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NOTICE OF DECISION NO. 0098 324/10

Altus Group Ltd. 17327 106A Avenue Edmonton, AB T5S 1M7 The City of Edmonton Assessment and Taxation Branch 600 Chancery Hall 3 Sir Winston Churchill Square Edmonton AB T5J 2C3

This is a decision of the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) from hearings held on October 25, 2010 respecting a complaint for:

Roll Number	Municipal Address	Legal Description
9955574	17635 Stony Plain Road NW	Plan: 8821281 Lot: 5
Assessed Value	Assessment Type	Assessment Notice for:
\$14,840,000	Annual New	2010

Before:

Lynn Patrick, Presiding Officer Francis Ng, Board Member Brian Carbol, Board Member

Persons Appearing: Complainant Walid Melhem, Altus Group Ltd.

Board Officer:

Karin Lauderdale

Persons Appearing: Respondent Chris Hodgson, Assessment and Taxation Branch Tanya Smith, Law Branch

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The parties indicated no objection to the composition of the Board and the Board Members expressed no bias with respect to this file.

The Complainant acknowledged that there was an error made in the calculation of their requested assessment of \$11,777,500.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is an apartment and limited service hotel, with 149 rooms, known as the Sandman Inn.

ISSUES

Because the Complainant acknowledged their error, there is no issue before the Board.

LEGISLATION

Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26;

s. 293(1) In preparing an assessment, the assessor must, in a fair and equitable manner,

- (a) apply the valuation and other standards set out in the regulations, and
- (b) follow the procedures set out in the regulations.

(2) If there are no procedures set out in the regulations for preparing assessments, the assessor must take into consideration assessments of similar property in the same municipality in which the property that is being assessed is located.

(3) An assessor appointed by a municipality must, in accordance with the regulations, provide the Minister with information that the Minister requires about property in that municipality.

s.467(1) An assessment review board may, with respect to any matter referred to in section 460(5), make a change to an assessment roll or tax roll or decide that no change is required.

s.467(3) An assessment review board must not alter any assessment that is fair and equitable, taking into consideration

- a) the valuation and other standards set out in the regulations,
- b) the procedures set out in the regulations, and
- c) the assessments of similar property or businesses in the same municipality.

POSITION OF THE COMPLAINANT

The Complainant acknowledged that when the net operating income of \$1,302,574 is capitalized at 10 per cent, the value of the property becomes \$13,025,740, and when the ancillary value of \$2,545,848 is included, the market value becomes \$15,571,588 which exceeds the assessment.

Therefore the Complainant requests that the assessment be confirmed.

POSITION OF THE RESPONDENT

The Respondent acknowledged that the error, as related by the Complainant, was correct and this correct calculation supports the assessment.

DECISION

The decision of the Board is that the assessment be confirmed at \$14,840,000.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Board accepts the submission by the Complainant that there is an error in the calculation and when the correct calculation is completed the value derived there from supports the assessment.

The Board finds that the assessment is fair and equitable.

DISSENTING OPINION AND REASONS

There was no dissenting opinion.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2010 A.D., at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta.

Presiding Officer

This decision may be appealed to the Court of Queen's Bench on a question of law or jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 470(1) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26.

CC: Municipal Government Board Northland Properties Corporation