# Instructions for Form

# **General Corporation Tax Return**

# eginning in 2010 or for calendar year 2010

# lighlights of Recent Tax Law Chan

• Local Law 67 of 2009 added section 11-604(21) to the Ad. Code, which provides a new biotechnology credit for tax years 2010 through 2012 to certain qualified emerging technology companies for certain costs and expenses incurred.

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- Section 2 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009 provides for a phase-in of single factor allocation over 10 years beginning in 2009. For taxable years beginning in 2010, except for manufacturing companies electing to use the additional receipts factor, the business allocation factor will be a weighted average composed of 27% of New York City property over total property, 27% of New York City wages over total wages and 46% of New York City receipts over total receipts.
- Beginning in 2009, the sourcing of certain receipts for services performed by registered securities or commodities brokers is based on the customer mailing addresses. See Section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Section 17 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009 replaced the \$300 fixed dollar minimum tax under the General Corporation Tax ("GCT") with a sliding scale fixed dollar minimum tax based on receipts allocated to New York City for tax years beginning after 2008. See Ad Code \$ 11-604(1)(E)(a)(4) as amended.
- A 2009 amendment increased the maximum amount of the GCT alternative tax imposed on business and investment capital from \$350,000 to \$1,000,000 for tax years beginning after 2008. See Ad Code \$ 11-604(1)(F) as amended by section 16 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Mandatory Combination A 2009 amendment now requires the mandatory combination of related GCT taxpayers with substantial intercorporate transactions, regardless of the transfer price used in the intercorporate transactions. See Ad Code § 11-605(4), as amended by section 4 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009. For more information see the instructions for Form NYC-3A.
- The law was changed in 2009 to add the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax ("MTA Payroll Tax") under Article 23 of the New York State Tax Law. GCT taxpayers must add the MTA Payroll Tax back to the extent it was deducted in computing federal taxable income. See Ad Code § 11-602(8)(b)(19) as added by section 17 of Part C of Chapter 25 of the Laws of 2009.
- Termination of GCT tax status under Gramm-Leach-Bliley transition rules -- The law was amended in 2009 to provide conditions under which corporations subject to tax under the General Corporation Tax (GCT) as a result of the transition rules relating to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley provisions will no longer be taxable under the GCT. If any of the conditions exist or occur in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, such a corporation will be taxable under the Banking Corporation Tax (BCT), rather than the GCT, as of the first day of the tax year in which the condition applied. Administrative Code section 11-640(m), as added by Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009, section 32.
- Captive Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, the law has been changed concerning the tax treatment of "captive" REITs and RICs, that is, those where more than 50% of the voting stock is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a single corporation. Under those changes, if a corporation subject to the GCT directly owns over 50% of the voting stock of a captive REIT or RIC or is the closest controlling shareholder of the voting stock of a captive REIT or RIC, the REIT or RIC may be subject to the GCT and required to be included in a GCT combined return with that corporation. Chapter 201, section 9 of the Laws of 2009. For more information, see "Captive Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Regulated Investment Companies (RICs)," below.
- For purposes of the New York City Unincorporated Business Tax, General Corporation Tax and Banking corporation Tax, the City has "decoupled" from the Federal bonus depreciation allowed under the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, except with respect to the depreciation deductions allowed with respect to "qualified New York liberty zone property" and "qualified property" placed in service in the Resurgence Zone (generally the area in the borough of Manhattan south of Houston Street and north of Canal Street.) For City tax purposes, depreciation deductions for all other "qualified property" must be calculated as if the property was placed in service prior to September 11, 2001. Local Law 17 of 2002. See Form NYC-399Z and Finance Memorandum 09-5, "Application of IRC Section 280F Limits to Sports Utility Vehicles" for more information.
- For tax years beginning in 2008, taxpayers who have claimed a deduction pursuant to section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code (Income attributable to domestic production activities) must add this amount back in determining entire net income for purposes of the General Corporation Tax. Taxpayers who must add back the amount deducted under IRC § 199 must use form NYC-3L. See Part HH-1 of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2008 and Administrative Code sections 11-602(8)(b)(19) and 11-641(b)(15).
- For tax years beginning in 2007, taxpayers with (1) gross income, as defined under §61 of the Internal Revenue Code, of less than \$250,000, (2) a business allocation of 100%, and (3) no investment capital or income, or subsidiary capital or income are exempt from having to determine the alternative tax on capital and the alternative tax on entire net income plus compensation. See section 11-604(1)(I)of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, as added by Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2007. If a taxpayer meets these criteria and is otherwise eligible to file Form NYC-4S, the taxpayer may be eligible to use new Form NYC-4S-EZ. To determine if you can use Form NYC-4S-EZ, see the instructions for that new form. Taxpayers who meet the three criteria noted above but are not eligible to file a Form NYC-4S-EZ must use Form NYC-3L but need not calculate the alternative tax on capital and the alternative tax on entire net income plus compensation. For purposes of computing entire net income for city purposes, corporations, other than New York State S corporations, that meet the three requirements listed above, may elect to use the sum of New York State entire net income and any deductions taken for the taxable year in computing federal taxable income for General Corporation Tax paid or accrued.
- For tax years beginning in 2010, the alternative tax measured by entire net income plus compensation is determined by using 15 percent, as a multiplier, instead of 30 percent. See Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2007.
- The form has been modified to make it easier for taxpayers to request the consent of the Department of Finance to use an alternative business allocation method. Taxpayers simply check the appropriate box on page 1, complete Schedule H, pay the tax based on that Schedule, and attach a rider, as further explained in the instructions to Schedule H.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **S CORPORATIONS**

An S corporation is subject to the General Corporation Tax and must file either Form NYC-4S, NYC-4S-EZ or NYC-3L, whichever is applicable. Under certain limited circumstances, an S corporation may be permitted or required to file a combined return. *See, e.g., Finance Memorandum 99-3 for information regarding the treatment of qualified subchapter S subsidiaries.* 

#### **CORPORATION DEFINED**

Unincorporated entities electing to be treated as associations taxable as corporations for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the "check-the-box" rules under IRC §7701(a)(3) are treated as corporations for City tax purposes and are not subject to the Unincorporated Business Tax. Eligible entities having a single owner disregarded as a separate entity under the "check-the-box" rules and treated as either a sole proprietorship or a branch for federal tax purposes will be similarly treated for City tax purposes. *See Finance Memorandum 99-1 for additional information*.

# REPLACEMENT OF \$300 FIXED DOLLAR MINIMUM TAX WITH FIXED DOLLAR MINIMUM TAX BASED ON ALLOCATED RECEIPTS

For tax years beginning after 2008, the \$300 fixed dollar minimum tax has been replaced with a sliding scale fixed dollar minimum tax based on receipts allocated to New York City. The sliding scale is the same as the one used to determine the fixed dollar minimum tax under the New York State Franchise Tax, but the receipts used to determine the fixed dollar minimum tax are receipts allocated to the City instead of receipts allocated to New York State, as is done under the Franchise Tax. The amount of City receipts for this purpose is the same as the amount used for determining the taxpayer's business allocation percentage. See Ad Code § 11-604(1)(E)(a)(4) as amended by Ch. 201, § 17, of the Laws of 2009.

# TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT OF 1999:

#### **Existing Corporations:**

Except for a banking corporation described in paragraphs (1) through (8) of Ad. Code section 11-640(a) (see, Form NYC-1, Instructions "Who Must File" items A through C), for taxable years beginning after 1999 and before 2001, a corporation that was in existence before January 1, 2000 was taxable under the same tax (either NYC General Corporation Tax (GCT) or NYC Banking Corporation Tax (BCT)) as applied to it for its last taxable year beginning before January 1, 2000. For this purpose, a corporation was considered to have been subject to a tax prior to 2000 if it was not a taxpayer but was properly included in a combined report filed by another corporation under that tax. A corporation that was in existence prior to 2000 but first became subject to tax after 2000 is considered to have been subject to whichever tax, GCT or BCT, would have applied based on its activities had it been a taxpayer prior to 2000.

The transitional provisions relating to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 with respect to existing corporations have been extended to apply to each tax year following 2000. As a result, existing corporations to which the transitional rules apply remain required to be taxed under the same tax, GCT or BCT, that applied for the preceding years. See Ad. Code §11-640(h)-(l) for more information.

The transition rules were most recently extended to require that a corporation that was in existence before January 1, 2010, to be taxed in years beginning after 2009 and before 2011 under the tax, either the GCT or BCT, that applied to it for the last year beginning before 2010. Ad. Code §11-640(l)(1) as last amended by Ch. 24, §2 of the Laws of 2010.

# **Newly-formed Corporations:**

A corporation formed on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, was permitted to elect to be subject to either the GCT or BCT for its first taxable year beginning after 1999 and before 2001 **provided either:** 

- the corporation was a financial subsidiary, or
- at least 65% of the corporation's voting stock is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a financial holding company, and the corporation is principally engaged in activities described in sections 4(k) 4 or 4(k)5 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, or described in regulations promulgated under that section.

A financial subsidiary is a corporation whose voting stock is 65% or more owned or controlled directly or indirectly, by a banking corporation (including a corporation that has elected to be subject to the BCT under these transition rules) described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Ad. Code section 11-640(a) and described in 12 USCS section 24a or section 46 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

A financial holding company is a corporation that has filed with the Federal Reserve Board a written declaration of its election to be a financial holding company under section 4(i) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, provided the Federal Reserve Board has not found that election to be ineffective.

An election by a newly-formed corporation

under this provision must have been made on or before the due date for filing its return for the applicable year, including extensions, and was made by filing the return required under the appropriate tax. The election is irrevocable.

The transitional provisions relating to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 with respect to newly-formed corporations have been extended to apply to each tax year following 2000. As a result, a newly-formed corporation is permitted to elect to be taxed under either the GCT or BCT for its first tax year, if it meets the requirements described above. See Ad. Code §640(h)-(1) for more information.

The transition rules were most recently extended to permit a qualifying corporation formed on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2011, to elect to be taxed under either the GCT or BCT for its first tax year beginning after 2009 and before 2011. Ad. Code \$11-640(1)(2) as last amended by Ch. 24, \$2 of the Laws of 2010.

However, see the section entitled "Termination of GCT Tax Status under Transitional Provisions," below for changes to the law applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009 and a description of when a corporation will no longer be taxable under the GCT.

#### Combined Filing under Transitional Provisions

A bank holding company doing business in the City that, during a taxable year beginning after 1999 and before 2011, registers for the first time as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and elects to be a financial holding company, may file a combined report under the BCT for such year with one or more banking corporations doing business in the City and 65% or more owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that bank holding company without seeking permission from the Commissioner. In addition, such bank holding company may, without seeking the Commissioner's permission: (i) include in a combined report filed for a subsequent year beginning after 1999 and before 2011 any eligible banking corporation that, for the first time in such subsequent year, either is doing business in the City or meets the above ownership requirements; and (ii) eliminate from a combined report filed in any such subsequent year any corporation no longer meeting the requirements for combination in such subsequent year. Except as provided above, the permission of the Commissioner is required for any such bank holding company to cease to file on a combined basis, elect to file on a combined basis or make any changes to the composition of the group of corporations filing on a combined basis for any subsequent year. Ad Code §11-646(f)(2)(iv).

