

## ADVANCED TAXATION

### SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS TO PILOT QUESTIONS

#### Suggested solution to question 1

SAO & Co  
Firm of Chartered Accountants  
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Date

The Board of Directors  
Tobi Ola Ltd  
5, Olusoji Idowu Street  
Lagos State

Dear Sir

RE: COMPUTATION OF TAX LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY FOR 2017 AND 2018 TAX YEARS

Further to your directives on the above subject, please find below our advice in relation to the above subject matter.

1. Companies income tax liability

The tax payable for 2018 tax year was ₦311,355. For 2017 tax year, after the deduction of loss brought forward and capital allowances from the assessable profit, there was no total profit, hence, a nil tax liability.

2. Small business relief

The company which is engaged in mining and in the fifth year of business was entitled to this relief in 2017 tax year when the total revenue was less than ₦1,000,000. However, because of the nil total profit, the company could not take advantage of the small business rate of 20% of total profit.

3. Minimum tax

This was computed on the bases of the relevant information as provided in the financial statements. Based on our computations, the minimum tax liabilities for 2017 and 2018 assessment years were ₦11,250 and ₦11,875, respectively.

For 2018 tax year, the minimum tax liability of ₦11,875 was not taken into consideration in arriving at the total tax payable for the year because the companies income tax of ₦31, 355 was higher than the minimum tax liability.

4. Capital allowances

In arriving at the total tax payable for each of the years, maximum claim for capital allowances were made. In addition, balancing charges arising from the disposal of qualifying capital expenditure were considered in our computation.

5. Tertiary education tax payable

The tertiary education tax for each of the years was computed based on the company's adjusted profits after adjusting for the balancing charges.

6. Total tax payable for 2017 and 2018 tax years

In summary, the tax liabilities for 2017 and 2018 tax years were ₦23,750 and ₦51,045, respectively.

Please find attached the relevant computations in respect of the above taxes. Please revert if there is need for any further explanation on each aspect of the report.

We thank you for your patronage to date.

Yours faithfully

For SAO & Co

Mariam Jimoh  
Managing Partner

Workings

1. Computation of tax liabilities  
For 2017 and 2018 tax years

| Tax years                           | 2018    |                | 2017 |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|------|------------------|
|                                     | ₦       | ₦              | ₦    | ₦                |
| Net profit per accounts             |         | 665,100        |      | 420,900          |
| Add:                                |         |                |      |                  |
| VAT on equipment                    |         | 36,800         |      | 21,000           |
| Sales tax                           |         | 13,600         |      | 11,100           |
| Excess allowance for doubtful debts |         | <u>3,000</u>   |      | <u>97,000</u>    |
| Adjusted profit                     |         | 718,500        |      | 550,000          |
| Balancing charge                    |         | <u>324,990</u> |      | -                |
| Assessable profit                   |         | 1,043,490      |      | 550,000          |
| Loss brought forward                |         | -              |      | <u>(200,000)</u> |
|                                     |         | 1,043,490      |      | 350,000          |
| Capital allowances:                 |         |                |      |                  |
| Brought forward                     | 564,990 |                | -    |                  |

|                                    |               |               |                      |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| For the year                       | 504,990       |               | 779,990              |               |
| Balancing Allowance                | <u>-</u>      |               | <u>135,000</u>       |               |
| Relieved in the year               | 1,069,980     | (1,043,490)   | 914,990<br>(350,000) | (350,000)     |
| CAs carried forward                | <u>26,490</u> |               | <u>564,990</u>       |               |
|                                    |               |               | -                    |               |
| Total profit                       |               | <u>0</u>      |                      | <u>0</u>      |
|                                    |               |               |                      |               |
| Companies income tax @ 20%         |               | -             |                      | <u>N0</u>     |
|                                    |               |               |                      |               |
| Minimum tax                        |               | 11,875        |                      | 11,250        |
|                                    |               |               |                      |               |
| Companies income tax @ 30%         |               | -             |                      | -             |
| Tertiary education tax             |               | <u>20,870</u> |                      | <u>11,000</u> |
| Total tax liability of the company |               | <u>32,745</u> |                      | <u>22,250</u> |

## 2. Revised allowance for doubtful debts

|                             | N 2018         | N 2017         |                             | N 2018         | N 2017         |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bad debt written off        | 110,000        | 64,000         | Bal b/f                     | 6,000          | 36,000         |
|                             |                |                | Bad debt recovered          | 70,000         | 118,000        |
| Statement of profit or loss | -              | 20,000         | Statement of profit or loss | 39,000         | -              |
| Bal c/d                     | <u>5,000</u>   | <u>70,000</u>  |                             |                |                |
|                             | <u>115,000</u> | <u>154,000</u> |                             | <u>115,000</u> | <u>154,000</u> |
|                             |                |                | Bal c/f                     | 5,000          | 70,000         |

### Summary

For 2017 tax year, the sum of N77,000 was charged in the statement of profit or loss as allowance for doubtful debts. However, the revised allowance shows that N20,000 should have been credited to the statement of profit or loss. Therefore, N77,000 charged in error and N20,000 that should have been credited both totaling N97,000 is to be added back to the net profit for the year. For 2018 tax year, the sum of N42,000 was charged in the statement of profit or loss as allowance for doubtful debts. However, the revised allowance for doubtful debts shows that N39,000 should have been charged. The excess charge of N3,000 is to be added back to net profit in the adjustment process.

