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taxes = CT / CAT / VAT / IT / IHT

PLAN

Introduction:

Ethics → potentially conflict of interest between Steve and Pat. Both advising on employment matters
 → Pat Brown could offer capex claims up work to help Acetate industries inc in relation to drugs
 → should not hinder independence from Square & Circle up.

Main body

① upward expansion to UK

② trade as a branch ✓ accounts compliance
 ✓ define PE
 ✓ fixed place of business
 ✓ transfer pricing applies ✓ rate
 → OR available
 ✓ tax compliance
 ✓ deductions available:

③ trade as a company ✓ share capital: wholly owned by Acetate industries
 → VAT threshold > £83,000, taxable supplies: VAT registration

Debt → bank finance
 → loan from Acetate: F&P - WMPG
 → equity: input share capital by shareholders

• ~~tax deductions~~ - trading through a company - similar to a branch, however greater possibility of being recognised as UK through company if you wish to ↑ competition

• Tax deductions / planning / mitigation

① long leasehold or rental - PE.
 - planning permission - capital
 - cost: £2m/annal = capital.
 rental expense - deductible.

② demolition costs = revenue / capital = deduction

available (although existing farm buildings =

what it have been claimed? these will be deductible

③ construction - capital

- plant - CAs available - discuss

④ patents = deductible \rightarrow with 20%
 \rightarrow elect to patent box if election

Tax planning & mergers

\rightarrow R&D = large Co. 11%

\rightarrow patent = New entrant = 10% TT

\rightarrow CAs = deductions / R&D

\rightarrow capital costs deductible when sale

\rightarrow Rollover relief

\rightarrow SSE (future)

things to consider
 • WDCITP
~~consider~~

② less availability

• discuss cy / fixed / INTER / INTERC etc

• New EBITDA regime = more flexible (FY2017)

③ payroll taxes = NONE \rightarrow UK = UK resident for SA.

explain SRT:

shares: emi / SOP / New tax adv.

• emi preferable due to ER availability

relocation costs: ITA 2003 s.103

• 75,000 = taxable

any established by a company

esp: 75,000

• no material interest

• qualifying company.

conclusion: better to set up branch, then corrects
 costs of company \uparrow due to a/c / compliance etc

REPORT

TO: chief executive officer

From: Mr J Rate - Tax partner

subject: Tax implications of proposed investment

date: 01 May 2018

Introduction:

This report has been prepared based on the information and facts provided based on the chief ~~Executive~~ Executive's letter dated 24 April 2018.

It is important to note that although we act for Activix Industries Inc, we do not currently have an engagement with the company's employees.

Therefore the employee matters detailed in this report has been limited to the information provided as we do not know the history of the employees personal tax ^{situation} ~~situation~~.

~~At~~ The tax rates and reliefs mentioned in this

report may be subject to change, together with any potential changes in tax planning opportunities.

This report details the following advice

- Tax implications of proposed investment into the UK and whether to operate via a branch or a company

- possibilities of financing the investment

- Possibilities of available tax deductions

- Tax planning and tax mitigation opportunities

- A projection of future corporation tax liabilities

- Finally, advice on UK payroll and period the tax implications of ^{transferring} employees ~~moving~~ to the UK.

Executive summary

- Trading through a branch or an incorporated entity in the UK have similar tax implications and profits will be taxed at 19%. (based on financial year 2019)

- A bank account should be set up in the UK for potential loans taken out. Any interest paid on the bank loan will be deductible as a trading loan relationship debit in the UK company's branch tax computation.

- Capital allowances relief are available in respect of purchasing plant and machinery at a rate of 18%. The acquisition of the factory or building itself will not qualify for capital allowances.

- The cost of acquiring a new lease premium is capital in nature and therefore not allowable as a corporation tax deduction. However the rental expenses are allowable as a deduction.

• As the company operates in the pharmaceutical industry, with developing testing and bringing new market drugs, a potential research and development claim could be made in the UK.