# <u>Termination of GCT Tax Status under</u> <u>Transitional Provisions</u>

The law was changed in 2009 to provide conditions under which corporations subject to tax under the GCT as a result of the transition rules relating to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley provisions (both existing and newly-formed corporations as described above) will no longer be taxable under the GCT. If any of the conditions set out below exist or occur in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, such a corporation will be taxable under the BCT, rather than the GCT, as of the first day of the tax year in which the condition applied:

- The corporation ceases to be a taxpayer under the GCT.
- The corporation becomes subject to the fixed dollar minimum tax under Ad. Code section 11-604(1)(E)(a)(4).
- The corporation has no wages or receipts allocable to New York City pursuant to Ad. Code section 11-604(3), or is otherwise inactive. However, this condition does not apply to a corporation that is engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business, or substantially all of the assets of which are stock and securities of corporations that are directly or indirectly controlled by it and are engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business.
- 65% or more of the voting stock of the corporation becomes owned or controlled directly by a corporation that acquired the stock in a transaction (or series of related transactions) that qualifies as a purchase within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 338(h)(3), unless both corporations, immediately before the purchase, were members of the same affiliated group (as such term is defined in IRC section 1504 without regard to the exclusions provided for in 1504(b)).
- The corporation, in a transaction or series of related transactions, acquires assets, whether by contribution, purchase, or otherwise, having an average value as determined in accordance with Ad. Code section 11-604(2) (or, if greater, a total tax basis) in excess of 40% of the average value (or, if greater, the total tax basis) of all assets of the corporation immediately before the acquisition and, as a result of the acquisition, the corporation is principally engaged in a business that is different from the business immediately before the acquisition (provided that such different business is described in Ad. Code section 11-640(a)(9)(i) or (ii)).

See Ad. Code section 11-640(m).

## CAPTIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITS) AND REGULATED IN-VESTMENT COMPANIES (RICS).

# **Captive REITs and RICs.**

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, the law has been amended to provide that a captive REIT or RIC must generally be included in a combined report under the General Corporation Tax (GCT) or Banking Corporation Tax (BCT). Under new Ad. Code 11-601(12), a REIT or RIC is a captive REIT or RIC if more than 50% of its voting stock is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a single corporation. Any voting stock held in a segregated asset account of a life insurance corporation as described in Internal Revenue Code section 817 is not taken into account for the purpose of determining the percentage of stock ownership. As explained more below, if a corporation subject to the GCT directly owns over 50% of the voting stock of a captive REIT or RIC or is the "closest controlling shareholder" of a captive REIT or RIC, then the captive REIT or RIC must be included in a combined report under the GCT with that corporation. For these purposes, the "closest controlling stockholder" means the corporation: (a) that indirectly owns or controls over 50% of the voting stock of a captive REIT or RIC; (b) is subject to tax under the GCT or BCT or otherwise required to be included in a combined report or report under the GCT or BCT: and (c) is the fewest tiers of corporations away in the ownership structure from the captive REIT or RIC

If a captive REIT or RIC is required to be included in a combined report under the GCT, it will be subject to tax under the GCT. Ad. Code § 11-605(4)(a)(5). Note that if a captive REIT or RIC is required to included in a combined report under the BCT, it will not be subject to tax under the GCT, and, as a result, must file an NYC-1 report. Ad. Code section 11-640(d). Further, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley transitional provisions do not apply to a captive REIT or a RIC required to be included in a combined report under the BCT as provided by Ad. Code section 11-640(g)(4).

# **Requirement to be Included in a Combined Report under the GCT.**

A captive REIT or RIC must be included in a combined report under the BCT under the following conditions:

 A captive REIT or a RIC must be included in a combined report with the corporation that directly owns or controls over 50% of the voting stock of the captive REIT or RIC if that corporation is subject to tax or required to be included in a combined report under the GCT.

- (2) If over 50% of the voting stock of a captive REIT or RIC is not directly owned or controlled by a corporation that is subject to tax or required to be included in a combined report under the GCT, then the captive REIT or RIC must be included in a combined report with the corporation that is the "closest controlling" stockholder of the captive REIT or RIC. If the corporation that is the "closest controlling" stockholder is subject to tax or required to be included in a combined report under the GCT, then the captive REIT or RIC must be included in a combined report under the GCT.
- (3) If the corporation that directly owns or controls the voting stock of the captive REIT or captive RIC is described as a corporation that is not permitted to make a combined report as provided in Ad. Code section 11-605(4)(a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(4), then the captive REIT or captive RIC must determine the closest controlling shareholder under Ad. Code section 11-605(4)(a)(5)(iii) to be included in a combined report with that corporation. If the corporation that is the closest controlling stockholder of the captive REIT or captive RIC is a corporation not permitted to make a combined report, then that corporation is deemed to not be in the ownership structure of the captive REIT or captive RIC, and the closest controlling stockholder will be determined under Ad. Code section 11-605(4)(a)(5)(iii) without regard to that corporation.
- (4) If a captive REIT owns the stock of a qualified REIT subsidiary (as defined in IRC section 856(i)(2)), then the qualified REIT subsidiary must be included in any combined report required to be made by the captive REIT that owns its stock.
- (5) If a captive REIT or a RIC is required by any of the conditions set out herein to be included in a combined report with another corporation, and that other corporation is required to be included in a combined report with another corporation under other provisions of Ad. Code 11-605(4)(a), the captive REIT or RIC must be included in that combined report with those corporations.
- (6) If a captive REIT or RIC is not required to be included in a combined report or report under the GCT (Ad. Code § 11-605(4)(a)(5)) or BCT (Ad. Code § 11-646(f)), then the corporation will be required to be file a combined report if it either meets the substantial intercorporate transactions requirement provided in Ad. Code 11-605(4)(a) or the inter-company transactions or agreement, understanding, arrangement or transaction requirement of

Ad Code § 11-605(4)(a)(3) is satisfied and more than 50% percent of the voting stock of the captive REIT or the captive RIC and substantially all of the capital stock of that other corporation are owned and controlled, directly or indirectly, by the same corporation.

# Computation of tax for Captive REITs and RICs.

In the case of a combined report under the GCT, the tax is measured by the combined entire net income or combined capital of all the corporations included in the report, including any captive REIT or RIC.

In the case of a captive REIT or RIC that must be included in a combined report, the entire net income of the captive REIT must be computed under Ad. Code § 11-603(7) and the entire net income of a captive RIC must be computed under Ad. Code § 11-603(8).

In computing entire net income, the deduction under the IRC for dividends paid by the captive REIT or RIC to any member of the affiliated group that includes the corporation that directly or indirectly owns over 50% of the voting stock of the captive REIT or RIC must be added back to the federal taxable income of the captive REIT or RIC for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. The term affiliated group is defined in IRC section 1504 without regard to the exceptions of 1504(b).

# CORPORATIONS REQUIRED TO FILE FORM NYC-3L

A corporation (as defined in Section 11-602.1 of the New York City Administrative Code) doing business, employing capital, or owning or leasing property in a corporate or organized capacity, or maintaining an office in New York City must file Form NYC-3L and cannot use Form NYC-4S if:

- it carries on business both inside and outside New York City;
- it has subsidiary and/or investment capital;
- it claims an optional deduction for expenditures relating to air pollution control facilities, as provided in Section 11-602.8(g) of the NYC Admin. Code;
- it claims a modification with respect to gain arising from the sale of certain property, as provided in Section 11-602.8(h) of the NYC Admin. Code;
- it is a real estate investment trust qualified under Sections 856 and 857 of the Internal Revenue Code (see section 11-603.7 of the NYC Admin. Code);
- it entered into a "safe harbor" lease transaction under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code as it was in effect for agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1994;

- 7) it claims a credit for sales and compensating use taxes paid in the current year or is required to adjust its current General Corporation Tax as a result of credits claimed in prior years. See the instructions to Form NYC-9.5 and the instructions for Schedule B, lines 6a and 14 for more information.
- 8) it claims a credit for increased real estate tax payments made to a landlord in connection with the relocation of employment opportunities to New York City, as provided in Section 11-604.13 of the NYC Admin. Code;
- 9) it claims a credit for certain costs or expenses incurred in relocating employment opportunities to New York City, as provided in Sections 11-604.14, 11-604.17, 11-604.17-b or 11-604.19 of the NYC Admin. Code. See Instr. to Forms NYC-9.5, NYC-9.6 and NYC-9.8;
- 10) it claims a modification with respect to wages and salaries disallowed as a deduction for federal income tax purposes (work incentive/jobs credit provisions), as provided in Section 11-602.8(a)(7) of the NYC Admin. Code;
- either separately or as a member of a partnership, it is engaged in an insurance business as a member of the New York Insurance Exchange;
- 12) it is a Regulated Investment Company as defined in Section 851 of the Internal Revenue Code (see section 11-603.7 of the NYC Admin. Code);
- it is a Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC) or a Foreign Sales Corporation;
- 14) it claims a credit for New York City Unincorporated Business Tax paid by a partnership in which it is a partner as provided in Section 11-604.18 of the NYC Admin. Code;
- 15) it will be included in a combined report (Form NYC-3A);
- 16) it is required by NYC Admin. Code section 1-602.8(n) either to add back payments for the use of intangibles made to related members or subtract such payments from related members; or
- 17) it claims a credit for certain costs incurred in the production of qualified films and television shows, as provided in section 11-604.20 of the NYC Admin. Code.
- it claimed a deduction pursuant to section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code (Income attributable to domestic production activities) on its federal tax return.
- 19) it claimed the biotechnology credit, a credit available under NYC Admin. Code section 11-604.21 to certain qualified emerging technology companies for certain costs and expenses incurred.

# The following are NOT required to file a General Corporation Tax Return:

- a) A dormant corporation that did not at any time during its taxable year engage in any activity or hold title to real property located in New York City.
- b) A nonstock corporation organized and operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes and not engaged in substantial commercial activities that has been granted an exemption by the Department of Finance.
- c) Corporations subject to taxation under Part 4 of Subchapter 3 of Chapter 6, Title 11 (Banking Corporations) or under Chapter 11, Title 11 (Utility Corporations) of the NYC Admin. Code are not required to file General Corporation Tax returns. However, corporations that are subject to tax under Chapter 11 as vendors of utility services are subject to the General Corporation Tax in accordance with section 11-603.4 of the NYC Admin. Code and must file a return.
- d) A limited profit housing corporation organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of Article Two of the Private Housing Finance Law.
- e) Insurance corporations.
- A Housing Development Fund Company (HDFC) organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of Article Eleven of the Private Housing Finance Law.
- g) Organizations organized exclusively for the purpose of holding title to property as described in Sections 501(c)(2) or (25) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- h) An entity treated as a Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit (REMIC) for federal income tax purposes. (Holders of interests in a REMIC remain taxable on such interests or on the income thereon.)
- Corporations principally engaged in the conduct of a ferry business and operating between any of the boroughs of the City under a lease granted by the City.
- j) A corporation principally engaged in the conduct of an aviation, steamboat, ferry or navigation business, or two or more such businesses, provided that all of the capital stock of the corporation is owned by a municipal corporation of New York.
- k) Bank holding corporations filing on a combined basis in accordance with Section 11-646(f) of the NYC Admin. Code.
- Corporations principally engaged in the operation of marine vessels whose activities in the City are limited exclusively to the use of property in interstate or foreign commerce.
- m) Foreign corporations that are exempt under the provisions of Public Law 86-272. See 19 RCNY Section 11-04 (b)(11).
- For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, an alien corporation if

its activities in the City are limited solely to investing or trading in stocks and securities for its own account within the meaning of IRC §864(b)(2)(A)(ii) or investing or trading in commodities for its own account within the meaning of IRC §864(b)(2)(B)(ii) or any combination of these activities. NYC Admin. Code §11-603.2-a.

**NOTE:** A corporation that has an officer, employee, agent or representative in the City and that is not subject to the General Corporation Tax is not required to file a Form NYC-3L or NYC-4S or NYC-4S-EZ but must file a Form NYC-245 (Section 11-605 of the NYC Admin. Code).

#### WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

The due date for filing is on or before March 15, 2011, or, for fiscal year taxpayers, on or before the 15th day of the 3rd month following the close of the fiscal year.