## 3. Calculation of capital allowances

| Assets                   | Plant     | Equipment | M/V<br>(old)     | M/V<br>(New)   | Machinery      | Capital allowance        |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Rates: %                 |           |           |                  |                |                |                          |
| I.A                      | 50        | 50        | 50               | 50             | 50             |                          |
| A.A                      | 25        | 25        | 25               | 25             | 25             |                          |
| Invest allowance         | 10        | 10        |                  |                | 10             |                          |
|                          | ₦         | ₦         | ₦                | ₦              | ₦              | ₦                        |
| 2017 (1/1/16 - 31/12/16) |           |           |                  |                |                |                          |
| TWDV                     | 330,000   | 240,000   | 345,000          |                |                |                          |
| Cost                     | -         | -         | -                | 600,000        |                |                          |
| disposal                 | -         | -         | <u>(345,000)</u> | -              |                |                          |
|                          | 330,000   | 240,000   | -                | 600,000        | -              |                          |
| I.A                      | -         | -         | -                | 300,000        | -              | 300,000                  |
| A.A                      | 165,000   | 239,990   | -                | 75,000         | -              | <u>479,990</u>           |
|                          |           |           |                  |                |                | <u><u>779,990.00</u></u> |
| 2018 (1/1/17 - 31/12/17) |           |           |                  |                |                |                          |
| TWDV                     | 165,000   | 10        | -                | 225,000        | -              |                          |
| Additional asset         |           |           |                  |                |                |                          |
| Cost                     | -         | -         | -                | -              | 400,000        |                          |
| Disposal                 | -         | (10)      | -                | (75,000)       | -              |                          |
| I.A                      | -         | -         | -                | -              | (200,000)      | 200,000                  |
| A.A                      | (164,990) | -         | -                | (50,000)       | (50,000)       | 264,990                  |
| Invest Allowance         | -         | -         | -                | -              | -              | <u>40,000</u>            |
| Capital Allowance        |           |           |                  |                |                | <u><u>504,990</u></u>    |
| TWDV                     | <u>10</u> | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>         | <u>100,000</u> | <u>150,000</u> |                          |

Allocation of assets to tax year

|   | Tax year                     |
|---|------------------------------|
| All TWDVs (Plant, equipment and motor vehicle (0) | 2017                         |
| <u>Additional asset</u>                           | <u>Date of acquisition</u>   |
| Motor vehicle (3)                                 | 1/01/16 - 1/7/16 - 31/12/16  |
| Machinery   | 1/01/17 - 1/11/17 - 31/12/17 |
| <u>Disposal</u>                                   | <u>Date of disposal</u>      |
| Motor vehicle (Old)                               | 1/01/16 - 1/9/16 - 31/12/16  |
| Motor vehicle (New)                               | 1/01/17 - 1/4/17 - 31/12/17  |
| Equipment   | 1/01/17 - 1/6/17 - 31/12/17  |

**NB:** For each tax year, the items of disposal must be considered and treated first, before the computation of capital allowance so that capital allowance is not calculated on any of such assets

4. Balancing charge/allowance  
For 2017 and 2018 tax years

| Assets                    | MV(old)        | MV (new)         | Equipment        |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2017 (1/10/15 - 30/9/16)  |                |                  |                  |
| Sales proceeds            | 210,000        |                  |                  |
| TWDV                      | <u>345,000</u> |                  |                  |
| Balancing Allow.          | <u>135,000</u> |                  |                  |
| 2018 (1/10/16 - 30/09/17) |                |                  |                  |
| Sales proceeds            |                | 150,000          | 250,000          |
| TWDV                      |                | <u>(75,000)</u>  | <u>(10)</u>      |
|                           |                | <u>75,000</u>    | <u>249,990</u>   |
|                           |                | Balancing charge | Balancing charge |

5. Computation of gross profit (GP)

| Tax year                   | 2017           |                  | 2018           |                  |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                            | ₦              | ₦                | ₦              | ₦                |
| Export sales               |                | 600,500          |                | 800,000          |
| Local sales                |                | <u>300,000</u>   |                | <u>400,000</u>   |
|                            |                | 900,500          |                | 1,200,000        |
| Deduct direct costs:       |                |                  |                |                  |
| Exploration                | 150,000        |                  | 160,500        |                  |
| Storage and transportation | <u>210,000</u> |                  | <u>230,700</u> |                  |
|                            |                | <u>(360,000)</u> |                | <u>(391,200)</u> |
| Gross profit               |                | <u>540,500</u>   |                | <u>808,800</u>   |