• Profit gained from acquisition of patents and intellectual property could qualify for patent profits being taxed at a lower rate of 10%.

• Carried forward trading losses can be used against future trading profits. Please note that the rules on ^{relief} losses are subject to changes based on a new EBITDA regime.

• The currently non-resident employees will be considered UK resident and income tax will be payable at 20% / 40% / 45%.

• The relocation packages will now be taxable benefit as the employees will need to be reported as Form P11D and the exercised

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Share options may be available as a
corporation tax deduction on the UK
company based on market value of shares
at exercise and price paid by employee
on grant.

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(CITD)

~~A&I~~ Industries Inc trading through a branch

If AII trades through a branch in the UK, we will need to determine whether the branch has a permanent establishment in the UK.

(PE)

A permanent establishment is defined as a branch ^{having a} ~~trading through a~~ fixed place of business.

A fixed place of business ^{can be} ~~is~~ an office, warehouse or a factory. As it is ^{AII Inc's} ~~the~~ intention to build a factory in the UK in which to trade through, a PE will exist for UK corporation tax purposes.

↳ Branch trading or delivering goods or storing goods is auxiliary in nature and will not constitute a PE

The profits which are generated through the branch's trade which are attributable to the UK will be taxed at a corporation tax rate of 19%.

unless any penalties.

Calculation of profit:

Similar to trading through a company
(see ~~later~~ ^{below}), when calculating the branch's
profit, certain costs will be allowable
as a deduction against trading income:

costs of sales, ~~costs~~ ^{operating} expenses and
interest expenses which are wholly and
exclusively for the purpose of the trade
will be allowable as deduction as long as
they are revenue in nature.

Similarly, management charges between
AII and the UK branch will be deduct-
ible, so long as the amount is calculated
at an arm's length price, and does not
lead the branch to have a UK tax
advantage.

Capital costs such as depreciation, or improve-
ments to property, fixed assets should be
capitalised and under Tangible Fixed ~~assets~~ ^{costs}

where capital allowances should be available.

Note that you have deducted building depreciation and intellectual property depreciation. These would be added back when computing the taxable total profit.

place of effective management
 once the UK branch has been established, ~~the~~ I assume that the place of effective management (POEM) will be in the UK.

This is important to determine ^{for tax purposes} because where a branch president in two countries, a tie breaker clause under the OECD model convention states that there can only be one POEM. As this will be in the UK, the branch will be regarded as UK resident for corporation tax purposes.

Double tax relief

where tax has been paid in Murrusia, double tax relief is available in the UK on the lower of tax paid in the UK or tax in Murrusia. In this case, 15% ~~will~~ of profits will be available as a double tax credit against the company's Corporation tax liability.

Conclusion

~~At~~ All in all, trading through a branch does have ~~to~~ benefits as it does not require large amounts of funding, there are minimal administrative burdens on financial accounts and compliance, however it would be wise to also consider setting up a company because this could increase the status of the company by being positively ^{as a subsidiary of a large pharmaceutical} recognised in the UK by consumers.

Incorporation of a company

The incorporation of a company and the tax implications^{involved} are very similar to setting up a branch, however it requires further understanding of the processes involved.

All could incorporate a wholly owned subsidiary, let say "Acoth Industries Ltd". This would mean All would own 100% of the share capital of Acoth Industries Ltd and would therefore be entitled to 100% of the distributable profits.

Upon incorporation, UK companies themselves will need to be informed as the company would be UK resident by virtue of central management and control.

This means all the day to day operations, directors meetings, management decisions must be in the UK. The place of effective

Management would also be in the UK.

Other companies have been notified, as with the UK branch, HMRC will need to be informed of the trading status of the company.

The accounts of the UK company will need to be filed 9 months and 1 day after the end of the accounting period and the corporation tax return will need to be filed 12 months after the end of the accounting period.

Corporation tax will be payable at 19% after the relevant income and expenditure have been accounted for.