**Special short-period returns:** If this is **NOT** a final return and your Federal return covered a period of less than 12 months as a result of your joining or leaving a Federal consolidated group or as a result of a Federal IRC §338 election, this return generally will be due on the due date for the Federal return and not on the date noted above. **Check the box on the front of the return.** 

Returns with remittances:

NYC Department of Finance P.O. Box 5040 Kingston, NY 12402-5040

Returns claiming refunds: NYC Department of Finance P.O. Box 5050 Kingston, NY 12402-5050

All others: NYC Department of Finance P.O. Box 5060 Kingston, NY 12402-5060

#### AUTOMATIC EXTENSIONS

An automatic extension of six months for filing this return will be allowed if, by the original due date, the taxpayer files with the Department of Finance an application for automatic extension on Form NYC-EXT and pays the amount properly estimated as its tax. See the instructions for Form NYC-EXT for information regarding what constitutes a proper estimated tax for this purpose. Failure to pay a proper estimated amount will result in a denial of the extension. A taxpayer with a valid six-month automatic extension filed on Form NYC-EXT may request up to two additional three-month extensions by filing Form NYC-EXT.1. A separate Form NYC-EXT.1 must be filed for each additional three-month extension.

Mail Forms NYC-EXT and EXT.1 to the address indicated on those forms.

# FINAL RETURNS

If a corporation ceases to do business in New York City, the due date for filing a final General Corporation Tax Return is the 15th day after the due date of the cessation (Section 11-605 of the NYC Admin. Code). Corporations may apply for an automatic six-month extension for filing a final return by filing Form NYC-EXT, Application For Automatic 6-Month Extension Of Time To File Business Income Tax Return. Any tax due must be paid with the final return or the extension, whichever is filed earlier.

# ACCESSING NYC TAX FORMS

By Computer - Download forms from the Finance website at **nyc.gov/finance** 

By Phone - Order forms by calling 311. If calling from outside of the five NYC boroughs, please call 212-NEW-YORK (212-639-9675).

# OTHER FORMS YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE

FORM NYC-EXT - Application For Automatic 6-Month Extension Of Time To File Business Income Tax Return. File it on or before the due date of the return.

FORM NYC-EXT.1 - Application for Additional Extension is a request for an additional three months of time to file a return. A corporation with a valid six-month extension is limited to two additional extensions.

FORM NYC-222 - Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations will help a corporation determine if it has underpaid an estimated tax installment and, if necessary, compute the penalty due.

FORM NYC-245 - Activities Report of Corporations must be filed by a corporation that has an officer, employee, agent or representative in the City but disclaims liability for the General Corporation Tax.

FORM NYC-399 - Schedule of New York City Depreciation Adjustments is used to compute the allowable New York City depreciation deduction if a federal ACRS or MACRS depreciation deduction is claimed for certain property placed in service after December 31, 1980.

FORM NYC-399Z - Depreciation Adjustments for Certain Post 9/10/01 Property may have to be filed by taxpayers claiming depreciation deductions for certain sport utility vehicles or "qualified property," other than "qualified New York Liberty Zone property," "qualified New York Liberty Zone leasehold improvements" and "qualified resurgence zone property" placed in service after September 10, 2001 for Federal or New York State tax purposes. See, Finance Memorandum 101, "Application of IRC §280F Limits to Sports Utility Vehicles".

FORM NYC-400 - Declaration of Estimated Tax by General Corporations must be filed by any corporation whose New York City tax liability can reasonably be expected to exceed \$1,000 for the 2011 calendar year or fiscal year beginning in 2011.

FORM NYC-3360 - General Corporation Tax Report of Change in Tax base made by the Internal Revenue Service and/or New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is used for reporting adjustments in taxable income or other basis of tax resulting from an audit of your federal corporate tax return and/or State audit of your State corporate tax return.

FORM NYC-CR-A - Commercial Rent Tax Annual Return must be filed by every tenant that rents premises for business purposes in Manhattan south of the center line of 96th Street **and** whose annual or annualized gross rent for any premises is at least \$200,000. (Effective June 1, 2001.)

FORM NYC-RPT - Real Property Transfer Tax Return must be filed when the corporation acquires or disposes of an interest in real property, including a leasehold interest; when there is a partial or complete liquidation of the corporation that owns or leases real property; or when there is a transfer of a controlling economic interest in a corporation, partnership or trust that owns or leases real property.

# ESTIMATED TAX

If the tax for the period following that covered by this return is expected to exceed \$1,000, a declaration of estimated tax and installment payments are required. Form NYC-400 is to be used for this purpose. If the tax on this return exceeds \$1,000, Form NYC-400 will automatically be mailed to you.

If, after filing a declaration, your estimated tax substantially increases or decreases as a result of a change in income, deduction or allocation, you must amend your declaration on or before the next date for an installment payment. The procedure is as follows:

- Complete the amended schedule of the notice of estimated tax due. (This is your quarterly notice for payment of estimated tax.)
- Mail the bottom portion of the notice along with your check to:

### NYC Department of Finance P.O. Box 5100 Kingston, NY 12402-5100

If the amendment is made after the 15th day of the 9th month of the taxable year, any increase in tax must be paid with the amendment.

For more information regarding estimated tax payments and due dates, see Form NYC-400.

# PENALTY FOR UNDERSTATING TAX

If there is a substantial understatement of tax (i.e., if the amount of the understatement exceeds the greater of 10% of the tax required to be shown on the return or \$5,000) for any taxable year, a penalty will be imposed equal to 10% of the amount of the understated tax.

The amount on which you pay the penalty can be reduced by subtracting any item for which (1) there is or was substantial authority for the way in which the item was treated on the return, or (2) there is adequate disclosure of the relevant facts affecting the item's tax treatment on the return or in a statement attached to the return.

# CHANGE OF BUSINESS INFORMATION

If there have been any changes in your business name, identification number, billing or mailing address or telephone number, complete Form DOF-1, Change of Business Information. You can obtain this form by calling 311. If calling from outside of the five NYC boroughs, please call 212-NEW-YORK (212-639-9675). You can also logon to **nyc.gov/finance.** 

#### FOREIGN AIRLINES

Retroactive to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, foreign airlines that have a foreign air carrier permit pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 are permitted to exclude from entire net income the following items:

- all income from the international operation of aircraft, even though effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States
- income from outside the United States that is derived from the operation of aircraft
- certain passive income derived from sources outside the United States

The above exclusions are permitted provided that the foreign country in which the airline is based and organized grants a similar or greater exemption from tax with respect to United States airlines. For more information, see Admin. Code Section 11-602.8 (c-1).

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, property, receipts and wages, salaries or other personal service compensation directly attributable to the generation of income described above not included in entire net income under Admin. Code Section 11-602.8 (c-1) are excluded when calculating the business allocation percentage. See Admin. Code Section 11-604.3 (a) (6).

Also for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, in calculating the tax on business and investment capital of foreign airlines, assets (and the liabilities directly or indirectly attributable to those assets) employed in generating the income excluded from entire net income are excluded. (See Admin. Code Sections 11-602.4 and 11-602.6.)

# WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS

Effective for tax periods beginning on and after August 1, 2002, entities who receive eighty percent or more of their gross receipts from charges for the provision of mobile telecommunications services to customers will be taxed as if they were regulated utilities for purposes of the New York City Utility Tax and General Corporation Tax. Thus, such entities will be subject to only the New York City Utility Tax. The amount of gross income subject to tax has been amended to conform to the Federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act of 2000. In addition, for tax years beginning on and after August 1, 2002, partners in any such entity will not be subject to General Corporation Tax on their distributive share of the income of any such entity.

#### SIGNATURE

This report must be signed by an officer authorized to certify that the statements contained herein are true. If the taxpayer is a publicly-traded partnership or another unincorporated entity taxed as a corporation, this return must be signed by a person duly authorized to act on behalf of the taxpayer.

# TAX PREPARERS

Anyone who prepares a return for a fee must sign the return as a paid preparer and enter his or her Social Security Number or PTIN. See Finance Memorandum 00-1. Include the company or corporation name and Employer Identification Number, if applicable.

**Preparer Authorization:** If you want to allow the Department of Finance to discuss your return with the paid preparer who signed it, you must check the "yes" box in the signature area of the return. This authorization applies only to the individual whose signature appears in the "Preparer's Use Only" section of your return. It does not apply to the firm, if any, shown in that section. By checking the "Yes" box, you are authorizing the Department of Finance to call the preparer to answer any questions that may arise during the processing of your return. Also, you are authorizing the preparer to:

- Give the Department any information missing from your return,
- Call the Department for information about the processing of your return or the status of your refund or payment(s), and
- Respond to certain **notices that you have shared with the preparer** about math errors, offsets, and return preparation. The notices will not be sent to the preparer.

You are not authorizing the preparer to receive any refund check, bind you to anything (including any additional tax liability), or otherwise represent you before the Department. The authorization cannot be revoked, however, the authorization will automatically expire no later than the due date (without regard to any extensions) for filing next year's return. Failure to check the box will be deemed a denial of authority.

# SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Check the appropriate box on page 1 of this form if, on your federal return: (i) you reported bonus depreciation and/or a first year expense deduction under IRC §179 for "qualified New York Liberty Zone property," "qualified New York Liberty Zone leasehold improvements," or "qualified Resurgence Zone property," regardless of whether you are required to file form NYC-399Z, (ii) you claimed a federal targeted jobs credit for Liberty Zone business employees, or (iii) you replaced property involuntarily converted as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center during the five (5) year extended replacement period. You must attach Federal forms 4562, 4684, 4797 and 8884 to this return. See instructions for Schedule B, lines 6d, 15, and 16 for more information.

# SCHEDULE A

#### NOTE - ELIGIBLE SMALL FIRMS

For tax years beginning after 2006, taxpayers are exempt from having to determine the alternative tax on capital and the alternative tax on the entire net income plus compensation if they have: (1) gross income, as defined under § 61 of the Internal Revenue Code, of less than \$250,000, (2) a 100% business allocation percentage, and (3) no investment capital or income or subsidiary capital or income. See section 11-604(1)(I) of Administrative Code, as added by L. 2007, ch. 491. Those taxpayers are subject to tax on the larger of the tax on entire net income and fixed-dollar minimum tax. Therefore, taxpayers meeting these criteria, may skip Lines 2a, 2b, 2c and line 3 of Schedule A. The amount entered on line 6 of Schedule A should be the larger of line 1 or line 4. These taxpayers are not required to complete Schedule F. Because these taxpayers have a 100% business allocation percentage and are not subject to the tax on capital, these taxpayers also will not be required to complete Schedules E or G of this form.

In addition, for purposes of computing the tax based on entire net income, eligible corporations (other than New York State S corporations) can elect to use the sum of New York State entire net income, as determined under New York State Law §208, and any deductions taken for the taxable year in computing federal taxable income for General Corporation Tax paid or accrued, rather than report the New York City specific modifications normally required to compute New York City taxable income. Corporations making that election should enter the New York State entire net income on Line 1 of Schedule B, skip lines 2 through 5a of Schedule B, enter the amount of the General Corporation Tax deducted on the federal return on line 5b of Schedule B, skip lines 6 through 18 and enter the sum of Line 1 and line 5b on line 19.

# Computation of Tax

# LINES 2a AND 2b - TAX ON ALLOCATED CAPITAL

For cooperative housing corporations as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, the rate of tax on capital is 4/10 mill (.04%) instead of 1 1/2 mills (.15%). For all other corporations subject to tax, including housing companies organized and operating pursuant to Article Four of the Private Housing Finance Law (other than cooperative housing corporations), the rate of tax on capital is 1 1/2 mills (.15%).

