

in his income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange takes place a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss upon such exchange including:

(1) A statement of the cost or other basis of the stock or securities transferred in the exchange, and

(2) A statement in full of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange, and any liabilities to which property received is subject. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property (other than liabilities assumed upon the exchange) received shall be set forth upon the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange.

(c) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every taxpayer who participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed on the exchange, or any liabilities to which any of the properties received were subject), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

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INSOLVENCY REORGANIZATIONS

§ 1.371-1 Exchanges by corporations.

(a) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* (1) Section 371(a)(1) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss by a corporation upon certain exchanges made in connection with the reorganization of an insolvent corporation. The section does not apply to a railroad corporation as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)). In order to qualify as a section 371(a) reorganization, the transaction must satisfy the express statutory requirements as well as the underlying assumptions and purposes for which the exchange is excepted from the gen-

eral rule requiring the recognition of gain or loss upon the exchange of property.

(2) Section 371(a)(1) applies only with respect to a reorganization effected in one of two specified types of court proceedings: (i) Receivership, foreclosure, or similar proceedings, or (ii) corporate reorganization proceedings under chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 10). The specific statutory requirements are the transfer of property of a corporation, in pursuance of an order of the court having jurisdiction of the corporation in such proceeding, to another corporation organized or made use of to effectuate a plan of reorganization approved by the court in such proceeding, in exchange solely for stock or securities in such other corporation. If the consideration for the transfer consists of other property or money as well as stock and securities, see section 371(a)(2) and (c). As to the assumption of liabilities in an exchange described in section 371(a), see section 371(d).

(3) The application of section 371(a)(1) is to be strictly limited to a transaction of the character set forth in such section. Hence, the section is inapplicable unless there is a bona fide plan of reorganization approved by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding and the transfer of the property of the insolvent corporation is made pursuant to such plan. It is unnecessary that the transfer be a direct transfer from the insolvent corporation; it is sufficient if the transfer is an integral step in the consummation of the reorganization plan approved by the court. By its terms, the section has no application to a reorganization consummated by adjustment of the capital or debt structure of the insolvent corporation without the transfer of its assets to another corporation.

(4) As used in section 371(a)(1), the term *reorganization* is not controlled by the definition of *reorganization* contained in section 368. However, certain basic requirements, implicit in the statute, which are essential to a reorganization under section 368, are likewise essential to qualify a transaction as a reorganization under section 371(a)(1). Among these requirements

are a continuity of the business enterprise under the modified corporate form and a continuity of interest therein on the part of those persons who were the owners of the enterprise prior to the reorganization. Thus, the nonrecognition accorded by section 371(a)(1) applies only to a genuine reorganization as distinguished from a liquidation and sale of property to either new or old interests supplying new capital and discharging the obligations of the old corporation. For the purpose of determining whether the requisite continuity of interest exists, the interest of creditors who have, by appropriate legal steps, obtained effective command of the property of an insolvent corporation is considered as the equivalent of a proprietary interest. But the mere possibility of a proprietary interest is not its equivalent. In general, any transaction will be subject to nonrecognition of gain or loss as prescribed by section 371(a)(1) where the property is transferred to a corporation and the stock and securities of such corporation are transferred to persons who were shareholders or creditors of the transferor corporation as if such stock or securities had been transferred to such persons as shareholders pursuant to the nonrecognition provisions of part III, subchapter C, chapter 1 of the Code. The determinative and controlling factors are the corporation's insolvency and the effective command by the creditors over its property. The term *insolvent* as used herein refers to insolvency at any time during the course of the proceeding referred to in section 371(a)(1), either in the sense of excess of liabilities over assets or in the sense of inability to meet obligations as they mature.

(5) A short-term purchase money note is not a security within the meaning of this section, and the transfer of the properties of the insolvent corporation for cash and deferred payment obligations of the transferee evidenced by short-term notes is a sale and not an exchange.