Active industries ~~inc~~ will ~~be~~ a SII group company for the purposes of quarterly instalment payments.

This means that if the ~~group's~~ ^{UK company's} ~~accounts~~ are audited

profits are greater than £1,500,000 in a year, quarterly instalment payments will be payable on the following dates -

- 14 July (from start of accounting period)
- 14 October
- 14 January
- 14 April.

Financing the investment

① Bank finance.

ATI could negotiate with a UK bank to lend a loan to AcRyth industries LTD, which would relate to the working capital of the company and its incorporation.

The loan may have to be guaranteed under ATI name due to the uncertainty of UK banks lending loans to businesses which may not be profitable for a few years.

By guaranteeing a loan and then lending it to the UK company, interest payable by the UK company will be deductible as a nontrading loan relationship debit (NTRD) and the interest received by AII should be taxable, however I recommend checking with the Murrena tax authorities.

② ^{will need to}
The UK company ~~could~~ set up a bank account in the UK and ~~could~~ ^{if the bank} agrees, a loan could directly be lent to Acton Industries Ltd. Once again, any interest payable will be deductible as a NTRD.

③ Equity

AII could set up the UK company by investing in Acton Industries Ltd share capital. say $\pounds 5,000,000$ ~~500,000~~. This ^{could} ~~could~~ be deducted against the sale proceeds or have saved the company.

By investing in the UK company, knowing it will be profitable in the future, the ~~the~~-investment will be a benefit to the parent company and there will be no obligation to repay any loans or interest when taking out a bank loan.

~~At~~ © dividends

Additionally, dividends could be paid to the UK company by ATI to fund the investment.

As the group is large, any dividends received in the UK by a controlled company ~~that~~ is exempt from corporation tax. This is on the basis that the dividend is not deductible or taxable on income.

VAT

If taxable supplies in the UK, whether operating as a branch or a company exceeds £83,000, the entity will need to register for VAT for UK supplies

Possibility of tax deductions

taking each expenditure set out in the report in turn

① Long leasehold

The payment of a new lease which is long (greater than 50 years) will not be deductible for the purposes of corporation tax as it is treated as capital in nature.

if in the future, the UK company decides to sell or grant the existing leasehold, a capital gain or should incur whereby relief will be available on the final year and for annual payable now.

② Rent of land.

Rent payable of £600,000 per annum will be deductible as a revenue expense as long as it represents ~~the~~ correct market value of current economic conditions of buildings market

This would be beneficial for the company as the relief would be available now and over a period of time as opposed to paying for a new lease.

③ Demolition of farm building

The demolition cost would be treated as capital in nature as the farm building or self unit is treated as a structure and thus ~~not~~ the cost would not have been available as a revenue expense.

The construction of the factory in the future ~~will~~ could qualify for capital allowances if the construction costs include lighting, electricals, plant and machinery. ~~etc~~

The UK currently have an ^{attractive} ~~open~~ capital allowance regime which I mention below

④ construction of space factory.
The construction of self use not qualify
for capital allowances or a revenue
deduction as it is a structure.

However manufacturing facilities and
plant and machinery could qualify
for capital allowances (expressed as
deductions in the profit and loss
account) if the criteria is met.

Capital allowances (CAs)

CA are available on qualifying plant
and machinery, which includes,
machinery, computers, electricals, furniture,
lifting ^{and} fixtures and fittings.

Expenditure such as plant use set
amounts down allowance of 18% which
is deducted against the company's
profits/losses.

The UK currently have an allowance

Annual investment allowance (AIA) whereby the first £200,000 spent on qualifying expenditure can be deductible at 100%.

Any amount which exceeds this, will get relief at 18% or 8%.

Electric cars, lighting, air conditioning are types of items which are "integral features". This means they are assets which have a longer economic life.

The writing down allowance available on integral features is 8%, however the first ^{£200,000} ~~£100,000~~ of expenditure in this sector can be deducted on a straight basis in the general pool.

⑤ purchase of patents.