Enter the amount from Schedule E, line 14 in the left-hand column of line 2a or line 2b. Multiply by the applicable percentage and enter the tax in the right-hand column. If the tax amount exceeds \$1,000,000, enter \$1,000,000. See instructions for Schedule E, lines 7-11 for information on how to calculate capital for short tax years.

# LINE 3 - ALTERNATIVE TAX

Every taxpayer, other than a real estate investment trust or regulated investment company, or taxpayers exempt under section 11-604(1)(I) of Administrative Code as described above, must calculate its alternative tax and enter its computation on line 3. To compute the alternative tax, measured by entire net income plus compensation, you may use the worksheet on page 6 of Form NYC-3L. Professional corporations must calculate the alternative tax.

For special treatment of "Eligible Small Firms" see instructions above.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COMPUTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX.

# ALTERNATIVE TAX WORKSHEET

- a) Line 1- Net Income. Enter the amount on Schedule B, line 19 or 20. If the amount entered on Schedule B line 19 is 0 because the amount that would have been entered on that line would have been as a loss (i.e. the amount on Schedule B, line 18 was greater than the amount on Schedule B, line 8), enter the amount of this loss on Line 1.
- b) Line 2 Salaries. For taxable years beginning on or after 7/1/99 no portion of officers salaries and other compensation is included in the alternative tax base. Notwithstanding the foregoing, include in the alternative tax computation

100% of all salaries and compensation of stockholders owning more than 5% of the corporation's stock, as deducted for federal tax purposes and reported on Schedule F, regardless of whether such stockholders are also officers. In determining whether a stockholder owns more than 5% of the issued capital stock, include all classes of voting and nonvoting stock, issued and outstanding.

- c) Line 3 Enter on line 3 the sum of line 1 and line 2.
- d) Line 4 For taxable years beginning on or after 7/1/98, enter \$40,000. If the return does not cover an entire year, the exclusion must be prorated based on period covered by the return.
- e) Line 6- For tax years after 2009, the alternative tax measured by entire net income plus compensation is determined by multiplying line 5 by 15 percent, instead of 30 percent. See Chapter 491 of the Laws of 2007.

# LINE 4 – MINIMUM TAX

Enter the amount of New York City Receipts from Schedule H, Column A, Line 2g and the Minimum Tax amount from the following table.

# TABLE - FIXED DOLLAR MINIMUM TAXFor a corporation with New York City

<b>receipts of:</b> Not more than \$100,000:\$ 25
More than \$100,000 but not over \$250,000:\$ 75
More than \$250,000 but not over \$500,000:\$ 175
More than \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000:\$ 500
More than \$1,000,000 but not over \$5,000,000:\$1,500
More than \$5,000,000 but not over \$25,000,000:\$3,500
Over \$25,000,000: \$5,000

# Short periods - fixed dollar minimum tax

Compute the New York City receipts for short periods (tax periods of less than 12 months) by dividing the amount of New York City receipts by the number of months in the short period and multiplying the result by 12. The fixed dollar minimum tax may be reduced for short periods:

# Period Reduction

Not more than 6 months50	)%
More than 6 months but not more than 9 months	5%
More than 9 months	

# LINE 5 - ALLOCATED SUBSIDIARY CAPITAL

Enter the amount from Schedule C, line 2, Column G. If that amount is less than zero, enter "0".

# LINE 7 - UBT PAID CREDIT

Enter on line 7 the credit against the General Corporation Tax for Unincorporated Business Tax paid by partnerships from which you receive a distributive share or guaranteed payment that you include in calculating General Corporation Tax liability on either the entire net income or income plus compensation base. (*Attach Form NYC-9.7.*)

# LINE 8a - CREDITS FROM FORM NYC-9.5

Enter on this line the following credits against the General Corporation Tax:

- 1) Relocation and employment assistance program (REAP) credit (*Attach Form NYC-9.5.*)
- 2) Sales and compensating use taxes (*Refer* to instructions on Form NYC-9.5 and at-tach form.)

**NOTE:** This credit may only be taken for sales tax paid in the current year for certain purchases in certain prior periods.

# LINE 8b – CREDITS FROM FORM NYC-9.8

Enter on this line the credit against the General Corporation Tax for the new Lower Manhattan relocation and employment assistance program. (Attach Form NYC-9.8.)

# LINE 9a - CREDITS FROM FORM NYC-9.6

Real estate tax escalation credit and employment opportunity relocation costs credit and industrial business zone credit (*Refer to instructions on Form NYC-9.6 and attach form.*)

# LINE 9b – CREDITS FROM FORM NYC-9.9

Enter on this line the NYC film production credit. (Attach Form NYC-9.9.)

#### LINE 9c – CREDITS FROM FORM NYC-9.10

Enter on this line the NYC Biotechnology credit. (Attach Form NYC-9.10.)

# LINE 11b - FIRST INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

Do not use this line if an application for automatic extension, Form NYC-EXT, has been filed. The payment of the amount shown at line 11b is required as payment on account of estimated tax for the 2011 calendar year, if a calendar year taxpayer, or for the taxable year beginning in 2011, if a fiscal year taxpayer.

# LINE 12 - SALES TAX ADDBACK

This line relates to the General Corporation Tax credit for sales and compensating use taxes paid on certain machinery and equipment and/or certain services. If the taxpayer received a credit or refund of any such sales or compensating use taxes during the year covered by this return for which it claimed a General Corporation Tax credit in a prior tax period, the amount of such credit or refund must be added back at line 12. A corresponding adjustment is to be made at line 14 on Schedule B. (*Refer to instructions to line 14 on Schedule B.*)

# LINE 14 - PREPAYMENTS

Enter the sum of all estimated tax payments made for this tax period, the payment made with the extension request, if any, and both the carryover credit and the first installment reported on the prior tax period's return. This figure should be obtained from the Composition of Prepayments Schedule on page 6 of Form NYC-3L.

**LINE 17a - LATE PAYMENT - INTEREST** If the tax is not paid on or before the due date (determined without regard to any extension of time), interest must be paid on the amount of the underpayment from the due date to the date paid. For information as to the applicable rate of interest, call 311. If calling from outside of the five NYC boroughs, please call 212-NEW-YORK (212-639-9675) or logon to

### LINE 17b - LATE PAYMENT OR LATE FILING/ADDITIONAL CHARGES

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- A late filing penalty is assessed if you fail to file this form when due, unless the failure is due to reasonable cause. For every month or partial month that this form is late, add to the tax (less any payments made on or before the due date) 5%, up to a total of 25%.
- b) If this form is filed more than 60 days late, the above late filing penalty cannot be less than the lesser of (1) \$100 or (2) 100% of the amount required to be shown on the form (less any payments made by the due date or credits claimed on the return).
- c) A **late payment penalty** is assessed if you fail to pay the tax shown on this form by the prescribed filing date, unless the failure is due to reasonable cause. For every month or partial month that your payment is late, add to the tax (less any payments made) 1/2%, up to a total of 25%.
- d) The total of the additional charges in *a*) and *c*) may not exceed 5% for any one month except as provided for in *b*).

If you claim not to be liable for these additional charges, attach a statement to your return explaining the delay in filing, payment or both.

### LINE 17c - PENALTY FOR UNDERPAY-MENT OF ESTIMATED TAX

A penalty is imposed for failure to file a declaration of estimated tax or for failure to pay each installment payment of estimated tax due. (For complete details, refer to Form NYC-222, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations.) If you underpaid your estimated tax, use Form NYC-222 to compute the penalty. Attach Form NYC-222. If no penalty is due, enter "0" on line 17c.

# LINE 21 - TOTAL REMITTANCE

If the amount on line 15 is greater than zero or the amount on line 19 is less than zero, enter on line 21 the sum of line 15 and the amount, if any, by which line 18 exceeds the amount on line 16. After completing this return, enter the amount of your remittance on line A. This must be the full amount as shown on line 21. All remittances must be payable in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank. Checks drawn on foreign banks will be rejected and returned. Remittances must be made payable to the order of **NYC Department of Finance.** 

# LINE 22 - NEW YORK CITY RENT

If the corporation is carrying on business both inside and outside New York City, complete Schedule G and enter on line 22 of Schedule A total rent from Schedule G, part 1. If the corporation is only carrying on business in New York City, enter the total rent deducted on the federal return for premises located in the City. Rent includes consideration paid for the use or occupancy of premises as well as payments made to or on behalf of a landlord for taxes, charges, insurance or other expenses normally payable by the landlord other than for the improvement, repair or maintenance of the tenant's premises.

# SCHEDULE B

Computation and Allocation of Entire Net Income

**LINE 1 - FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME** Enter your federal taxable income (before net operating loss and special deductions) as required to be reported on your federal tax return.

If you file federal Form 1120, use the amount from line 28.

If you file federal Form 1120-RIC, see Admin. Code section 11-603.8.

If you file federal Form 1120-REIT, see Admin. Code section 11-603.7.

S Corporations and qualified subchapter S subsidiaries (QSSS) must file returns as ordinary corporations. If you are an S corporation filing on Form 1120S or a QSSS, you must report on line 1 the amount you would have had to report as taxable income were you not a federal S corporation or QSSS.

Enter at Schedule B, line 1, the total amount of income reported on lines 1 through 10 of the federal form 1120S, Schedule K, less the total amount of deductions reported on lines 11 through 12d of that Schedule. In addition, include other items and amounts that are required to be reported separately to shareholders and not numerically included on federal Schedule K, but attached in a separate schedule.

**NOTE:** The charitable contribution deduction from federal Form 1120S, Schedule K, line 12a may not exceed 10% of the sum of lines 1 through 12d (other than line 12a) of Schedule K.

**ELIGIBLE SMALL FIRMS:** Eligible Small Firms that elect to use New York State entire net income as described on Page 5 of the instructions should enter the New York State entire net income on Line 1 of Schedule B, skip lines 2 through 5a of Schedule B, enter the amount of the General Corporation Tax deducted on the federal return on line 5b of Schedule B, skip lines 6 through 18 and enter the sum of Line 1 and line 5b on line 19.

#### LINE 2 - NONTAXABLE INTEREST

Include all interest received or accrued which was not taxable on your federal income tax return.

# LINES 3 AND 4 - SUBSIDIARY CAPITAL

A subsidiary is a corporation which is controlled by the taxpayer by reason of the taxpayer's ownership of more than 50% of the total number of shares of the corporation's voting capital stock, issued and outstanding. The term "subsidiary capital" means all investments in the stock of subsidiary corporations, plus all indebtedness from subsidiary corporations (other than accounts receivable acquired in the ordinary course of business for services rendered or from sales of property held primarily for sale to customers), whether or not evidenced by bonds or other written instruments, on which interest is not claimed and deducted by the subsidiary for purposes of taxation under Title 11, Chapter 6, Subchapters 2 and 3 of the Admin. Code.

If you have a subsidiary, complete lines 3 and 4, and attach a list of all items included. You will also have to complete Schedule C. If you do not have a subsidiary, enter "0" on lines 3 and 4.

On line 3, enter total of amounts, including interest expense, deducted in computing federal taxable income that are directly attributable to subsidiary capital or to income, gains or losses from subsidiary capital. Include capital losses from sales or exchanges of subsidiary capital, all other losses, bad debts and any carrying charges attributable to subsidiary capital.

On line 4, enter all amounts, including interest, that are indirectly attributable to subsidiary capital or to income, gains or losses from subsidiary capital.

For more information, see also Statement of Audit Procedure GCT-2008-04, Noninterest Expense Attribution, April 9, 2008, available on the Department's website (nyc.gov/finance).

# LINE 5 - STATE AND LOCAL BUSINESS TAXES

On line 5a enter the amount deducted on your federal return for business taxes paid or accrued to any state, any political subdivision of a state or to the District of Columbia, if they are on or measured by profits or income or include profits or income as a measure of tax, including taxes expressly in lieu of any of the foregoing taxes. Include the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Business Tax surcharge and the MTA Payroll Tax (Tax Law, Art. 23).

On line 5b enter the amount of New York City General Corporation Tax and Banking Corporation Tax deducted on your federal return.

Attach a schedule listing each locality and the amount of all those taxes deducted on your federal return.

# LINES 6a, 6b, 6c AND 6d -NEW YORK CITY ADJUSTMENTS

The credit for sales tax paid on electrica) ity or electric service used in the production of certain tangible property formerly allowed by Admin. Code §11-604.15 has been repealed for purchases on or after November 1, 2000. No amount should be added back with respect to this credit. Purchases of machinery or equipment for which a credit is allowed by Admin. Code §11-604.12 were exempted from sales tax effective December 1, 1989. Purchases of certain services performed on machinery or equipment used in production for which a credit is allowed by Admin. Code §11-604.17-a were exempted from sales tax effective September 1, 1996. Credits may be taken under these two provisions only if the sales tax payment was made in the current year with respect to a purchase in a period when the applicable sales tax was effective. In such case, the sales tax excluded or deducted for federal tax purposes should be added back. If you are claiming a credit pursuant to §11-604.12, a form NYC 9.5 for the year 1990 or a prior year should be used. If you are claiming a credit pursuant to \$11-604.17a, a form NYC 9.5 for the year 2000 or a prior year should be used.

- b&c) Taxpayers claiming the real estate tax escalation credit and/or the employment opportunity relocation costs credit or the industrial business zone credit must enter on lines 6(c) and 6(b), respectively the amounts shown on lines 4 and 5, respectively, of Part II of Form NYC-9.6.
- d) The Federal bonus depreciation allowed for "qualified property," as defined in the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 is not allowed for General Corporation Tax purposes except for such deductions allowed with respect to "qualified New York liberty zone property", "qualified New York liberty zone leasehold improvements" and "qualified property" placed in service in the Resurgence Zone (generally the area in the borough of Manhattan south of Houston Street and north of Canal Street.) For City tax purposes, depreciation deductions for all other "qualified property" must be calculated as if the property was placed in service prior to September 11, 2001.

Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. Section 102 of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, Pub.L. No. 110-185, 122 Stat. 613 (Feb. 13, 2008) amended IRC section 168(k). As amended, section 168(k)(1)(A) provides a 50-percent additional first year depreciation deduction for certain new property acquired by the taxpayer after December 31, 2007, and before January 1, 2009 (in the case of certain property, before January 1, 2010), so long as no written binding contract for the acquisition of the property existed prior to January 1, 2008. Section 1201 of Title I of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111- 5, 123 Stat 115 (February 17, 2009) further amended IRC section 168(k) by extending the 50 percent additional first year depreciation deduction to new property acquired before January 1, 2010 (in the case of certain property, before January 1, 2011.) Section 2022 of the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111- 240, 124 Stat. 2504 (September 27, 2010) further amended IRC section 168(k) by extending the 50 percent additional first year depreciation deduction to new property acquired before January 1, 2011 (in the case of certain property, before January 1, 2012.) However, as discussed above the Administrative Code limits the depreciation for "qualified property" other than "Qualified Resurgence Zone property" and "New York Liberty Zone property" to the deduction that would have been allowed for such property had the property been acquired by the taxpayer on September 10, 2001, and therefore, except for Qualified Resurgence Zone property, as defined in the Administrative Code and "New York Liberty Zone property", the City has decoupled from the federal bonus depreciation provision. The Administrative Code also requires appropriate adjustments to the amount of any gain or loss included in entire net income or unincorporated business entire net income upon the disposition of any property for which the federal and New York City depreciation deductions differ. Use Form NYC-399Z for this calculation. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, other than for eligible farmers (for purposes of the New York State farmers' school tax credit), the amount allowed as a deduction with respect to a sport utility vehicle that is not a passenger automobile for purposes of section 280F(d)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code is limited to the amount allowed under section 280F of the Internal Revenue Code as if the vehicle were a passenger automobile as defined in that section. For SUVs that are qualified property other than qualified Resurgence Zone property and other than New York Liberty Zone property, the amount allowed as a deduction is calculated as of the date the SUV was actually placed in service and not as of September 10, 2001. Note that for the 2010 tax year for General Corporation Tax purposes:

- An SUV cannot qualify as either New York Resurgence Zone Property or as New York Liberty Zone property. See Administrative Code section 11-602(8)(o).
- An SUV cannot qualify for the additional first year depreciation available under the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010.

On the disposition of an SUV subject to the limitation, the amount of any gain or loss included in income must be adjusted to reflect the limited deductions allowed for City purposes under this provision. Enter on Schedule B, line 6(d) and 16 the appropriate adjustments from form NYC-399Z. See Finance Memorandum 10-1, "Application of IRC §280F Limits to Sports Utility Vehicles."

The federal depreciation deduction computed under the Accelerated Cost Recovery System or Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (IRC Section 168) is not allowed for the following types of property:

- property placed in service in New York State in taxable years beginning before January 1, 1985 (except recovery property subject to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 280-F)
- property of a taxpayer principally engaged in the conduct of an aviation, steamboat, ferry, or navigation business, or two or more such businesses which is placed in service in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1988, and before January 1, 1994.

In place of the federal depreciation deduction, a depreciation deduction using pre-ACRS or MACRS rules (IRC Section 167) is allowed. Enter on line 6d the ACRS adjustment from Form NYC-399, Schedule C, line 8, Column A. Enter on line 16 the ACRS adjustment from Form NYC-399, Schedule C, line 8, Column B. ACRS and MACRS may be available for property placed in service outside New York in years beginning after 1984 and before 1994. See Finance Memorandum 99-4 "Depreciation for Property Placed in Service Outside New York After 1984 and Before 1994".

# LINE 7a - PAYMENT FOR USE OF INTANGIBLES

Add back payments for the use of intangibles made to related members as required by Ad. Code section 11-602.8(n).

# LINE 7b - DOMESTIC PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES DEDUCTION

Add back any amounts deducted under section 199 of the Internal Revenue Code (Domestic Production Activities Deduction). Please attach Federal Form 8903.

# LINE 7c - OTHER ADDITIONS

 a) Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, the New York City Admin. Code was amended to nullify the effects of federal "safe harbor leases" upon New York City taxable income (Section 11-602.8(a)(8) and (9) of the Admin. Code). This applies to agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1984.

> Any amount included in the computation of federal taxable income solely as a result of an election made under IRC Section 168(f)(8) must be removed when computing New York City taxable income. Any amount excluded in the computation of federal taxable income solely as a result of an election made under IRC Section 168(f)(8) must be included when computing New York City taxable income.

Exempt from these adjustments are leases for qualified mass commuting vehicles and property of a taxpayer, subject to the General Corporation Tax, principally engaged in the conduct of an aviation, steamboat, ferry or navigation business, or two or more such businesses, which is placed in service before taxable years beginning in 1989.

Enter the appropriate additions and deductions on lines 7 and 17, respectively, and attach a rider to show the "safe harbor" adjustments to New York City taxable income.

- b) Foreign taxes paid or accrued that are deducted from gross income to determine federal taxable income must be added to entire net income. A foreign tax credit may not be used as a deduction when computing NYC entire net income.
- c) Any "windfall profit" tax deducted in computing federal income must be added back when computing NYC entire net income.
- d) If the taxpayer deducted on its federal return interest paid to a corporate stockholder owning more than 50% of its issued and outstanding stock, that corporate shareholder may not exclude that interest from its NYC entire net income as income from subsidiary capital. (See instructions for lines 3, 4 and 9.) To enable a more than 50% corporate shareholder to treat any such interest as excludible income from subsidiary capital, such interest should be added back on line 7 of this return in computing NYC entire net income.
- e) In the case of a taxpayer organized outside the United States, all income from sources outside the United States, less all allowable deductions attributable thereto, that was not taken into account in computing federal taxable income must be added back in computing NYC entire net income.

#### LINES 9a AND 9b - INCOME FROM SUBSIDIARY CAPITAL

Enter on line 9a dividends from subsidiary capital that was included as part of federal taxable income. Complete Schedule C.

Enter on line 9b interest from subsidiary capital that was included in federal taxable income.

Enter on line 9c, capital gains and other income and gain from subsidiary capital that was included as part of federal taxable income. Complete Schedule C.

**Do not** enter on line 9b interest for which the payor subsidiary claimed a deduction. (See in-

structions for Schedule B, lines 3 and 4, above, for the definition of subsidiary capital.)

# LINE 10 - NONSUBSIDIARY DIVIDENDS

Enter 50% of dividends received from nonsubsidiary corporations. Do not include the following: (1) "gross-up" dividends pursuant to IRS Section 78, and (2) dividends from stocks not meeting the holding period requirement set forth in IRC Section 246(c). Regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts do not qualify for this deduction.

# LINE 11 - NET OPERATING LOSS

Enter New York City net operating loss carryforward from prior years. The following rules apply to net operating losses.

- A deduction may only be claimed for net operating losses sustained in taxable years during all or part of which the corporation was subject to the General Corporation Tax. New York City allows net operating losses to be used in the same manner as provided by IRC Section 172. However, the amount of any federal loss must be adjusted in accordance with Section 11-602.8(f) of the Admin. Code. Regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts do not qualify for this deduction.
- 2) The deduction of a net operating loss carryforward from prior years may not exceed, and is limited to, the amount of the current year's federal taxable income. A net operating loss may not be claimed as a deduction if Schedule B, line 1 reflects a loss.
- 3) The deduction shall not exceed the deduction that would have been allowed if the taxpayer had not made an election to be an S Corporation under the rules of the Internal Revenue Code or had not elected to be included in a group reporting on a consolidated basis for federal income tax purposes.
- 4) The New York City net operating loss deduction taken for City purposes for each year may not exceed the deduction allowable for that year for federal income tax purposes calculated as if the taxpayer had elected to relinquish the carryback period except with respect to the first \$10,000 of each year's loss. The carryback period for General Corporation Tax purposes corresponds to the federal carryback period. If the taxpayer elects to use a 2-year carryback period for federal purposes, the same carryback period applies for City purposes. If the taxpayer elects to relinquish the entire carryback period for federal purposes, then the taxpayer may not carryback any amount for City purposes. See instructions for Form NYC-8CB for more information.

- 5) Losses which are not permitted to be carried back, may generally be carried forward and used to offset income for the period permitted for federal tax purposes, generally 20 years subsequent to the loss year for losses incurred in taxable years beginning after August 5, 1997.
- 6) Corporations principally engaged in the conduct of an aviation, steamboat, ferry or navigation business or two or more of such businesses are permitted to claim a net operating loss deduction in the same manner as other corporations.

These corporations are allowed to carry forward any net operating losses or a proportionate part of a net operating loss sustained during the federal taxable period(s) covering the years 1985 through 1988, provided the corporation was taxable under Title 11, Chapter 6, Subchapter 4 of the Admin. Code (Transportation Corporation Tax) for the calendar years 1985 through and including 1988. The net operating loss must be computed as if:

- a) the corporation had been subject to taxation under Subchapter 2 (General Corporation Tax) during the period(s) the loss was sustained,
- b) the loss was sustained in 1988, and
- c) the taxpayer had elected to relinquish the entire carryback period under IRC Section 172.

For special rules relating to acquisitions, mergers or consolidations involving corporations principally engaged in the conduct of aviation, steamboat, ferry or navigation business, refer to Section 77b of Chapter 241 of the Laws of 1989.

7) Corporations reporting both business and investment income must complete line 22 of this schedule to apportion any net operating loss between business income and investment income.

Attach a copy of the schedule supporting the deduction claimed on line 29(a) on page 1 of your federal Form 1120. Also, attach a rider detailing the calculation of the taxpayer's New York City NOL deduction.

# CARRYBACK LOSSES

If the amount on line 18 is greater than the amount on line 8 so that the entry on line 19 would be a loss, a request to carry it back as a net operating loss deduction in any prior year must be made separately on Form NYC-8CB or an amended return. Do not attach or mail a Form NYC-8CB or an amended return with this tax return. This request must be submitted within three years of the due date of the return for the loss year or within the period prescribed

in Section 11-678 of the Admin. Code. Corporations that have elected to relinquish the carryback period for a net operating loss incurred in taxable years beginning after August 5, 1997 must submit a copy of the federal election.

Because an S corporation does not carry over NOLs, it will not have made a federal election to relinquish any or all of its carryback period. Therefore, for City tax purposes for losses arising in taxable years ending in or after 2002, it will be presumed that, unless the taxpayer S corporation attached a statement to this return indicating that the taxpayer intends to carry back the loss, the taxpayer is presumed to have elected to relinquish the entire carryback period. For S corporations filing on a combined basis only with other S corporations or qualified Subchapter S subsidiaries, any statement attached either to a proforma NYC-3L or to the NYC-3A will be deemed applicable to the entire group. Any excess net operating loss may be carried forward as if the taxpayer had elected to relinquish the entire carryback period for all but the first \$10,000 of the loss.

# LINE 12 - PROPERTY ACQUIRED PRIOR TO 1966

A deduction is allowed with respect to gain from the sale or other disposition of any property acquired prior to January 1, 1966 (except stock in trade, inventory, property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business or accounts or notes receivable acquired in the ordinary course of trade or business). The amount of the deduction with respect to each such property is equal to the difference between:

- a) the amount of the taxpayer's federal taxable income; and
- b) the amount of the taxpayer's federal taxable income (if smaller than the amount described in(a)), computed as if the federal adjusted basis of each such property (on the sale or other disposition of which gain was realized) on the date of the sale or other disposition had been equal to either:
  - its fair market value on January 1, 1966, or the date of its sale or other disposition prior to January 1, 1966, plus or minus all adjustments to basis made with respect to such property for federal income tax purposes for periods on or after January 1, 1966; or
  - 2) the amount realized from its sale or other disposition, whichever is lower.

In no event, however, shall the total amount computed above exceed the taxpayer's net gain for the year from the sale or other disposition of property (other than stock in trade, inventory, property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business, or accounts or notes receivable acquired in the ordinary course of trade or business).

Attach a rider showing computation and a copy of federal Form 1120 or 1120-S, Schedule D.

### LINE 13 - CITY AND STATE REFUNDS

Enter at line 13 refunds or credits of the New York City General Corporation Tax, New York State Franchise Tax or New York City or State Banking Corporation Tax for which no tax exclusion or deduction was allowed in determining the taxpayer's taxable (entire) net income in a prior year.

#### LINE 14 - SALES TAX REFUNDS AND CREDITS

This line relates to credits or refunds of sales and compensating use tax paid on certain machinery and equipment and/or certain services included in federal taxable income for which a credit was claimed in a prior year. The amount entered here should be the same as the amount entered at line 12 of Schedule A. (*Refer to in*structions for Schedule A, line 12.)

There is no addback for current refunds of sales tax paid on purchases of electricity or electric service used in the production of certain tangible property for which the taxpayer took a credit in a prior period under Adm. Code §11-604.15.

# LINE 15 - FEDERAL JOBS CREDIT

Enter the portion of wages and salaries paid or incurred for the taxable year for which a deduction is not allowed pursuant to the provisions of Section 280C of the Internal Revenue Code because the federal targeted jobs tax credit was taken. Attach Federal Form 5884 or 8884 for Liberty Zone business employees. The New York Liberty Zone business employee credit is only available for wages paid or incurred during the current taxable year for work performed in 2002 or 2003.

# LINE 16 - DEPRECIATION ADJUSTMENT

Enter on line 16 the adjustments from Form NYC-399 and/or Form NYC-399Z, Schedule C, line 8, Column B. See instructions for Schedule B, line 6(d).

# LINE 17a - ROYALTY INCOME FROM INTANGIBLES

Subtract income such as royalties from related members for the use of intangibles as described in section 11-602.8(n) of the Administrative Code. See "Highlights of Recent Tax Law Changes for Corporations."

# LINE 17b - OTHER DEDUCTIONS

 Refer to instructions to Schedule B, line 7 for adjustments relating to safe harbor leases. b) Taxpayers entitled to a special deduction for construction, reconstruction, erection or improvement of air pollution control facilities initiated on or after January 1, 1966, and having a situs in NYC in accordance with Section 11-602.8(g) should submit a rider showing the complete computation.

> Enclose certification of compliance issued pursuant to Section 17-0707 or Section 19-0309 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Entire net income for the current year and all succeeding years must be computed without any deduction for such expenditures or for depreciation of such property.

- c) Deduct foreign dividend gross-up pursuant to Section 78 of the IRC (see federal Form 1120, Schedule C, line 15) to the extent not deducted at line 9a. Entire net income does not include any amount treated as dividends pursuant to Section 78 of the IRC.
- d) Regulated investment companies must deduct dividends paid to stockholders on this line.

# LINE 19 – ENTIRE NET INCOME

If line 18 is greater than line 8 so that the amount on this line would be a loss, enter zero ("0") on this line, skip lines 22 through 26, and enter zero ("0") on line 27 of this Schedule B and on line 1 of Schedule A. That loss may be available as a carryover. See instructions to Schedule B, Line 11, for more information.

#### LINE 20 - SPECIAL ADJUSTMENTS

If, as a result of the adjustments on this line, entire net income is a loss, enter zero ("0") on this line, skip lines 22 through 26, and enter zero on line 27 of this Schedule B and line 1 of Schedule A.

- a) A corporation organized outside the United States must enter at line 20 its entire net income wherever earned, including all income from sources outside the United States, less all allowable deductions attributable thereto, not taken into account in computing federal taxable income. Attach Schedule. See "FOREIGN AIRLINES" under GENERAL INFOR-MATION, above.
- b) If you are, either separately or as a member of a partnership, doing insurance business as a member of the New York Insurance Exchange described in Section 6201 of the Insurance Law, make the adjustment required under Section 11-602.8(a)(6) and Section 11-602.8(b)(8) of the Admin. Code.
- c) For tax years beginning on or after August 1, 2002, corporations that are part-

ners in partnerships that receive at least eighty percent of their gross receipts from providing mobile telecommunications services must exclude their distributive share of income, gains, losses and deductions from any such partnership, including their share of separately reported items, from their federal taxable income reported on line 1.

# LINE 21 - INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income includes: 50% of dividends from non-subsidiary stocks held for investment; interest from investment capital; net capital gain or loss from sales or exchanges of nonsubsidiary securities held for investment; and income from cash if an election is made to treat cash as investment capital on line 3 of Schedule D. Do not include any "gross-up" dividends pursuant to Section 78 of the IRC that have been deducted in computing entire net income.

Investment income includes interest received on a loan to a subsidiary if the subsidiary claims such interest as a NYC General or Banking Corporation Tax deduction on any return for any period, and if such loan is evidenced by a bond or other corporate security. Do not include any capital loss which was not used in computing federal taxable income.

In computing investment income, subtract the amount of deductions allowable in computing entire net income which are directly or indirectly attributable to investment capital or investment income.

#### LINE 21a - DIVIDENDS

Enter dividends not excluded on line 10 except for "gross-up" dividends pursuant to Section 78 of the IRC. This includes 50% of dividends from nonsubsidiary corporations for which an exclusion was allowed on line 10 of this schedule and 100% of dividends from stock not meeting the holding period requirement set forth in Section 246(c) of the IRC.

#### LINE 21d - INCOME FROM CASH

Enter income from cash on Schedule B, line 21d, only if you have elected to treat cash as investment capital and have entered the amount thereof on Schedule D, line 3.

### LINE 21f - DEDUCTIONS ATTRIBUTA-BLE TO INVESTMENT INCOME

For more information, see Statement of Audit Procedure GCT-2008-04, Noninterest Expense Attribution, April 9, 2008 and Statement of Audit Procedure PP-2008-12, GCT & UBT Treatment of Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending and Borrowing Transactions for Financial Services Firms Regularly Engaged in Such Activities, March 31, 2008, available on the Department's website at nyc.gov/finance. Attach a list of the deductions directly attributable to investment income and the deductions indirectly attributable to investment income.

# LINE 22 - APPORTIONED NEW YORK CITY NET OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION

Corporations that report both business and investment income must apportion any net operating loss deduction on line 11 between business income and investment income. This is computed by multiplying the net operating loss deduction by a ratio. The ratio is a fraction, the numerator of which consists of investment income before deducting any net operating loss and the denominator of which is entire net income before deducting any net operating loss. The ratio may be expressed as a percentage. Multiply the net operating loss deduction by the result. Enter this amount on line 22. Attach a rider detailing the calculation of the apportionment of the taxpayer's New York City NOL deduction between business income and investment income.

# LINE 23b – INVESTMENT INCOME TO BE ALLOCATED

Enter the amount from line 23a. If the amount on line 23a is greater than the amount on line 19 or 20, enter the amount from line 19 or 20. If the entry on line 23a is a loss, enter zero ("0") on line 23b.

#### LINE 25 - ALLOCATED INVESTMENT INCOME

If the investment allocation percentage is zero, interest on bank accounts must be multiplied by the business allocation percentage.

### SCHEDULE C

Subsidiary Capital and Allocation - and -

#### SCHEDULE D Investment Capital and Allocation

Complete Schedule C if you have any subsidiaries. (*Refer to the instructions for Schedule B, lines 3 and 4 for the definition of a subsidiary and subsidiary capital.*)

Complete Schedule D if you have investment capital. Investment capital is the average value of your investments in stocks, bonds, and other corporate or government securities, less liabilities, both long term and short term, directly or indirectly attributable to investment capital. Investment capital does not include those stocks, bonds or other securities that are held for sale to customers in the regular course of business or that constitute subsidiary capital. Investment capital does not include interests in, or obligations of, partnerships or other unincorporated entities. (*Refer to Title 19 Rules of the City of New York Section 11-37 for the definition of investment capital.*)

To determine the value of your assets for business, investment and subsidiary capital purposes, you must include real property and marketable securities at fair market value. The fair market value of any asset is the price (without any encumbrance, whether or not the taxpayer is liable) at which a willing seller, not compelled to sell, will sell and a willing purchaser, not compelled to buy, will buy. The fair market value, on any date, of stocks, bonds and other securities regularly dealt in on an exchange, or in the over-the-counter market, is the mean between the highest and lowest selling prices on that date.

The value of all other property must be included at the value shown on the taxpayer's books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). (*Refer to the instructions for Schedule E, lines 1 through 5 for more information on computing average value.*)

In completing Schedules C and D, you may use the worksheet which appears below to determine the amount of liabilities indirectly attributable to a particular asset.

In column D of Schedules C and D on the line for the asset in question, include the sum of the amount from line 15 of this worksheet and the amount of liabilities directly attributable to that asset.

