

## INVESTMENT IN QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS STOCK SUMMARY (updated 4/28/2016)

QSBS Defined:

- (1) Stock issued by a C corporation with = \$50 MM of gross assets at time of issuance
  - (2) Corporation gross asset immediately after stock issuance =< \$50 MM
  - (3) Corporation use at least 80% of asset value in active trade or business, other than in the fields of personal services, finance, farming, restaurants or hotels, and so on
  - (4) Acquired by taxpayer on original issuance (limited exceptions to this rule)
  - (5) Stock issued after 8/10/1993
  - (6) Held by a non-corporate taxpayer
  - (7) Held for > 6 months (to be eligible for tax free rollover) and > 5 years (to qualify for gain exclusion)
  - (8) Maximum eligible gain is higher of \$10 MM or 10 times basis

## Tax Benefits: (1) Partial/full gain exclusion (see below)

(2) Gain deferral if proceeds rollover to another QSBS within 60 days

|  | #1<br>Acq. Date<br>8/11/1993 - 2/17/2009 | #2<br>Acq. Date<br>2/18/2009 - 9/27/2010 | #3 ***<br>Acq. Date<br>After 9/27/2010 |
|--|--|--|--|
| Exclusion Percentage   | 50%                                      | 75%                                      | 100%                                   |
| Tax Rate on Non-Excludable Portion   | 28%                                      | 28%                                      | N/A                                    |
| AMT Preference on Excludable Portion   | 7%                                       | 7%                                       | N/A                                    |
| Effective Tax Rate on 1st \$10 MM<br>of QSBS Gain  | 14.98%                                   | 8.47%                                    | _                                      |
| Effective Tax Rate on Eligible<br>QSBS Gain Including 3.8% Medicare Surtax on<br>Investment Income | 16.88%                                   | 9.42%                                    |  |
| Tax Rate Savings Compared to Other Long<br>Term Capital Gain Rate (23.8%)                          | 6.92%                                    | 14.38%                                   | 23.80%                                 |

## \*\*\* Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (the PATH ACT) signed by President Obama on 12/18/2015 permanently extends the 100% capital gain exclusion for QSBS acquired after 9/27/2010.

California:

(1) Effective October 4, 2013, QSBS deferral and 50 percent gain exclusion for tax years 2008 to 2012 are retroactively allowed.

- (2) 80 percent of California-based payroll at the time of acquisition requirement is still required.
- (3) Taxpayers have until June 30, 2014 to file a QSBS claim for refund for tax year 2008.
- (4) California QSBS treatment does not apply after 2012 unless California makes further tax law revisions.

| (5) 2012 California tax benefit: | California Reg. & Mental Health Svcs. Tax | 13.3% |
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|                                  | Effective Tax Rate w/ 50% Exclusion       | 6.65% |
|                                  | Tax Rate Saving Compared to No Exclusion  | 6.65% |

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