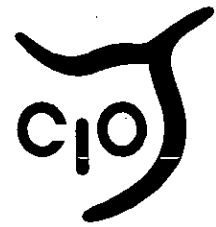


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Briefing Note

To: David Purkin

Subject: Monty Price ~ VAT + IPT issues re new proposal.

VAT

Based on the facts provided, the purpose of the new company arrangement (using Primoglass Ltd) is to reduce Monty's overall VAT liability.

Monty should be aware that HMRC may challenge the proposed structure on two counts:

1. Artificial separation
2. That Monty is acting as principal, not as a project manager in an agency arrangement.

Both options are outlined below.

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artificial separation

HMRC have special powers to issue a business split direction if they have reason to believe the structure is contrived and ~~the~~ (Schi(1A))

Normally this only applies to unincorporated businesses, i.e. sole traders ~~and part~~.

Whilst the plans have not yet been executed, the risk that HMRC could issue a direction above means that you should ensure a new company is incorporated

~~The risk to sp. 1~~ In confidential cases HMRC would apply a direction and the sole trader business and new plan are so closely linked.

The direction would mean the two businesses are registered as one under one VAT number.

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Principal v Agency Arrangement

Monty should be aware that this type of structure has been examined by the Tribunal. In the Al Loft and AT Loft conversions case, the same project manager type arrangement was set up, ~~with a view to reducing the overall cost~~ ~~the agreement~~

A project manager (PM) engaged with the customer and sourced / selected the necessary contractors to physically carry out the work.

However, the arrangement failed on a contractual point. There were two predominant contracts, one between the PM and the customer (as there appears to be in Monty's case) and one between the PM and the various contractors (again similar here). There was however no agreement between the customer and the subcontractors.

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Disclosed Agent:

To be acting as a disclosed agent, the following conditions need to be satisfied

1. The customer is aware that in this case Primoglass is acting as an agent
2. The supply remains between the ~~or~~ contractors and the customer
3. The customer is responsible for making the payment to the contractors, not Primoglass.

In my view, the arrangements fall down on points 2 and 3.

where

there is no contractual between the contractors and the customer, Primoglass risks being liable ~~for~~ ~~the~~ treated as principal, i.e. the supply and installation is supplied by him.

~~It~~ for registration purposes, ~~on~~ Primoglass would be ~~liable~~ ~~for~~ treated as having received the full £12,000. Based on a

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projection of 20 orders per annum (pa),
this equates to as follows:

		£
£12,000	20	240,000

The VAT registration threshold is currently
£85,000. If HMRC challenged the
arrangement, and ~~new~~ would the company
would be liable to register for VAT perhaps
midway through the year.

he

furthermore, HMRC could challenge the
tax point.

~~The~~ If the supply and installation of the
conservatories was treated as a supply of goods
then the deposit of 50% will trigger a tax
point. In other words taxable income.

The supply and installation of a central
heating system was considered a single
standard rated supply in AN checks. This
is likely to be the case here.

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IPT

Extended warranties are treated as an insurance contract for IPT purposes.

However, following the CFI case, if a domestic guarantee backed insurance policy was offered, it is possible that the package offered would not be subject to IPT (more akin to a ^{profit} warranty guarantee).

~~Primoless would instead pay IPT on the block policy~~

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RECOMMENDATION

It is important that the contractual agreements are structure correctly.

I would recommend an additional^{al} contract is drafted and in place between^{the} customer and the contractor, which makes it clear that Primoglass is merely acting as agent, thus the commission element is only subject to VAT.

Based on the structure to succeed, payment should all be made direct to the contractors, or Primoglass handles the money and ~~retains~~ retains the commission element which is passed on to the various sub contractors.

The Primoglass's taxable income for regulatory purposes would be:

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£12,000

cost

(£5,000)

monthly charge

(£1,600)

(£800)

4600

Based on 20 orders, £92,000.