#### **WORKSHEET**

Total liabilities from Sch. E, line 6, Col. C 1.
Liabilities directly attributable to: Subsidiary capital2.
Investment capital
Business capital
Add: lines 2, 3, and 4 5
Subtract: line 5 from line 1
Enter amount from either: Sch. C, line 1, col. C less amount from line 2 of worksheet <b>7a.</b> <i>OR</i>
Sch. D, line 1, col. C less amount from line 3 of worksheet <b>7b.</b>
Enter amount from Sch. E, line 5, col. C less amount from line 5 of worksheet 8.
Divide: line 7a or 7b by line 8
Multiply: line 6 by line 9 10.
Average value of a particular asset 11.
Enter amount from either: Sch. C, line 1, col. C <b>12a.</b> <i>OR</i>
Sch. D, line 1, col. C 12b
Divide: line 11 by line 12a or 12b 13%
Enter amount from line 10 <b>14.</b>
Multiply: line 14 by line 13 15.

To determine the portion of subsidiary or investment capital to be allocated within the City, multiply the amount of subsidiary or investment capital during the period covered by the return (column E) by the issuer's allocation percentage (as defined in the instructions for Schedule E, line 15).

This percentage may be obtained (1) from tax service publications, (2) by writing to: NYC Department of Finance, Taxpayer Correspondence Unit, 59 Maiden Lane, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10038, (3) from the department's website under "Forms/Guides" at nyc.gov/finance, or (4) by calling 311. If calling from outside of the five NYC boroughs, please call 212-NEW-YORK (212-639-9675). If the subsidiary or other issuer was not doing business in New York City during the preceding year, the percentage is zero. The investment allocation percentage should be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a percentage point.

# SCHEDULE D, LINE 3 - CASH

If you have both business and investment capital, you may elect to treat cash on hand or on deposit as either business or investment capital. If you wish to elect to treat cash as investment capital, you must include it on this line. Otherwise, you will be deemed to have elected to treat cash as business capital. You may not elect to treat part of such cash as business capital and part as investment capital. You may not revoke your election after it has been made.

#### **SCHEDULE E**

#### Computation and Allocation of Capital

"Eligible Small Firms" as described in the instructions as described in the note at the beginning of the instructions to Schedule A do not need to complete this schedule.

# LINES 1 THROUGH 5 - AVERAGE VALUE OF TOTAL ASSETS

To determine the value of your assets for business, investment and subsidiary capital purposes, you must include real property and marketable securities at fair market value.

The value of all other property must be included at the value shown on the taxpayer's books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

On Schedule E, line 1, enter the value of total assets at the beginning of the year in column A and at the end of the year in column B. Enter the average value in column C. *Attach a schedule showing the computation of the average value*.

On line 2, enter the value of real property and marketable securities included in line 1.

Enter on line 4 the fair market value of real property and marketable securities.

Average value is generally computed on a quarterly basis. A more frequent basis (monthly, weekly or daily) may be used. Where the taxpayer's usual accounting practice does not permit computation of average value on a quarterly or more frequent basis, a semiannual or annual basis may be used if no distortion of average value results.

With respect to real property owned by the taxpayer and located within New York City, the fair market value is presumed to be not less than the estimated market value of the property on the Final Assessment Roll of the City for the period covered by the return or the most recent sales price, whichever is greater.

#### LINE 6 - TOTAL LIABILITIES

The liabilities deductible in computing each type of capital are those liabilities (both long and short term) that are directly or indirectly attributable to each type of capital. Use the same method of averaging as is used in determining average value of assets.

#### LINES 7 THROUGH 11

If the period covered by this report is other than a period of twelve calendar months, first follow the instructions on Schedule E to calculate preliminary amounts for lines 7 through 11. Before entering these amounts on Schedule E multiply each amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months or major parts thereof included in such period and the denominator of which is twelve.

Enter on line 8, the amount from Schedule C, Column E, line 1. Subtract the amount on line 8 from the amount on line 7 and enter the difference on line 9 of this Schedule E. If the amount on line 8 is less than zero because liabilities attributable to subsidiary capital exceed the value of the assets reported in Schedule C, add the absolute amount of the amount on line 8 to the amount on line 7 and enter the total on line 9. For example, if the amount on Schedule E, line 8 is (\$100) and the amount on Schedule E, line 7 is \$200, the amount on Schedule E, line 9 should be \$300.

If the amount on Schedule D, line 4 is less than zero, enter zero ("0") on line 10 of this Schedule E, enter the amount from line 9 on line 11, and enter zero ("0") on line 12.

# LINE 15 - ISSUER'S ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE

The percentage is determined by adding together allocated New York City business, investment and subsidiary capital, dividing the sum by total capital, and rounding to the nearest one hundredth of a percentage point.

The issuer's allocation percentage cannot be less than zero. Do not calculate your issuer's allocation percentage by adding the business, investment and subsidiary capital allocation percentages and dividing that total by the number of percentages.

The issuer's allocation percentage represents the amount of capital employed within New York City as compared to total capital employed everywhere. Every taxpayer using Form NYC-3L is required to compute its issuer's allocation percentage. Combined filers must compute a combined issuer's allocation percentage by using amounts from Form NYC-3A. The combined issuer's allocation percentage should be entered on Schedule A of Form NYC-3A.

#### SCHEDULE G

For special treatment of "Eligible Small Firms" see instructions on Pages 6-7.

# SCHEDULE H Business Allocation

**NOTE:** Zip codes beginning with the following three-digits are within the five boroughs of New York City:

Manhattan - 100, 101, 102 Bronx - 104 Brooklyn - 112 Queens - 111, 113, 114, 116 Staten Island - 103

In addition, the five-digit zip codes 11004, 11005 and some addresses with a zip code of 11001, 11040 and 11096 are in the borough of Queens. If the zip code is 11001, 11040 or 11096, consult the address translator located on the City's website **http://gis.nyc.gov/dcp/at/f1.jsp** to determine if the corporation's address is within New York City.

A corporation is entitled to allocate part of its business income and capital outside New York City if it carries on business both inside and outside New York City and, for taxable years beginning before July 1, 1996, only if it has a "regular place of business" outside the City. Otherwise, 100% of its business income and capital must be allocated to New York City. If you did not carry on business both inside and outside New York City, you must enter 100% at Schedule H, line 5. If you carried on business both inside and outside New York City, you must complete Schedule G, parts I and II and Schedule H, business allocation percentage.

The business allocation percentage is generally computed by means of a three factor formula:

- real and tangible personal property (including rented property)
- business receipts
- payroll

# WEIGHTED FACTOR ALLOCATION FOR TAXPAYERS OTHER THAN MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS ELECTING TO USE THE ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS FACTOR.

For taxable years beginning in 2010, taxpayers other than manufacturing corporations electing to use the optional additional gross income factor must weight the three factors as follows: 27% for property; 27% for wages; and 46% for receipts. Those corporations using

weighted factors must complete Schedule H, except lines 2i, 4a and 4b.

The following example illustrates the calculation of the business allocation percentage using weighted factors:

# Example:

Assume the amounts on lines 1g, 2h and 3b are as follows:

1g.	25.00%
2h.	65.22%
3b.	35.61%

The amounts on lines 1h, 2j, 3c, 5a and 5b should be calculated as follows.

1h.	25.00 X 27 =	675.00
2j.	65.22 X 46 =	3000.12
3c.	35.61 X 27 =	961.47
5a.	Sum of above	4636.59
5b	divide 5a by 100.	
	Express as a percentage:	46.37%

# FACTOR ALLOCATION FOR MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS ELECTING TO USE THE ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS FACTOR

Taxpayer manufacturing corporations electing to use the additional receipts factor proceed under this paragraph. For more on the election to use the additional receipts factor, see the instructions for Lines 4a and 4b on page 16.

#### ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD

You cannot use an allocation method other than the formula basis set out in Schedule H without the consent of the Department of Finance. However, if you believe that Schedule H does not fairly and equitably reflect income from New York City, you may request the Department's consent to use an alternative method when filing this return. To make that request, you must check the appropriate box on page 1, complete Schedule H, and fully explain your proposed alternative allocation method in a rider. This explanation must provide full information regarding the nature and scope of the business activities carried on within and without New York City and provide complete details of how the method you propose would allocate income on a more equitable basis than the statutory method. In addition, at the time of filing the return, you must pay the tax in accordance with the formula basis set out in Schedule H. If the Department consents to your proposed alternative allocation method and it results in a lower tax liability than the formula basis set out in Schedule H, you may be entitled to a refund of the excess amount you have paid.

#### LINES 1 AND 2

#### Property Factor

When computing the property percentage, value real and tangible personal property owned by the corporation at the adjusted basis used for federal income tax purposes. However, you may make a one-time revocable election to value real and tangible personal property owned at fair market value. You must make this election on or before the due date (or extended due date) for filing the taxpayer's first General Corporation Tax Return. This election will not apply to any taxable year with respect to which the corporation is included in a combined report unless each of the corporations included on the combined report has made the election which remains in effect for such year.

# LINE 1b - REAL ESTATE RENTED

The value of real property rented to the taxpayer is eight times the gross rent payable during the year covered by this return. Gross rent includes any amount payable as rent or in lieu of rent, such as taxes, repairs, etc., and, if there are leasehold improvements made by or on behalf of the taxpayer, the amount of annual amortization of such cost. Do not include the rental of personal property on this line.

#### LINE 1d - TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED

Enter the average value of the tangible personal property owned. The term "tangible personal property" means corporeal personal property, such as machinery, tools, implements, goods and wares. Do not include cash, shares of stock, bonds, notes, credits, evidences of an interest in property, or evidences of debt.

### LINE 1e - TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RENTED

Enter the average value of the tangible personal property you rented. The value of rented tangible personal property is eight times the gross rent payable during the year covered by this return.

#### **Receipts Factor**

#### LINES 2a AND 2b - SALES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Enter on line 2a, column A, receipts in the regular course of business from the sale of tangible personal property where shipments are made to points within New York City. Enter on line 2b, column B, receipts from all sales of tangible personal property.

#### LINE 2c - SERVICES PERFORMED

Receipts from services performed within New York City are allocable to New York City. All amounts received by the taxpayer in payment for such services are allocable to New York City regardless of whether the services were performed by employees or agents of the taxpayer, by subcontractors, or by any other persons. It is immaterial where such amounts were payable or where they actually were received.

Commissions received by the taxpayer are allocated to New York City if the services for which

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the commissions were paid were performed in New York City. If the taxpayer's services for which commissions were paid were performed for the taxpayer by salesmen attached to or working out of a New York City office of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's services will be deemed to have been performed in New York City.

Corporations engaged in publishing newspapers or periodicals must allocate receipts from advertising in such publications based on the circulation of the publication in the City compared to the total circulation. Corporations engaged in radio or television broadcasting, whether by cable or other means, must allocate receipts from broadcasting programs or commercial messages based upon the location of the audience for the broadcasts in the City compared to the total audience. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, corporations engaged in publishing newspapers or periodicals or in radio or television broadcasting must allocate receipts from subscriptions to such newspapers, periodicals and broadcast programs based on the location of the subscriber.

Taxpayers principally engaged in the activity of air freight forwarding acting as principal and like indirect air carriers are required to determine receipts for purposes of the receipts factor arising from the activity from services performed within New York City as follows: 100% of the receipts if both the pick up and delivery associated with the receipts are made in New York City and 50% of the receipts if either the pickup or delivery associated with the receipts is made in the City but not both.

Receipts from management, admin. or distribution services provided to a regulated investment company (RIC) must be allocated based upon the percentage of the RIC's shareholders domiciled in New York City. (*Attach rider showing computation.*)

### SOURCING OF RECEIPTS OF REGIS-TERED SECURITIES OR COMMODI-TIES BROKERS OR DEALERS.

For taxable years beginning after 2008, new rules are applicable in determining the sourcing of the receipts of taxpayers which are registered securities or commodities brokers or dealers. See Ad. Code §11-604(3)(a)(10) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.