The actual cost of registering a patent will be capital in nature and therefore deducted. However patents will form

part of an intangible fixed asset,
whereby the ~~tax~~ profits generated
must be taxed as ^{trading} income

Expenditure attributed to genuine R&D
intellectual property or patent profits
has a generous relief in the UK.

Patent profits are taxed at a rate of
10% if the patents are qualifying
and some research and development
has been undertaken.

There is no doubt that as a Pharma-
central company, the group incurs
research and development which
entirely qualify for the lower
rate of corporation tax.

a qualifying company at any
time during the accounting period,
the company held qualifying IP
rights or holds an exclusive licence

The development in patent practice would mean that the UK company creates or significantly contributes to the creation of the invention or performs significant amount of activity for the purposes of developing the invention.

I would be happy to assist you further should you wish to make the patent law effective in the future.

Taxpayers and
~~Conclusion~~ Conclusion

The UK offers various forms of generous relief for non UK resident companies wishing to set up in the UK.

As mentioned earlier the following should be considered upon deciding to trade in the UK.

	(2010)
	① Patent Box and Research and Development
	The patent box election provides patent profits to be taxed at 10%, as opposed to 19%, provided the R&D work has been undertaken.
	R&D - As a pharmaceutical company, the company could be entitled to make an R&D election whereby the company could receive up to 11% of a R&D repayment in qualifying R&D work undertaken.
	R&D should be an intention ^{to have} an advance in scientific technology and with a view for innovation.
	In brief, the following ^{would} be qualifying expenditure for R&D purposes
	• Employee salaries and national insurance
	costs concerning directly in R&D

- Consumables
- Subcontractor cost (estimated to 65% of cost?)
- Pension contributions
- Utilities

Please let me know if you wish to explore this option further.

② Rollover relief

on potential future sale of a building, ^{or} ~~the~~ intangible fixed asset, the gain ~~for~~ which arises could be rolled over if the proceeds are reinvested into a new qualifying asset within 1 year before to 3 years after the sale of the asset.

claims

Provisional rollover relief can be made within 4 years of the end of the accounting period in which the sale was made.

③ Capital allowances.

There is a large scope to reduce the corporation tax liabilities by ensuring the maximum capital allowances are claimed where there are qualifying ~~assets~~ ~~to~~ corp. being incurred, as mentioned previously.

④ Interest deductions

There is scope for interest paid to be deducted on the ~~loan~~ ^{the loan} basis, ~~if~~ is for an allowable purpose and not with a view for the avoidance of tax or be part of a tax avoidance scheme.

However ~~and~~ the worldwide debt cap should be considered when making interest payments to connected parties.

A disallowance will arise where ~~the~~ ~~UK~~ net debt exceeds 75% of

ward under gross debt.

③ maximum utilization of losses.

where losses are incurred, no corporation tax can be payable.

Therefore when the company starts to be profitable in future years i.e. 31/12/2021 and 31/12/2022, brought forward trading losses should be used against current year trading profits which can reduce the liability.

UK payroll and personal tax implications

Residency status

Currently, the employees employed by A&I are non UK resident.

When they move to the UK to take on full time work, as well as reside in the UK, they could possibly be UK resident for personal tax purposes.

To determine their residency status, we ~~we~~ need to look at the statutory residency tests.

Automatic UK test

If the employees spend over 183 days a year in the tax year, they will be deemed to be UK resident.

When the employees leave under 9, a split year treatment could be applied where the employee is ^{UK} ~~non~~ resident part way through.

once they are UK resident, they will pay income tax at a rate of 10%, 40% / 45% depending if they are ~~an~~ ~~also~~ basic, higher or additional rate tax payer.

Each employee will be entitled to a personal allowance of £11,500 which is reduced by their income

class 1 national insurance contributions ~~will~~ ~~not~~ need to be paid by the employee and employer.

Any employer NIC paid can be deducted against trading profits based on the UK company's corporation tax return.

