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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wolf:

This responds to your letter to the Attorney General dated August 29, 2011, regarding press reports that a Non-Prosecution Agreement (“NPA”) was entered into between the Tax Division, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Massachusetts, and Islamic Investment Company of the Gulf (Bahamas) Limited (“IICGB”).

The determination of whether the Department of Justice (“Department”) will publicly disclose documents relating to the disposition of a matter is based upon a careful balancing of the public’s right to know, the impact on individual privacy interests, and the Department’s interest in deterring misconduct in the future. In a federal tax case, the Department is also mindful of the prohibition against disclosure of taxpayer information set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6103. An NPA resolving a criminal tax investigation does not result in the filing of public charges, but rather is retained by the taxpayer and the Tax Division to ensure compliance with its terms and conditions. In response to your letter, we have determined that the IICGB NPA is appropriate for public disclosure with limited redactions of the employer identification numbers. It is enclosed here, including the Statement of Facts and related attachments.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Weich".

Ronald Weich
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure