SUPPORTING STATEMENT OMB No. 1545-1056

1. <u>CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION</u>

Section 905(c) of the Internal Revenue Code requires a taxpayer to notify the IRS of a foreign tax redetermination (FTR), which is a change in the taxpayer's foreign tax liability that may affect the taxpayer's foreign tax credit. New temporary regulations at section 1.905-4T provide rules concerning the time, manner, and contents of such notification. Where a redetermination of U.S. tax liability is required by reason of an FTR, the new regulations generally require the taxpayer to file an amended return and Form 1116 or 1118, with a written statement providing specific information relating to the FTR. Where the FTR does not necessitate a redetermination of U.S. tax liability, and only an adjustment to a foreign corporation's pools of earnings and profits and foreign taxes is required, the new regulations require the taxpayer to attach a written statement to the original tax return for the year in which the FTR occurred.

2. <u>USE OF DATA</u>

The IRS will use the information to be collected under the provisions of section 905(c) for audit purposes to determine whether taxpayers have correctly redetermined their U.S. tax liability and foreign tax credit after an FTR.

3. <u>USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN</u>

IRS Publications, 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. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible. The new temporary regulations provide an exception to the general notification rule that allows Large Business and International (LBI) taxpayers to notify the IRS of an FTR that occurs prior to an audit, and requires LBI taxpayers to notify the IRS of an FTR that occurs during the first 180 days of the audit, by providing the written statement to the examiner in lieu of filing an amended return.

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

We have attempted to minimize the burden on small businesses or other small entities wherever possible.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

In response to the *Federal Register* Notice dated May 9, 2013 (78 F. R. 27298), we received no comments during the comment period regarding REG-209020-86.

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

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

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

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Business Master File (BMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.046-Customer Account Data Engine Business Master File. The Department of Treasury PIAs can be found at http://www.treasury.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default.aspx.

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

Estimated total annual reporting burden: 54,000 hours (based on an estimated average annual burden per respondent of 4.2 hours and an estimated 13,000 respondents).

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register notice dated May 9, 2013, 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

The estimated cost to the federal government is \$25.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There are no changes to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This submission is for renewal purposes only.

16. <u>PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION</u> Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS

INAPPROPRIATE

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.