There is potentially a breach, but the amount of output tax from glass will be liable to is less.

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~~Mr and Mrs~~ Empire View Ltd
Address.

Chartered Tax Advisors
Firm's Address

7 November 2017

Dear Tom,

~~VAT treatment of proposed new business activities.~~

~~Thank~~ Based on the information provided,
I have set out my analysis and conclusion
on the VAT treatment of the proposed new
business activities below.

Please note, I have dealt with '2' first, as will
be explained, below.

sale of new residential caravans

The VAT treatment will depend on the type
of caravan being supplied.

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There is a zero-rating relief available for caravans which exceed the size limits permitted to be towed via a car (ie static caravans). This would include caravans with the following features:

1. Maximum gross weight of 3,500 KG
2. Manufactured to BS 3632:2005 (or BS 3632:2015) approved by the British Standards Institution.

As the above applies to new caravans only, ie not second hand whilst you are purchasing these from a manufacturer, the caravan will still be considered 'new' ~~as the VAT~~ (This would only apply if someone had borne the VAT cost previously somewhere ⁱⁿ the supply chain).

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The reduced rate applied to caravans capable of being towed (presently 5% rate)

~~The type of~~
~~caravan relieved under this include~~
applies if the relevant BS and standards have not been met, ~~by~~ and again, these exceed the maximum gross weight of 3,500 kg (MUs cannot be towed).

~~depending on~~ ~~how~~ ~~liability~~

The reduced rate ~~knows~~ to apply to old caravans. Given these are being purchased new, the zero rate should apply to the caravan.

Please note the removable MUs are not eligible for relief. Following the Talacre Beach decision, supplies of removables should be treated as standard rate.

The rate ~~is~~ a mixed supply, therefore, the rate proceeds should be apportioned on a fair and reasonable basis, ~~with~~ at the

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In my view, the latter applies.

~~In the~~ In a previous case (David Baxendale), the fact the components could be supplied separately was irrelevant in whether in consideration the package achieved a different economic result.

~~Normally~~ The above would indicate a single supply, which would be standard rated. However, as I believe in the case here, the two are distinct and clearly could be purchased separately.

There is as such no need to apportion the charge so that the standard rate applies to the camping facilities and the zero rate applies to the additional amount charged in respect of the travel.

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Purchasing Kanzi Travel Ltd.

Similarly to the analysis above, to determine the VAT liability of the package, we must consider whether there is a predominant element, to which all others are ancillary.

The *Howard Hotel* case provides a definition of ancillary as being 'not necessarily an aim in itself, but a better means of enjoying the principal/predominant supply.'

The above would indicate a single supply subject to a single rate of VAT based on the liability of the predominant element.

In my view, the ~~other~~ barbeque and entertainment are ancillary to the cruise. In being the case, the liability would follow the river cruise.

As noted earlier, there is a zero-rating relief on transport services, but given the pleasure

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element, the conditions are not likely to be met.

In my new standard rated VAT should be charged.

each mp

This could potentially fall within the 'Tour operators Margin scheme' (TOMS) if the transport is bought-in and resold as part of the trip package.

essentially TOMS is a mandatory accounting requirement which ⁱⁿ output VAT at the standard rate is calculated on the VAT ^{profit} margin.

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however whilst this reduces the overall amount of output tax, the fact that admissions are free and refreshments are on a self-pay basis, i.e. not paid for by CV, then the only real supply is the transport, which is not a zero-rated

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Should the elements of the package change, please let me know and I can advise further.

I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Notes for meeting with Gata Conservation

There is a zero-rating relief for the services provided in the course of construction of a building used for a 'RCP' (relevant charitable purpose) - see items 5, 8, 9 & 10

RCP (as defined in note 6 ^{for solely}) is use by a charity for its non-business activity, or as a village hall / similarly in providing social or recreational facilities for the local community.

Building materials can also be zero-rated if routed ~~only~~ through the main contractor.

