SUPPORTING STATEMENT REG-133446-03 (TD 9360(Final))

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Section 1.1297-3T(c) allows a shareholder of a 1297(e) PFIC to make a deemed dividend election pursuant to which the shareholder includes in income as a dividend its pro rata share of the post-1986 earning and profit of the PFIC attributable to all of the stock it held, directly or indirectly on the CFC qualification date, as defined in 1.1297-3T(d). In order to make the deemed dividend election, the shareholder must file a Form 8621 and attach a schedule that demonstrates the calculation of the shareholder's pro rata share of the post-1986 earning and profits of the PFIC that is treated as distributed to the shareholder on the CFC qualification date. The attached schedule is necessary to insure that the shareholder is taking the correct amount into income as a dividend.

2. USE OF DATA

The information collected by the IRS will be used for audit and examination purposes.

USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We have no plans to offer electronic filing. IRS publication, regulations, notices and letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998.

4. <u>EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION</u>

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

5. <u>METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES</u>

Not applicable.

6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u>
OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Not applicable.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Not applicable.

8. <u>CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON</u>
<u>AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF</u>
INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

The notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to the temporary regulations was published in the Federal Register on December 8, 2005 (70 FR 72952). The final regulation was published in the Federal Register on September 27, 2007 (72 FR 54820).

In response to the Federal Register Notice dated March 12, 2012 (77 FR 14598), we received no comments during the comment period regarding REG-133446-03.

9. <u>EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO</u> RESPONDENTS

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

Not applicable.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

The schedule required to be attached to the Form 8621 is estimated to require an average of 1 hour to complete. Typically, a deemed dividend election is only made once for each shareholder of a 1297(e)PFIC. We estimate an average

of 250 such elections per year.

The total burden will be 250 hours.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register noticed dated March 12, 2012 (77 FR 14598), requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any response from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Not applicable.

15. <u>REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN</u>

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. <u>REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE</u>

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulations sunset as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I

Not applicable.

<u>Note:</u> The following paragraph applies to all of the collections

of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.