Share options

The existing Multinational share option schemes will be treated as an unapproved share option plan upon transfer to the UK

unapproved share option plans do not have the tax advantages which approved share option plans have.

upon grant of the shares, there will be no income tax ^{on the} ~~on the~~ employee if the UK company is listed, national insurance and other will need to be accounted for as the shares would be treated as readily convertible assets.

when the shares are exercised on the employees, an income tax charge will arise on the employee

based on the market value on exercise and the price paid for the shares.

At the same time, the ^{UK} company will be able to claim a corporation tax deduction ~~as the~~ based on the market value of the shares exercised and the price paid by the employee.

This will then reduce the company's total tax cost profit.

I would highly recommend that UK company setting up a new enterprise ~~the~~ management incentive share option plan which will have the following benefits:

- There will be no income tax consequences upon grant
- Upon exercise, the employees will have a capital gain based

as the market value at exercise
less the price paid.

However unlike unapproved share
option plans, the employee will
benefit from entrepreneur's
relief ^(ER) which means the employee
will be taxed on the gain at a
rate of 10% as opposed to 20%.

The conditions for ER to apply is
that the company must be
a trading company and
the employees must hold
at least 5% of the shares in
the company.

~~There are other conditions which~~
the company will also be
entitled to a corporation tax
deduction on exercise of the
shares based on the market
value upon ^{exercise} ~~grant~~ and consideration

paid upon grant.

~~It has~~ Please speak to your local tax authority regarding the income tax implications for the employees when they are resident in Mauritius.

There is no expense deduction available in respect of setting up the schemes in the UK.

Relocation packages

The purchase of five family homes in respect of the employees will not be deductible as a revenue expense until the house have been sold. ~~at~~

However as the employees will be living in the house rent free, this will impose a taxable benefit on the employees as they are using the house free of charge.

Therefore, the cash equivalent to the amount of rent which should be paid will be taxable on the employee.

A form P11D will need to be completed which illustrates the taxable benefit and submitted to HMRC by 5 June every year

The taxable amount should be included in each employee's self assessment tax return and taxed accordingly.

~~And~~ in addition, the air company could deduct the tax payable on the benefit in kind via the UK PAYROLL. Therefore a P11D will not need to be completed.

The cash equivalent i.e. the cost of providing the living accommodation should exceed £75,000 which it does to calculate the annual value.

It will be calculated as follows

$$ORR(C - £75,000)$$

where ORR is the official rate of interest, C is the cost in providing the accommodation.

and will then calculate the rent

annual amount have been payable

Remeral Grant

Remeral costs which relate directly

to the employee for CD specific

duties will ~~be deductible for~~ ^{not constitute a}

taxable benefit on the employee.

It is on a limit of £7,500.

However as the costs exceed £7,500,

the difference of will be taxable

on the employee as a benefit in

kind.

National insurance is payable by

the employer at a rate of 13.8%.

will be deductible against

trading profits.

Transfer pricing issues

• All transactions between connected parties should be measured at arm's length. However, which does not give rise to a UK tax advantage.

• AIT and UK companies should setup APA in place with HMRC.

MEMORANDUM

TO: TAX PARTNER

From: Pat Brown

Subject: other issues arising

Date: 1 May 2018

There are various conflicts of interest which may arise when advising the client on the tax implications of the investment in the fund.

They are as follows:-

- Mr Francis Stevens currently advises Achaan industries on the employment law matters.

This may potentially raise a conflict of interest between both parties as he also holds shares

- we currently do not advise the employees on the tax matters

and a formal letter of engagement will need to be drawn up.

At where I used to work and the consultant received a referring work as it could be beneficial to the company as it ~~could~~ ^{could claim} ~~could~~ ^{could} advise Achorh industries inc as the facilities available as large infrastructure project.

This could potentially cause a conflict of interest, however we would need to make all parties aware of the arrangement prior to continuing this.

This specialised service could increase square & circle's reputation as well as improved customer service it provides on maintaining ^{of} ethics, responsibility and