'solely' means at least 95% of the building once constructed will be used for the above purposes.

As a charity, Gata Conservation (GC) would need to certify that the building is to be used for a qualifying purpose and

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provide this to the contractor before work commences.

It is possible to certify discrete areas of the building, which are ~~subject~~ do not qualify ~~any~~ provided there also meet the 95% test.

effectively 5% non-business use can be ignored

The extent to which relief is available will depend on GC's current activities and intended use.

income

GC current has two main sources of income

- ~~the~~ ~~the~~ courses and seminars for a fee
- grant income and donations.

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courses / seminars

The fee charged indicates that the course provision is a business activity.

~~There is an exemption under s 94~~ The definition of a supply for VAT purposes (s 5(2)) is that there is a supply of services for a consideration.

s 94 goes on to state that 'business' includes any trade, profession or vocation.

Given the analysis above, it will be a business activity.

There is an exemption for the provision of vocational training provided by a eligible body. (non-profit making organisation precluded from distributing profits).

Given the charity's objects and assumingly

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Memorandum of Understanding reflect this, a possible exemption under Item 1, group 6, Sch 9 is available

Grant income (including donations)

True grant income is freely given for this ~~and~~ nothing in return.

~~As there would not be a supply price.~~

If any benefits are given in return then the grant could be treated as consideration for a supply.

Given there is no indication in this case, the grant and donations from public bodies, ~~and~~ local authorities, other charities and organisations ^{will} ~~may~~ be outside the scope of VAT even if for the wider public benefit.

Totma is a good example of this.

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fundraising activities

If a fundraising event is organised by the charity and advertised as such, then the goods and services sold in connection with the event will be exempt from VAT (Sch 9, group 12, item 1),

~~The exemption applies~~ The whilst exempt, this would be classed as a business activity.

~~construction~~ hire charges

The hire charges, whilst not ~~meant~~ intended to make a profit will likely be classed as a business activity, and exempt from VAT under Sch 9, group 1, item 1 as a 'licence to occupy'.

Following the Van Tien case, it is not the number, scale of transactions which is important, it is whether an activity is

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being carried on with an element of continuity.

Art 9(2) of the RVD states that exploitation of immovable property with the purpose of obtaining income of a continuing basis shall in particular be regarded as an economic activity.

thus, unless the building is open to tax (sch 10 para 2) the fee is exempt.

Impact of Longridge on the Thames

Longridge was a case heard recently on a similar point. The issue was that whilst the centre relied on volunteer staff to run the courses it provided, it made a small charge to cover the shortfall.

The income was regarded as ^{receipt of} a business activity.

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Longridge also highlighted the previous business tests (see 06+ in the previous Lord Fisher (and Morrison's Academy), then applied in Yarmouth and St Paul's are specific to the facts.

Impact on construction

Based on the above, it appears that the building will be used other than to support non-business activities.

If the crevity can certify discrete areas, increase areas solely used.

It is unlikely that the crevity will be able to certify much of the building, unless it can qualify as a 'village hall or similar' - see new Bell decision regarding sports pavilion (not RCI)

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Registration

The charity has business activities, however none of these appear to include taxable supplies.

It will only be eligible to register if it does. Thus any standard rated VAT will be a cost.

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Mr B Matthews.

firm's address

Address

7 November 2017

Dear Bill

VAT issues arising from proposals

After reviewing the information provided,
please find my advice as follows.

current arrangements

There are 3 main activities currently,
~~two of which are from reg 2~~

1. Fish shop (VAT registered) - sole trader
2. Partnership (VAT registered)
3. Andy's various activities (not registered)

Based on the activities at present, there
is a risk that by form

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~~the fish shop and restaurant~~

fishery, there is a question of whether

Artificial separation

As the activities currently are, there is a risk that if you are trading through the shop and Andy's various activities constitute artificial separation.

~~fact~~ This is a legal term, which basis refers to two activities which are closely related by economic, organisational and social links.