**Receipts earned by registered securities or commodities broker or dealer** - The rules below apply for determining whether a receipt is deemed to arise from services performed in New York City by a registered securities or commodities broker or dealer, for purposes of computing the receipts factor of the BAP. See Ad. Code §11-604(3)(a)(10) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009. A registered securities or commodities broker or dealer is a broker or dealer who is registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and includes over-thecounter (OTC) derivatives dealers as defined under regulations of the SEC (17 CFR 240.3b-12). The terms *securities* and *commodities* have the same meanings as the meanings in IRC sections 475(c)(2) and 475(e)(2).

- Brokerage commissions Brokerage commissions earned from the execution of securities or commodities purchase or sales orders for the accounts of customers are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the customer who is responsible for paying the commissions is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(i) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Margin interest Margin interest earned on brokerage accounts is deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the customer who is responsible for paying the margin interest is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(ii) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Account maintenance fees Account maintenance fees are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the customer who is responsible for paying the account maintenance fees is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(vi) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Income from principal transactions -Gross income from principal transactions (that is, transactions in which the registered broker or dealer is acting as principal for its own account, rather than as an agent for the customer) are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the production credits for these transactions are awarded to a New York City branch, office, or employee of the taxpayer.

Registered broker dealers may elect to source the gross income from principal transactions based on the location of the customer to the principal transaction. If the election is made, gross income from principal transactions is deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City to the extent that the gross proceeds from the transactions are generated from sales of securities or commodities to customers within the city based upon the mailing addresses of those customers in the records of the taxpayer. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(iii) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.

- Fees from advisory services for the underwriting of securities - Fees earned from advisory services for a customer in connection with the underwriting of securities (where the customer is the entity contemplating the issuance of the securities or is issuing securities) or for the management of an underwriting of securities are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the customer responsible for paying the fee is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(iv)(I) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Receipts from the primary spread for the underwriting of securities Receipts from the primary spread or selling concession from underwritten securities are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if production credits are awarded to a branch, office, or employee of the taxpayer in New York City as a result of the sale of underwritten securities. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(iv)(II) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Interest earned on loans to affiliates Interest earned on loans and advances made by a taxpayer to an affiliate with whom they are not required or permitted to file a combined return are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the principal place of business of the affiliate who is responsible for the payment of interest is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(v) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.
- Fees for management or advisory services - Fees earned from management or advisory services, including fees from advisory services for activities relating to mergers or acquisition activities, are deemed to arise from a service performed in New York City if the customer responsible for paying these fees is located in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A)(vii) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.

A customer is located in New York City if the mailing address of the customer, as it appears in the broker's or dealer's records, is in New York City. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(2)(B)(v) as added by section 33 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.

If the taxpayer is unable from its records to determine the mailing address of the customer, the receipts enumerated in any of such items shall be deemed to arise from services performed at the branch or office of the taxpayer that generates the transaction for the customer that generated such receipts. See Ad Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(D) as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009. Note that the rules for the receipts under Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(A) described above shall also apply to receipts described herein arising from a correspondent securities relationship. See Ad. Code § 11-604(3)(a)(10)(C)as added by section 34 of Chapter 201 of the Laws of 2009.

# LINE 2d - RENTALS OF PROPERTY

Receipts from rentals of real and personal property situated in New York City are allocable to New York City. These include all amounts received by the taxpayer for the use or occupation of property, whether or not such property is owned by the taxpayer.

# LINE 2e - ROYALTIES

Royalties from the use in New York City of patents or copyrights are allocable to New York City. These include all amounts received by the taxpayer for the use of patents or copyrights, whether or not the patents or copyrights were originally issued to or are owned by the taxpayer. A patent or copyright is used in New York City to the extent that activities thereunder are carried on in New York City.

Do not include royalty income from related members that was subtracted on line 17 of Schedule B.

# LINE 2f - OTHER BUSINESS RECEIPTS

All other business receipts earned by the taxpayer within New York City are allocable to New York City. Business receipts are not considered to have been earned by the taxpayer in New York City solely by reason of the fact that they were payable in New York City or actually were received in New York City. Receipts from sales of capital assets (property not held by the taxpayer for sale to customers in the regular course of business) are not business receipts.

Do not include payments for the use of intangibles from related members that were subtracted on line 17 of Schedule B.

The following are also business receipts and are allocable to New York City:

- receipts from the sale of real property held by the taxpayer as a dealer for sale to customers in the regular course of business, provided the real property was situated in New York City
- receipts from sales of intangible personal property included in business capital held by the taxpayer as a dealer for sale to customers in the regular course of business, provided the sales were made in New York City or through a regular place of business in New York City.

# LINE 2i - ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS FACTOR

For taxable years beginning after 6/30/96, a manufacturing business may elect to use a double-weighted receipts factor. An election must be made on a timely filed original return and is made by entering on line 2i the amount from line 2h. The election is irrevocable except with special permission of the Commissioner under certain circumstances. If you make this election, complete lines 4a and 4b. See the instructions for these lines below. If you do not wish to make the election, do not enter an amount on line 2i. For purposes of this election, a corporation is engaged in a manufacturing business if it is primarily engaged in the manufacturing and sale of tangible personal property. Manufacturing includes assembly, working raw materials into wares, and giving new shapes, qualities or combinations to matter that has already gone through some artificial process, through the use of machinery, tools, appliances or other similar equipment. A corporation is primarily engaged in manufacturing if more than 50% of its gross receipts for the year are attributable to manufacturing, including corporations engaged in publishing, newspapers or periodicals. See Title 19 Rules of the City of New York §11-63(c)(4) for more information.

If a taxpayer that is otherwise eligible to elect to use a double-weighted receipts factor is permitted or required to file on a combined basis with one or more other corporations, the taxpayer may elect to use a double-weighted receipts factor only if the requirements for the election would be met if all the corporations included in the combined report were treated as a single corporation. If a taxpayer included in a combined report properly makes an election to use a double-weighted receipts factor, each of the other corporations in the combined groups will be treated as having made a proper election to use a double-weighted receipts factor.

# Payroll Factor

# LINE 3a - WAGES AND SALARIES

Employees within New York City include all employees, except general executive officers, regularly connected with or working out of an office or place of business maintained by the taxpayer within New York City, irrespective of where the services of these employees were performed.

General executive officers include the chairman, president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, comptroller, and any other officer charged with the general executive affairs of the corporation. An executive officer whose duties are restricted to territory either inside or outside of New York City is not a general executive officer.

## LINE 4a AND 4b -

Lines 4a and 4b should be completed only by those manufacturing corporations electing to double-weight the receipts factor.

# LINE 4a

Add the percentages on lines 1g, 2h, 2i and 3b and enter it on line 4a

# LINE 4b

Divide the total entered on line 4a by four, or, by three if either the property factor (Line 1g) or payroll factor (Line 3b) is missing, rounded to four decimal places. Note that a factor is not missing merely because its numerator is zero but is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero. If both the property factor (Line 1g) and payroll factor (Line 3b) are missing, the additional receipts factor election should not be used.

# WEIGHTED FACTOR ALLOCATION

#### LINE 5a

Those taxpayers using the weighted factor allocation should add the percentages from lines 1h, 2j and 3c.

# LINE 5b

Divide line 5a by 100 if no factors are missing. If a factor is missing, divide line 5a by the total of the weights of the factors present. Note that a factor is not missing merely because its numerator is zero but is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero. Round to four decimal places.

# LINE 6 - BUSINESS ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE

Manufacturing Corporations which elected to double weight should enter the percentage from line 4b. Those corporations using the weighted factor allocation method should enter the amount from line 5b. Aviation corporations and corporations operating vessels should complete Schedule I (Business Allocation for Aviation Corporations and Corporations Operating Vessels) and enter the percentage from Part 1 and 2 on Schedule H, line 6.

# SCHEDULE I

Business Allocation for Aviation Corporations and Corporations Operating Vessels.

# Part 1 - Aviation Corporations

A taxpayer principally engaged in the conduct of aviation is required to determine the portion of the entire net income to be allocated within the City by multiplying its business income by a business allocation percentage which is equal to the arithmetic average of the three percentages from part 1, lines 2, 4 and 6.

#### Line 1

"Aircraft arrivals and departures" means the number of landings and takeoffs of the aircraft of an aviation corporation and the number of air pickups and deliveries by such aircraft. Arrivals and departures solely for maintenance or repair, refueling (where no debarking or embarking of traffic occurs), or arrivals and departures in the event of emergency situations should not be included in computing this percentage.

# Line 3

"Revenue tons handled" by an aviation corporation at an airport means the weight, in tons, of revenue passengers (at two hundred pounds per passenger) and revenue cargo first received either as originating or connecting traffic, or finally discharged by such corporation at such airport.

#### Line 5

"Originating revenue" means revenue to an aviation corporation from the transportation of revenue passengers and revenue property first received by such corporation at an airport as either originating or connecting traffic.

#### Line 8

Transfer the percentage from part 1, line 8 to Schedule H, line 6.

# Part 2 - Corporations Operating Vessels

A taxpayer principally engaged in the operation of vessels is required to determine the portion of entire net income to be allocated within the City by multiplying its business income by a business allocation percentage determined by dividing the aggregate number of working days of the vessels it owns or leases in territorial waters of the City during the period covered by its report by the aggregate number of working days of all the vessels it owns or leases during the period. Complete part 2.

# Line 1

"Working days" means days during which a vessel is sufficiently manned for the carriage of persons or cargo or during which it has cargo aboard. The working time in New York City territorial waters and the working time everywhere shall be computed for each vessel in hours and minutes. At the end of the year, such time shall be totalled for all vessels and the sum converted into days. In lieu of records indicating actual time in New York City territorial waters, such time may be computed on the basis of records showing the number of times the Ambrose Light Station was passed on the way in and out of port.

# Line 2

Transfer the percentage from part 2, line 2 to Schedule H, line 6.

# SCHEDULE J Additional Required Information

All questions must be answered.

### Question 1

In reporting the "NYC principal business activity," give the one activity that accounts for the largest percentage of total receipts. Total receipts means gross receipts plus all other income. State the broad field of business activity as well as the specific product or service (e.g., mining copper, manufacturing cotton broad woven fabric, wholesale meat, retail men's apparel, export or import chemicals, real estate rental, or real estate operation of motel).

# Question 2

If the corporation is included in a consolidated federal return, give the name of the common parent corporation filing the consolidated return.

# Question 3

If the corporation is included in a New York City Combined General Corporation Tax Return, give the name of the corporation that is a member of the combined group and owns or controls, directly or indirectly, substantially all of the capital stock of each other member of the combined group. If no corporation that is part of the combined group satisfies this requirement, give the name of the person or corporation that owns or controls, directly or indirectly, substantially all of the capital stock of all the members of the combined group.

# Question 10

If you answer "yes" to question a, attach a separate sheet providing street address, borough, block and lot number of such property. If you answer "yes" to question b, c or d, complete questions 11 and 12.

A controlling interest in the case of a corporation means:

- 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of such corporation; or
- 50% or more of the total fair market value of all classes of stock of such corporation.

# Question 13

If you answer "yes" to question 13, no portion of the income, gain, loss, deduction or capital of a QSSS is permitted to be included in a separate report filed by the S corporation parent. The QSSS must file a separate general corporation tax report. See Finance Memorandum 99-3.

# SCHEDULE K

# Federal Return Information

If the corporation files as a member of a federal consolidated group or files as an S-Corporation, enter the information as it appears on its proforma federal return. If the corporation files a separate return, enter the information appearing on the Federal 1120 filed with the IRS.

# PREPAYMENTS SCHEDULE

Enter the payment date and the amount of all prepayments made for this tax period. For interest calculations and account informa-

tion, call 311. If calling from outside of the five NYC boroughs, please call 212-NEW-YORK (212-639-9675).

You can also visit the Finance website at nyc.gov/finance

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