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Person to Contact:

Sally Froehle ID# 31-08058

Toll Free Telephone Number:

877-829-5500

Employer Identification Number:

77-6141976

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of March 20, 2008 regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in May 1998 that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and reflect that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Cindy Westcott  
Manager, Exempt Organizations  
Determinations

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: MAY 28 2002

SANKARA EYE FOUNDATION USA  
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SAN JOSE, CA 95148-0000

Employer Identification Number:  
77-6141976  
DLN:  
17053082790012  
Contact Person: LARRY W BOTHE ID# 31462  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Our Letter Dated:  
May 1998  
Addendum Applies:  
no

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

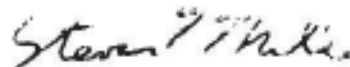
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SANKARA EYE FOUNDATION USA

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven T. Miller".

Steven T. Miller  
Director, Exempt Organizations