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n the Matter of)
MARS Petcare US, Inc. APN: 004-161-01)
Storey County, Nevada PETITIONER	,
) Case No. 14-186
Jana Seddon)
Storey County Assessor RESPONDENT))
Appeal of the Decision of the	ĺ
STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	(

NOTICE OF DECISION

Appearances

No one appeared on behalf of MARS Petcare US, Inc (Taxpayer).

Mark Stafford appeared on behalf of the Storey County Assessor's Office (Assessor).

Summary

The matter of the Taxpayer's petition for review of property valuations for the 2014-15 Secured Roll within Storey County, Nevada, came before the State Board of Equalization (State Board) for hearing in Carson City, Nevada, on May 19, 2014 after due notice to the Taxpayer and the Assessor.

The State Board, having considered all evidence, documents and testimony pertaining to the valuation of the property in accordance with NRS 361.227, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1) The State Board is an administrative body created pursuant to NRS 361.375.

- 2) The State Board is mandated to hear all appeals of property tax assessments pursuant to NRS 361.360 and NRS 361.400.
- 3) The Taxpayer and the Assessor were given adequate, proper and legal notice of the time and place of the hearing before the State Board, and the matter was properly noticed pursuant to the Open Meeting Law at NRS 241.020. See Record, SBE page 41; Tr. 5-19-14, p. 179, II. 5-10.
- The subject industrial property consists of a specialized industrial building designed, constructed and specifically used as a food processing plant, built in 1996 and modified in 1999, with subsequent additions for a total floor area of 169,344 square feet, located on 109.84 acres outside the Reno-Tahoe Industrial Park in Storey County, Nevada. See Record, SBE pages 21-22; Tr., 5-19-14, p. 179, l. 24 through p. 180, l. 3.
- 5) The Storey County Board of Equalization (County Board) ordered the total taxable value for the subject property of \$16,890,120 be upheld for the 2014-2015 secured roll. See Record, SBE pages 14-15.
- 6) The State Board found the Taxpayer did not present sufficient evidence to support values different from that established by the County Board. See Tr., 5-19-14, p. 180, II. 8-13.
- 7) The State Board affirmed the decision of the County Board. See Tr., 5-19-14, p. 180, II. 14-24.
- 8) The assessed value as previously determined by the County Board is 35% of taxable value.
- 9) Any finding of fact above construed to constitute a conclusion of law is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1) The Taxpayer timely filed a notice of appeal, and the State Board accepted jurisdiction to determine this matter.
- 2) The Taxpayer and the Assessor are subject to the jurisdiction of the State Board.
- 3) The State Board has the authority to determine the taxable values in the State.
- 4) The Taxpayer failed to appear at the hearing. Pursuant to NAC 361.708, the State Board proceeded with the hearing.
- 5) The Taxpayer has the burden of overcoming the presumption that the Assessor's valuation is correct. See Pittsburg Silver Peak Gold Mining Co. v. Tax Commission, 49 Nev. 46, 54-55 (1925).
- 6) The subject property is appraised at the proper taxable value without further adjustment, in accordance with NRS 361.227.
- 7) Any conclusion of law above construed to constitute a finding of fact is adopted as such to the same extent as if originally so denominated.

DECISION

The Petition of the Taxpayer is denied based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Storey County Comptroller is instructed to certify the assessment roll of the county consistent with this decision.

BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION THIS 8 DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

Christopher G. Nielsen, Secretary

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