~~As a sole trader, per. Director~~
 Given Andy is not currently registered, HMRC have powers none the less to force business splitting notice and direct you both to register as a partnership. The income from the two businesses, no doubt, when

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taken together will exceed the VAT registration threshold.

As such the fact you plan taking Andy into the shop activity would ~~be~~ have the same effect as above.

The fact that Andy has been supplying the shop almost exclusively with fish (barbit which is zero rated) as indicated, together with the upper floor accommodation that these links are present.

Forming a partnership ~~with~~ would mean that ~~Andy's~~ Andy's activities are subject to VAT, where applicable.

You should also be aware that the proposal to continuing using the boat occasionally for excursion activities will have adverse consequences.

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Excursions:

Under the above principles, it is unlikely that this activity can be kept out of the scope of VAT, given it is an asset belonging to the partnership ~~once transferred~~ and so any ~~private~~ ~~excursions~~ excursions run by Andy in his position as partner would be deemed to be made by the partnership. VAT at the standard rate (presently 20%) would need to be charged on these excursions.

The cheerful sole business

~~Adding~~ ~~And~~ including Andy as a partner here further suggests that the shop and restaurant businesses are ~~not~~ interdependent. Whilst there appears to be no VAT loss at present / given both are VAT registered

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you may want to consider the benefits of incorporating the two activities as one. (based on JO Chamberlain case regarding laundrettes).

~~B~~ By ~~add~~ - By forming a partnership, the current VAT registration number would need to be transferred and used for the new partnership.

~~The issue though is that this~~ should not create an issue as I understand Andy has no other assets ~~other than~~ the boat. As this is an existing registration, a pre-registration input VAT claim claim cannot be made.

You may want to consider a new registration if there is any significant VAT at stake. The repairs would be recoverable once the partnership owns the boat.

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I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

An Advisor

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From: Andy. Adnjoir@bridge-tax.co.uk

To: j.fenwick@alde.es.uk

Subject: Re: Property Transfer

Date: 7 November 2011.

Dear Julius,

Thank for your email. Please find my advice on the SDLT treatment below.

Transfer building come to part

Unfortunately, as come only holds 60% of the shares in part the transfer will not be eligible from group relief.

As such any SDLT payable by part, as purchaser will be liable to SDLT. SDLT is calculated on the chargeable consideration given either directly or indirectly by the purchaser in money or money's worth.

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Please note SDI is also calculated on the VAT inclusive value.

consideration

If the building is ^{transferred} sold with the benefit of the existing lease then it should qualify as a transfer of a going concern (TOGC), subject to all the other conditions being met.

We have two values for the building, £4.9m (market value) and also a discharge of debt (£5m).

Assuming that the ^{transfer} lease qualifies as a TOGC (no supply and outside the scope of VAT) or the building has not been opted, and thus the transfer is exempt from VAT, SDI will be calculated on what is deemed to be the consideration of £5m.

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There ~~is~~ is also a rule regarding transfers between connected parties and the market value rules apply, i.e. consideration is no less than the ~~low~~ market value.

Given we have a form of non-money consideration (ESM), this will be subject to SDLT at the commercial rates, as follows.

		SDLT (£)
£150,000	0%	—
£100,000	2%	2,000
£4.75m	5%	<u>237,500</u>
		239,500

As this is a mixed use building, the non-residential rates (which are lower) can be claimed.

An land transaction return (SDLT1) would ^{by part} also be completed within 30 days of completion and submitted together with

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payment. This can be done online.

Transfer of warehouse from Ver to Pant

The same issue here arises in that Ver and Pant are not considered to be a ~~main~~ SDLT group & benefit from the relief. (A 75% direct shareholding is required).

As above the market value will be deemed to be the chargeable consideration paid (£531).

The warehouse is a commercial building and therefore subject to SDLT at the lower non-residential rates - see below.

