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Interest Rate is Lowered to 4 Percent

For the Period July 1, 2003, Through October 31, 2003

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Interest Rate Will Increase to 8 Percent

For the Period November 1, 2003, Through December 31, 2003

**Interest Rate on Deficiencies That Arose on or After January 1,
2000, Will Be Recalculated November 1, 2003**

Amnesty Program

Effective July 1, 2003, Through October 31, 2003

Amnesty

From July 1, 2003, until October 31, 2003, an Amnesty Program will be in effect. Businesses and individuals are eligible if there is a liability for tax, penalty, or interest due on or prior to June 30, 2003.

Interest Rate Changes

Florida law provides a floating rate of interest on corporate income tax and emergency excise tax overpayments and deficiencies (underpayments) for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1986. The rate of interest for the period July 1, 2003, through October 31, 2003, is lowered to **4 percent**. The daily interest rate factor to be used for this period is **.000109589**. For deficiencies (underpayments) due prior to July 1, 2003, the interest due may be eligible for further reduction under the Amnesty Program if the deficiency is paid between July 1, 2003, and November 1, 2003.

The rate of interest on overpayments and deficiencies (underpayments) for the period November 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, will increase to **8 percent**. The daily interest rate factor to be used for this period is .000219178. This rate is subject to change effective January 1, 2004.

The rates of interest on deficiencies that remain unpaid as of November 1, 2003, and arose on or after January 1, 2000, will increase by as much as 4 percent (rates are subject to a 12 percent cap) for prior periods (see table).

For Taxable Years Ending On Or After December 31, 1986

The interest rates for all tax periods from January 1, 1987, through December 31, 2003, are:

Interest Periods	Rates on Deficiencies (Underpayments) Prior to November 1, 2003*	Rates on Deficiencies (Underpayments) Effective on November 1, 2003*
01/01/87 - 06/30/88	8 percent	8 percent
07/01/88 - 06/30/89	9 percent	9 percent
07/01/89 - 06/30/90	11 percent	11 percent
07/01/90 - 12/31/91	10 percent	10 percent
01/01/92 - 06/30/92	9 percent	9 percent
07/01/92 - 12/31/92	7 percent	7 percent
01/01/93 - 12/31/94	6 percent	6 percent
01/01/95 - 06/30/95	7 percent	7 percent
07/01/95 - 12/31/95	8 percent	8 percent
01/01/96 - 12/31/96	9 percent	9 percent
01/01/97 - 12/31/97	8 percent	8 percent
01/01/98 - 06/30/99	9 percent	9 percent
07/01/99 - 12/31/99	8 percent	8 percent
01/01/00 - 06/30/00	8 percent	12 percent
07/01/00 - 12/31/01	9 percent	12 percent
01/01/02 - 06/30/02	7 percent	11 percent
07/01/02 - 06/30/03	5 percent	9 percent
07/01/03 - 10/31/03	4 percent	8 percent
11/01/03 - 12/31/03		8 percent

Interest Periods	Rates on Overpayments*
01/01/87 - 06/30/88	8 percent
07/01/88 - 06/30/89	9 percent
07/01/89 - 06/30/90	11 percent
07/01/90 - 12/31/91	10 percent
01/01/92 - 06/30/92	9 percent
07/01/92 - 12/31/92	7 percent
01/01/93 - 12/31/94	6 percent
01/01/95 - 06/30/95	7 percent
07/01/95 - 12/31/95	8 percent
01/01/96 - 12/31/96	9 percent
01/01/97 - 12/31/97	8 percent
01/01/98 - 06/30/99	9 percent
07/01/99 - 12/31/99	8 percent
01/01/00 - 06/30/00	8 percent
07/01/00 - 12/31/01	9 percent
01/01/02 - 06/30/02	7 percent
07/01/02 - 06/30/03	5 percent
07/01/03 - 10/31/03	4 percent
11/01/03 - 12/31/03	8 percent

***Note:** For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1986, no interest is allowed if an overpayment of tax is refunded or credited within three months after the date the taxpayer files a written notice with the Department.

For Taxable Years Ending Before December 31, 1986

For taxable years ending before December 31, 1986, the rates listed below remain constant and in effect for the applicable taxable year until the tax is paid or refunded.

Effective Date**	Rate on Underpayments	Rate on Overpayments***
1/1/72 - 6/27/76	6 percent	6 percent
6/28/76 - 12/31/86	12 percent	6 percent

****Note:** An interest rate of 6 percent applies to any amount based on a corporate income tax return required to be filed prior to June 28, 1976. For returns required to be filed after

June 27, 1976, for taxable years ending before December 31, 1986, the interest rate of 12 percent applies to underpayments. The 6 percent daily interest rate is .000164384, and the 12 percent daily interest rate is .000328767.

*****Note:** For taxable years ending before December 31, 1986, no interest is allowed if the overpayment is refunded within nine months after the last date prescribed for filing the return or within nine months after the return was filed, whichever is later.

References: Sections 220.807, (2003); 214.14 and 214.43, (1985), Florida Statutes; and Rule 12C-1.343, Florida Administrative Code; Senate Bill 18A, 2003 Special Session A.

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