after the death of either of the related parties.
- b The disposition was an involuntary conversion, and the threat of conversion occurred after the exchange.
- c You can establish to the satisfaction of the IRS that neither the exchange nor the disposition had tax avoidance as its principal purpose. If this box is checked, attach an explanation (see instructions).

Part III Realized Gain or (Loss), Recognized Gain, and Basis of Like-Kind Property Received

Caution: If you transferred and received (a) more than one group of like-kind properties or (b) cash or other (not like-kind) property, see Reporting of multi-asset exchanges in the instructions.

Note: Complete lines 12 through 14 only if you gave up property that was not like-kind. Otherwise, go to line 15.

12 Fair market value (FMV) of other property given up	12	
13 Adjusted basis of other property given up	13	
14 Gain or (loss) recognized on other property given up. Subtract line 13 from line 12. Report the gain or (loss) in the same manner as if the exchange had been a sale	14	
15 Cash received, FMV of other property received, plus net liabilities assumed by other party, reduced (but not below zero) by any exchange expenses you incurred (see instructions)	15	
16 FMV of like-kind property you received	16	3,733,520.
17 Add lines 15 and 16	17	3,733,520.
18 Adjusted basis of like-kind property you gave up, net amounts paid to other party, plus any exchange expenses not used on line 15 (see instructions)	18	684,876.
19 Realized gain or (loss). Subtract line 18 from line 17	19	3,048,644.
20 Enter the smaller of line 15 or line 19, but not less than zero	20	
21 Ordinary income under recapture rules. Enter here and on Form 4797, line 16 (see instructions)	21	
22 Subtract line 21 from line 20. If zero or less, enter -0-. If more than zero, enter here and on Schedule D or Form 4797, unless the installment method applies (see instructions)	22	
23 Recognized gain. Add lines 21 and 22	23	
24 Deferred gain or (loss). Subtract line 23 from line 19. If a related party exchange, see instructions	24	3,048,644.
25 Basis of like-kind property received. Subtract line 15 from the sum of lines 18 and 23	25	684,876.