(b) *Exchange for stock or securities and other property or money.* If an exchange would be within the provisions of section 371(a)(1) if it were not for the fact that the consideration for the transfer of the property of the insolvent cor-

poration consists not only of stock or securities but also of other property or money, then, as provided in section 371(a)(2), if the other property or money received by the corporation is distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, no gain to the corporation will be recognized. Property is distributed within the meaning of this section if it is paid over or distributed to shareholders or creditors who have by appropriate legal steps obtained effective command of the property of the corporation. If the other property or money received by the corporation is not distributed by it pursuant to the plan of reorganization, the gain, if any, to the corporation from the exchange will be recognized in an amount not in excess of the sum of money and the fair market value of the other property so received which is not distributed. In either case no loss from the exchange will be recognized (see section 371(c)).

(c) *Records to be kept and information to be filed.* (1) Each corporation a party to a section 371(a) reorganization shall furnish a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss in connection with the exchange, including:

(i) A certified copy of the plan of reorganization approved by the court in the proceeding, together with a statement showing in full the purposes thereof and in detail all transactions incident, or pursuant, to the plan;

(ii) A complete statement of the cost or other basis of all property, including all stock or securities, transferred incident to the plan;

(iii) A statement of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received in the exchange, including a statement of all distributions or other disposition made thereof. The amount of each kind of stock or securities or other property shall be stated on the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange;

(iv) A statement of the amount and nature of any liabilities assumed upon the exchange.

The information required by this section shall be filed as a part of the corporation's return for its taxable year within which the reorganization occurred.

(2) Permanent records in substantial form must be kept by every taxpayer who participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

§ 1.371-2 Exchanges by security holders.

(a) *In general.* (1) Section 371(b) prescribes the rules relative to the recognition of gain or loss upon certain exchanges made by the holders of stock or securities of an insolvent corporation in connection with a reorganization described in section 371(a). Under section 371(b)(1), no gain or loss shall be recognized if, pursuant to the plan of reorganization, stock or securities in the insolvent corporation are exchanged solely for stock or securities in the corporation organized or made use of to effectuate such plan. If, in addition to such stock or securities, other property or money is received upon such exchange, gain is recognized to the extent of such other property or money (section 371(b)(2)), but no loss is recognized (section 371(c)). As to the basis of the stock or securities or other property acquired upon an exchange under section 371(b), see section 358.

(2) By thus characterizing as an exchange, and regarding as a single taxable event, the event or series of events resulting in the relinquishment or extinguishment of the stock or securities in the old corporation and the acquisition in consideration thereof, in whole or in part, of stock or securities in the new corporation, the Code secures uniformity of treatment for the participating security holders, regardless of the particular steps or the procedural

devices by which such exchange is effected. Thus, the transaction which qualified as a reorganization under section 371(a) may take one of several forms. In a typical creditors' reorganization there may be a transfer of the property of the old corporation to its bondholders, or the bondholders' committee, upon surrender of the bonds, followed by the transfer of such property to the new corporation in consideration of stock in the latter; or there may be a transfer of the bonds to the new corporation in exchange for its stocks or securities, followed by the transfer of the property of the old corporation in consideration of the surrender of its bonds. In either event, section 371(b) treats the result to the participating security holders as an exchange of the securities of the old corporation for securities of the new corporation. In order, however, to qualify as an exchange under section 371(b) the various events resulting in the relinquishment or extinguishment of the old securities and the acquisition of the new securities must be embraced within the plan of reorganization and must be undertaken for reasons germane to the plan. If the event, or series of events, qualifies as an exchange under section 371(b), no antecedent event necessarily a component of the relinquishment or extinguishment of the securities of the old corporation in consideration of the acquisition of the securities of the new corporation shall be considered a transaction or event having consequences for income tax purposes.

(b) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* Section 371(b)(1) provides that no gain or loss shall be recognized upon an exchange consisting of the relinquishment or extinguishment of stock or securities in an insolvent corporation described in section 371(a), in consideration of the acquisition solely of stock or securities in a corporation organized or made use of to effectuate the plan of reorganization. As used in this section, the term security does not include a short-term note.

(c) *Exchanges for stock or securities and other property or money.* If an exchange would be within section 371(b)(1) if it were not for the fact that the property received in the exchange consists not