In the Matter of the Petition

of

Alexander W. Dalgeish

and Joan Dalgleish

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision
of a Determination or a Refund of
Personal Income & UBT
under Article 22 & 23 of the Tax Law

State of New York County of Albany

for the year 1973.

Jay Vredenburg, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 13th day of March, 1981, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Alexander W. Dalgeish, and Joan Dalgleish, the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Alexander W. Dalgeish and Joan Dalgleish P.O. Box 16

Glenwood, NY 14069 and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1981.

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Mr. Charles W. Mayo Latham, Lumsden & McCormick 120 Deleware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the representative of the petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the representative of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 1981.

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# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

March 13, 1981

Alexander W. Dalgeish and Joan Dalgleish P.O. Box 16 Glenwood, NY 14069

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dalgeish:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 & 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-6240

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative Charles W. Mayo Latham, Lumsden & McCormick 120 Deleware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202 Taxing Bureau's Representative

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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ALEXANDER W. DALGLEISH and JOAN DALGLEISH

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1973.

Petitioners, Alexander W. Dalgleish and Joan Dalgleish, P.O. Box 16, Glenwood, New York 14069, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income and unincorporated business taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1973 (File No. 16128).

A small claims hearing was held before Carl P. Wright, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Genesee Building, One West Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York, on September 30, 1980 at 10:45 A.M. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish appeared with Charles W. Mayo, CPA. The Audit Division appeared by Ralph J. Vecchio, Esq. (Paul A. Lefebvre, Esq., of counsel).

### **ISSUES**

- I. Whether earnings from services performed by petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish for A.W. Dalgleish Company, Inc. and Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. are subject to unincorporated business tax.
- II. Whether "reasonable cause" exists for the cancelling of penalties imposed for failure to file an unincorporated business tax return.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Alexander W. Dalgleish and Joan Dalgleish, filed a New York State Income Tax Resident Return for 1973. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish did not file an unincorporated tax return for said year.

- 2. On June 30, 1975, the Audit Division issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners for 1973, on the grounds that; a) The petitioners' rental loss was not fully substantiated. b) The payments toward petitioners' 1973 New York income tax did not meet the 80 percent requirement, and they did not file an estimated tax, therefore, penalty was imposed in accordance with section 685(c) of the Tax Law. c) That since petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish was a manufacturers representative, serving more than one principal, his earnings were determined to be subject to unincorporated business tax. d) Since petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish did not file an unincorporated business tax return, penalties are imposed under sections 685(a)(1) and (2) of the Tax Law. Accordingly, on May 24, 1976 the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency against the petitioners for the year 1973 imposing personal income tax of \$22.14 and unincorporated business tax of \$1,047.94, plus penalties, pursuant to section 685(c) and 685(a)(1) and (2) of the Tax Law in amounts of \$21.97, \$235.79 and \$136.23, respectively, and interest of \$169.08.
- 3. At the hearing, petitioners conceded that the personal income tax and the penalty imposed pursuant to section 685(c) of the Tax Law were correct and, therefore, are not at issue.
- 4. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish was the sole officer/stockholder and employee of A.W. Dalgleish Company, Inc. (A.W.D. Corporation) for whom he performs administrative as well as sellings services and for which he is compensated in the form of a salary. Federal and New York State income taxes are withheld from compensation paid to him by the A.W.D. Corporation. In addition, the A.W.D. Corporation paid social security taxes, unemployment insurance, disability insurance and compensation insurance in conformity with

employer-employee requirements. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish's travel and selling expenses are submitted to and reimbursed by A.W.D. Corporation and no such expenses are deducted by him on his personal income tax return other than the expense of maintaining an office in his home. A.W. Dalgleish Company, Inc. is a manufacturers representative engaged in the sale of metal forming and plastic molding machinery and auxiliary equipment.

- 5. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish is also a fifty percent stockholder, officer and sales representative in Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. located in Pittsford, New York. This company was a manufacturers representative engaged in sales of equipment not available to the A.W.D. Corporation. Since all petitioner's travel and selling expenses are reimbursed by A.W.D. Corporation, Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. pays A.W.D. Corporation its share of expenses. Petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish was compensated by Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. based on net income of the company. No taxes were deducted from his compensation.
- 6. Both A.W.D. Corporation and Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. acted as manufacturers representatives. All commissions earned by A.W.D. Corporation or Penn York Machine Tool Sales Inc. were paid to them. All contracts with manufacturers were in the name of the respective corporations and not in the name of the petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish. Both A.W.D. Corporation and Penn-York Machine Tool Sales, Inc. had knowledge that the petitioner was dividing his time and effort between them.
- 7. Petitioner's accountant stated that during the year at issue his firm advised the petitioner that his income was not subject to unincorporated business tax.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That section 703 of the Tax Law provides, in part:

"An unincorporated business means any trade, business or occupation conducted, engaged in or being liquidated by an individual or unincorporated entity, including a partnership or fiduciary or a corporation in liquidation, but not including any entity subject to tax under Articles nine, nine-a, nine-b, nine-c, thirty-two or thirty three of the Tax Law."

- B. That the petitioner Alexander W. Dalgleish is an employee of both corporations and is not operating businesses beyond the scope of the corporation tax laws, therefore, the income received by him from the corporations is not taxable for unincorporated business tax purposes in accordance with section 703 of the Tax Law. Therefore, all penalties imposed pursuant to section 685(a)(1) and (2) are cancelled since the petitioner's activities are not subject to unincorporated business tax.
- C. That the petition of Alexander W. Dalgleish and Joan Dalgleish is granted only to the extent that unincorporated business tax and penalties pursuant to section 685(a)(1) and (2) are cancelled. The Audit Division is directed to modify the Notice of Deficiency issued May 24, 1976 to be consistent with the decision rendered herein; and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

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