		SDLT(£)
£1050,000	0%	-
£100,000	2%	2,000
£2.75m	5%	<u>137,500</u>
		139,500

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There is a mechanism to defer payment of SOLT when part of consideration is contingent or uncertain, and the balance is not due for at least 6 months following completion.

The issue here is that this does not appear to be the case as the market value is ascertainable.

As such SOLT on the full amount will be payable when the land transaction return is due - 30 days following completion (SOLT form). This must be completed by Pant.

~~The future changes.~~

The sale of shares in Pant by come to Blackwater should not affect the SOLT position outlined above.

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This is because group relief cannot be claimed owing to the shareholding being less than 75%.

If the properties are transferred back to Blackwater before any sale takes place then an SDIT charge could arise for Blackwater given relief cannot be claimed.

If the shareholding can be increased and additional shares purchased to meet the 75% test, group relief could be claimed and based on the value involved, be significant saving.

I trust this helps

Regards

Andy

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Zari construction Ltd

firm's Name

Address

firm's Address.

7 November 2017

Dear Edward

VAT treatment of new contracts.

After renewing the two contracts,
I have outlined the VAT treatment of
each, in DM1 below.

Albatross Association

The reduced rate of VAT is available
for the installation of energy saving
materials. (currently 5% rate).

Mainly this applies to the installation
service Zari construction Ltd (ZC)
will provide and any materials
supplied therewith

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The relief does not cover consultancy type services, which are basic standard rated supplier of services.

This will include the efficiency review, which whilst a benefit ^{been} ^{ed} to the tenants, is ultimately providing to the ~~the~~ Housing Association (the HA).

Because the HA has commissioned the services, we must consider whether the conditions for relief of met.

The relief covers only qualifying installations in residential accommodation, which would be stripped in the case.

Please note, there were proposals to restrict the scope of the reduced rating relief announced following

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infraction proceedings from the
the commission.

No changes have yet been made but
this could (if draft legislation is
published) affect the rate of VAT.

On that basis you should ensure
the contract is worded so any
amounts are VAT-exclusive, meaning
ZC can charge VAT at the
appropriate rate.

Types of work

Only some of the work will qualify,
namely the cavity and
loft insulation, double glazing
and electric storage heaters will
both be subject to standard
rated VAT.

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Where a fixed fee is charged,
it might be likely that you
can apportion some of
the costs so as to benefit
from the relief.

As that being said, following the
Colangrove case, because the
relief is an exception to the
rule that VAT at 20% is charged
on all supplies, you must ensure
that this does not equate
to a carve out exercise.

I suspect not, but it would
be worth reviewing the agreements
and ensuring the amounts are
split out on the invoice.

~~together all other~~

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The payments

The grants paid directly from the local authority ^(LTA) could represent consideration for ZC's supplies (albeit ~~of~~ indirect consideration).

VAT may therefore have to be accounted for out of grant money unless the agreement states VAT ~~can~~ cannot be charged (see Keeping Newcastle Warm).

^{VAT}
~~An~~ invoice would need to be issued to the LA, which may be able to recover the VAT under s 33 and so does not create an issue.

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RUSSEL CONSTRUCTION LTD (RC)

If the home meets the conditions to be a dwelling i.e.

- separate use/disposal
- no external access
- statutory planning permission

then the zero-rate of VAT can apply to RC's services in the course of construction of new dwellings under lease item 5, sch 8, group 51.

Subcontractors benefit from the zero-rating provisions if satisfied that the building in question is designed as a dwelling.

The invoice to RC can be zero rated.

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Any works following completion will be standard fixed.

~~These~~ The supplies of services, i.e. renewals, free of charge, will be outside the scope of VAT (S4).

If works were taken up then the ~~probability~~ work may qualify for the reduced rating of a long unit 2C's on capacity, but ~~it~~ may be ~~standard~~ standard rated (not). This all depends on the nature of the supply.

I trust the above is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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