U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. Census Bureau

2007 ECONOMIC CENSUS Northern Mariana Islands

INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete a separate report form for each establishment owned or controlled by your company or organization. If you did not receive a separate report form for each establishment, visit our web site at www.census.gov/econhelp or call X-XXX-XXXX between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday, to request additional report forms.
- This report form should cover calendar year 2007. If book figures are not available, estimates are acceptable. However, if the accounting fiscal year is different from the calendar year, fiscal year figures will be acceptable for all items except payroll (calendar year figures for payroll should be available from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 941-SS, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return). Indicate in item 30 the exact dates covered.
- If an establishment stopped operating before January 1, 2007, indicate action and date in item 3, mark (X) the box to indicate "none" in item 4, and continue to item 30.
- If an establishment was closed, sold, or leased to another company or organization during 2007, complete the report form for the portion of 2007 that the establishment was operating as part of your company or organization.
- Sales and payroll data should be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars as illustrated on the report form.
- If there are any questions or if any communication regarding this report form is necessary, reference the 11-digit Census File Number (CFN) shown in the mailing address.
- Please photocopy each completed report form for your records and return the originals.
- Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average thirty minutes per response, including the time for reviewing

instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project XXXX-XXXX, Room XXXX, Federal Building X, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0894. You may e-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project XXXX-XXXX" as the subject.

 You are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
 The OMB eight-digit number appears in the upper right corner of the report form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED ITEMS

2. PHYSICAL LOCATION

Answer all sections of item **2** even if the mailing address shown is correct.

3. OPERATIONAL STATUS

Mark (X) the one box that best describes the operational status of the establishment at the end of 2007.

- In operation-The establishment was open and actively conducting business on December 31, 2007.
- Temporarily or seasonally inactive-Although not conducting business at the end of 2007, the establishment will eventually reopen and conduct business under the same Employer Identification Number (EIN). Examples include businesses or establishments that temporarily close for remodeling. Complete all items on the form for the portion of 2007 during which the establishment was active.
- **Ceased operation**-The establishment has gone out of business or closed and does not plan to reopen. Provide the month, day, and year that the

establishment ceased operation. Complete all items on the form for the portion of 2007 during which the establishment was in operation.

Sold or leased to another operator-The
 establishment was sold or leased to another company
 or organization. Provide the month, day, and year
 that the change occurred and indicate the name,
 address, and EIN of the new owner or operator.
 Complete all items on the form for the portion of 2007
 prior to the change in operator.

5. SALES, SHIPMENTS, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE

Include:

- Gross receipts for merchandise sold, services provided, products shipped, and construction work done.
- Amounts received for work even though work may have been subcontracted to others.
- Commissions, fees, and other operating income for industries operating on a commission basis, such as travel agencies and advertising agencies.
- Actual sales value of the products sold rather than commissions received for retailers and wholesalers selling merchandise on a consignment or commission basis.
- Receipts for delivery, installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, storage, and other services.

Exclude:

- Sales taxes or other taxes collected directly from customers and paid directly to a Federal or local tax agency.
- Gross sales and receipts of departments or concessions operated by other companies at the establishment.
- Commissions from vending machines operated by others.

6. E-COMMERCE SALES, SHIPMENTS, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE

E-commerce transactions are transactions completed over an Internet, Extranet, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) network, electronic mail, or other online system.

Include:

 Any agreement negotiated online, including electronic mail (e-mail), between the customer and this establishment on the price and/or terms of a transfer of goods or services.

- Online sales of goods or services, regardless of whether payment is made online.
- Commissions or fees from the use of online services (e.g., computerized reservation systems, financial transaction processing systems, etc.) where the order or contact was negotiated online.
- Commissions or fees from selling or from facilitating the sale of third party products (e.g., click-throughs on advertisements or referral fees) through the establishment's web site.
- Sales generated from telephone transactions using interactive voice response systems.
- Shipping and handling receipts for online orders.

Exclude:

- Online payments from customers where the order or contract was **not** negotiated online.
- Commissions or fees from the use of online services (e.g., computerized reservation systems, financial transaction processing systems, etc.) where the order or contract was **not** negotiated online.
- Commissions or fees from the provision of telecommunications and related infrastructure systems (e.g., data transfer, Web hosting, Internet access, etc.) where the order or contract was not negotiated online.
- Sales for goods or services placed over facsimile machines or switched telephone networks.

7. EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL

A. Number of paid employees

Report number of paid employees for pay period including March 12, 2007.

If employees worked at more than one location, report employment and payroll for employees at the **ONE** location where they spent most of their working time.

Include:

- All full- and part-time employees working at this
 establishment whose payroll was reported on
 Internal Revenue Service Form 941-SS, Employer's
 Quarterly Federal Tax Return, and filed under the
 Employer Identification Number (EIN) shown in the
 mailing address or corrected in 1.
- Non-resident workers, whether or not FICA taxes were withheld.

Salaried officers and executives of a corporation.

paid holidays.

• Employees on paid sick leave, paid vacations, and

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