In the Matter of the Petition

of

ANTHONY FROEHLICH and ELIZABETH FROEHLICH

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund ofUnincorporated Business : Taxes under Article (2) 23 Tax Law for the Year (s) 1965.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

State of New York County of Albany

MARYLOU SAMUELS

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of , 19 76, she served the within May age, and that on the 6th day of Notice of Decision for Determination by (certified) mail upon Anthony Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich (PERFORMANIANEXXXX) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Froehlich

200 Plainview Road Woodbury, New York 11797

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative DE) 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

6th day of

May, 1976 <u>Murylon Samuels</u>

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within

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Francis B. Froehlich, Esq.

34 Willis Avenue

Mineola, New York 11501

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

May 6, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Prochlich 200 Plainview Road Woodbury, New York 11797

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Froeblich:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 menths from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undergigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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ANTHONY FROEHLICH and ELIZABETH FROEHLICH

DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business: Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1965.

Petitioners, Anthony Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich, residing at 200 Plainview Road, Woodbury, New York 11797, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1965. (File No. 48005268.) Petitioners waived a formal hearing on June 25, 1975. The case was submitted to the State Tax Commission for a decision based on information contained in the file. The State Tax Commission renders the following decision after due consideration of said record.

ISSUE

Whether the gain on the sale of land by petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, was subject to unincorporated business tax.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Anthony Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich, filed a New York State personal income tax return for the year 1965.
- 2. On November 30, 1970, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, imposing New York State unincorporated business tax on the gain, he realized from the installment sale of property upon the ground that such sale was related to his farming activities. A Notice of Deficiency was issued in the sum of \$6,334.40.
- 3. By contract dated October 21, 1964, petitioners, Anthony
 Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich, agreed to sell approximately one
 hundred and forty-two (142) acres to two individuals, namely,
 Donald G. Partrick and Stanley A. Niesloss. This contract, dated
 October 22, 1964, contained certain contingencies. Subsequently
 and in April of 1965 the contingencies were waived by the purchasers
 and the contract became firm. Title closed thereon on December 9,
 1965. At the time of closing the contract was assigned by the purchasers
 to Pinedale Building Corp.
- 4. The total contract price was \$780,120.00 and was computed at the rate of \$5,500.00 per acre for 141.84 acres. The purchasers and the corporation between contract and closing paid total cash of \$156,024.00. Brokerage paid to the broker on account of the sale

was at the rate of five percent and by agreement was to be paid as the sellers received the monies to be paid on the purchase price. The difference between the down payment on contract and closing and the purchase price was by way of a purchase money mortgage which was in the total amount of \$624,096.00, maturing on December 8, 1970, with interest at the rate of five percent.

- 5. The premises which constituted the subject matter of this contract were acquired by petitioners, Anthony Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich, and held by them as tenants, by the entirety, through various conveyances (five in all), commencing with the 1st day of April, 1949 and the final conveyance being made in February of 1953; except that one of the above-mentioned deeds conveyed the premises described in that deed to petitioner, Anthony Froehlich. With respect to the parcel held solely by petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, that parcel consisted of approximately twenty-five acres of land out of the entire parcel conveyed.
- 6. A portion of this farm land was not tillable since it was in woodland and also had certain drainage problems. At the time the premises were conveyed a portion of the land, approximately twenty acres, had been utilized by another farmer and a portion, 12.12 acres, was subject to the golden nematode quarantine. The balance of the land was cultivated by petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, in connection with his farming operations. The actual amount of

acreage that was tillable out of the total parcel conveyed was 118.27 acres, less the 12.12 acres subject to quarantine, for a total of 106.15 acres that were actually farmed. Of this total, twenty acres were leased to another farmer so that they were not used by the taxpayer in his farming operations. Only 86.15 acres of the total 141.84 acres sold were used by Anthony Froehlich in his farming operation. The principal crop raised on the premises was potatoes.

- 7. Anthony Froehlich has been engaged in farming since early youth and has cultivated various farm lands in connection with his own farming operations for upwards of thirty years. He has no other occupation. Elizabeth Froehlich has been a housewife since the date of her marriage to Anthony Froehlich in 1936. She also has no other occupation.
- 8. The total real estate taxes as assessed by the Town of Huntington for the year 1964/65 amounted to \$9,298.01.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That the income received by petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, in the year 1965 from the sale of his farm constituted income from the use of an asset connected with his farming business and not income received solely by reason of holding, leasing or managing real property exempt from imposition of unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(e) of the Tax Law.

- B. That the aforesaid real estate transactions of petitioner, Anthony Froehlich, during the year 1965 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and the income derived therefrom was subject to unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Anthony Froehlich and Elizabeth Froehlich is denied and the Notice of Deficiency dated November 30, 1970, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York May 6, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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