STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition

of

Magnus & Co., Incorporated

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Stock Transfer
Taxes under Article(s) 12 of the
Tax Law for the (Year(s)

State of New York County of Albany

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wrapper addressed as follows: Magnus & Co., Incorporated
20 Exchange Place
New York, New York

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Kartha Flenses

Sworn to before me this

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In the Matter of the Application:

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MAGNUS & CO., INCORPORATED

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DECISION

to set aside certain New York State Stock Transfer Taxes Assessed Pursuant to Article 12 of the Tax Law

Magnus & Co., Inc., have made an application to set aside certain New York State Stock Transfer Taxes assessed pursuant to Article 12 of the Tax Law. A formal hearing was held on October 9, 1963, in the offices of the State Tax Commission in the City of New York. The applicant appeared and was represented by Borden & Ball, Esq., Wallace J. Borden, Esq., and John H. Hall, Esq., of Counsel. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau - Stock Transfer Section appeared through Bernard Belskin, Tax Administrative Supervisor and Louis Morgenbesser, Supervising Tax Examiner.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On May 28, 1963, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued determination #144 against taxpayer for stock transfer tax totalling \$2,900.00.
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U. S. Plastic & Chemical Corp.

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- 4. The transfers as set forth above were all made to F. S. M. Co. (c/o Magnus & Co., Inc.). At the time of the transfers F. S. M. Co. was not registered as a nominee of taxpayer with the State Tax Commission.
- 5. Taxpayer contends that in spite of this failure to register F. S. M. & Co., the transfers as set forth in this determination were made to taxpayer as custodian and, therefore, would not require the registration of the nominee.
- 6. Taxpayer testified that he did take ownership of the stock certificates in the course of the transacting the transfers.
- 7. Taxpayer has failed to sustain his burden of proving that he took these stocks as custodian.
- 8. Pursuant to Article 12, of the Tax Law, the taxpayer was required to register its nominee, F. S. M. &Co.

DETERMINATION

- A. The applicant was obligated to register its nominee with the State Tax Commission.
- B. Since no such registration was made by taxpayer, the transfer was a taxable transaction.
- C. The application is denied and the determination is sustained.

 DATED: Albany, New York STATE TAX COMMISSION

January 11, 1971

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

NORMAN F. GALLMAN, ACTING PRESIDENT

A. BRUCE MANLEY MILTON KOERNER

Albany, New York

January 13, 1971

Magnus & Co., Incorporated 20 Exchange Place New York, New York

Please take notice of the

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Section 279a Please take further notice that pursuant to the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 90 Days the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relating hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

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cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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April 15, 1971

CABLE: LAWSTAFT NEWYORK

Mr. John Purcell, Director of Miscellaneous Taxes Department of Taxation and Finance State Campus - Bldg. 9 Albany, New York 12226

Re: Magnus & Company - Decision: 1-25-71

Dear Mr. Purcell:

I enclose herewith a photostat copy of the letter above referred to and the decision, dated January 11, 1971, rendered against Magnus & Company, Incorporated.

I enclose, as well, check of this law firm, in the sum of \$1,450.00, in offer of compromise and settlement of the matter described in the enclosed decision. This matter has been the subject of conversations with representatives of the State Tax Commission. The check is delivered to you only on the ground that the offer can be and is, in fact, accepted by the Commission as a final disposition of the matter. In any other event, the check should be returned to the undersigned.

The facts, briefly, are that adequate consideration was not, in our opinion, given to the fact that failure by the appropriate authorities to issue a registered nominee number to FSM Co. was the result of a ministerial error in Albany, rather than the fault of the putative taxpayer. Taxpayer did make timely application for registration of FSM Co. as its nominee and, in fact, made application simultaneously with the Federal Government. Federal registration was issued within 30 days of application, but due to the fact that a great deal of mail, including taxpayer's application for registration, was mislaid in Albany, registration did not issue until some time after the period in question covered by the decision. Taxpayer had been advised by its counsel to use FSM Co. as its registered nominee and counsel indicated to taxpayer that counsel had been advised by appropriate authorities in Albany that issuance of the registration number was forthcoming and that there were no problems. In fact, that was not so.

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Mr. John Purcell,
Director of Miscellaneous Taxes
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Transfer taxes were paid on all of the shares in question and the result of the decision is to impose a double tax. This, coupled with the fact that the decision was rendered almost nine years after the events complained of by the Tax Commission, and at a time when taxpayer's records were no longer complete, and when taxpayer was no longer a registered broker-dealer in New York, works a substantial hardship in the circumstances.

Our offer of settlement and compromise is made in the light of the foregoing facts and in the light of the equities in the matter, which are not insubstantial. It is prompted by the fact that we wish to avoid the Appellate procedures, which we would otherwise undertake, and that you may wish to avoid the costly and time-consuming collection procedures which, this case would seem to indicate, would be required.

Very truly yours

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Your letter offer Magnus and Company April 15 accepted by State Tax Commission April 23.

Edward Rook Sec'y N.Y.S. Tax Commission

April 26, 1971

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