6. Minimum tax computation

| Tax year                | 2017          |        | 2018          |        |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Highest of              | ₦             | ₦      | ₦             | ₦      |
| 0.5% of ₦540,500 (GP)   | <u>2,703</u>  |        | -             |        |
| 0.5% of ₦808,800 (GP)   | -             |        | <u>4,044</u>  |        |
| 0.5% of ₦2,150,000 (NA) | <u>10,750</u> | 10,750 |               |        |
| 0.5% of ₦2,200,000 (NA) | -             |        | <u>11,000</u> | 11,000 |

|   |                   |               |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 0.25% of ₦2,000,000 (SC)                                  | <u>5,000</u>      | <u>5,000</u>  |
| 0.25% ₦500,000  | <u>1,250</u>      | <u>1,250</u>  |
| Add   |                   |               |
| ₦ (900,500 - 500,000) (excess over revenue of N500,000)   |                   |               |
| 0.125% of ₦400,500  | 500               | -             |
| ₦ (1,200,000 - 500,000) (excess over revenue of N500,000) | -                 |               |
| 0.125% of ₦700,000  | <u>          </u> | <u>875</u>    |
| Minimum tax payable                                       | <u>11,250</u>     | <u>11,875</u> |

### Marking Guide

| Description                                 | Marks     |
|---|-----------|
| Letter of advice;                           |           |
| Letter head                                 |           |
| - Name of the consulting firm               | 1         |
| - Address of consulting firm                | 1         |
| Date on the letter of advice                | 1         |
| Address of client                           | 1         |
| Subject matter of letter                    | 1         |
| Introduction                                | 1         |
| Body of the letter                          |           |
| - Comments on company tax payable           | 1         |
| - Comments on small business relief ;       |           |
| Less than ₦1,000,000 condition              | 1         |
| Relief of 20% tax rate                      | 1         |
| - Comment on Minimum tax                    | 1         |
| - Comment on capital allowance              | 1         |
| - Comment on outstanding tax liability      | 1         |
| Conclusion of letter                        |           |
| - For: JAA & co                             | 1         |
| - Name of writer                            | ½         |
| - Designation of writer                     | ½         |
| Workings                                    |           |
| For each ticks aside sub-totals = 0.4 marks | <u>26</u> |
|   | <u>40</u> |

## Suggested solution to question 2

### a. The roles being played by inter-governmental and supranational organisations that shape tax policy

International organisations are organs of institutional agreements amongst members of an international system for the purpose of achieving objectives that will meet the aspirations and concerns of its members. They are important actors in international politics, with power in mediation, dispute resolution, peace keeping, applying sanctions and others. Activities are based on the sovereignty of the nation-state. Examples of these organisations include Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), United Nations (UN), European Union (EU), World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), African Union (AU), Africa Development Bank (AFDB).

The concept in terms of global governance promoted by the international organisations is legitimacy and customs.

### b. The concept of tax neutrality

A neutral tax is one that does not motivate firms or individuals to change their behavior. Neutrality is an accepted standard for evaluating taxes. In several cases, the concept of neutrality provides a useful way to cut through some of the debates about tax policy and identify a more economically efficient way to organize the tax system.

The primary purpose of the tax system is to raise the revenue needed to pay for government spending. As such, the goal is to raise this revenue without distorting the decisions that individuals and firms would otherwise make for purely economic reasons.

Non-neutralities in the tax system lead people and firms to devote more socially wasteful effort to transforming the form or substance of their activities to reduce their tax payments, for example, by hiring accountants to structure financial transactions in a manner that minimizes tax liability. In some cases, deviations from a neutral tax system are unavoidable.

It is widely agreed that tax payments should increase with improvement in standard of living, like income, consumption or wages.

One inevitable consequence of this agreement is that the market consumption of goods and services will be taxed, either directly (as in a consumption tax) or indirectly (as in an income or employment tax, both of which tax the money used to purchase consumption goods).

In other cases, deviations from a neutral tax system reflect the goals of policymakers.

### c. Purpose of international tax cooperation

International tax cooperation focuses on bilateral tax treaties, which has the major aim of reducing double taxation. In addition, such cooperation has increasingly looked at setting tax norms to close loopholes and limit the ability of multi-national enterprises (MNEs) to avoid paying taxes.

The United Nations and the OECD are the two principal avenues for the development of international tax norms. These include:

- i. The maintenance of model conventions and commentaries;
- ii. Codes of conduct and guidance to countries;
- iii. Harnessing universal membership by United Nations. The OECD, while not a universal membership body, has worked with the G-20 group of countries and has established

fora open for interested countries to participate, such as, the global forum on transparency and exchange of information for tax purposes, which currently has over 140 members, and the inclusive framework on BEPS, currently with almost 100 members;

- iv. The OECD serving as a coordinator and overseer of implementation of its agreements and has designed a number of multilateral conventions and instruments;
- v. The United Nations and its agencies which conduct international policy analyses, as the OECD, World Bank and the International Monetary Fund;
- vi. The IMF and World Bank which also work at the national level on policy analyses and recommendations;
- vii. Examples of norm-setting including model conventions and multilateral treaties. Examples of international policy analysis are research papers, handbooks, BEPS action plan reports. Oversight of implementation includes peer reviews and the assessment of compliance with international standards;
- viii. National policy analysis and advice which include surveillance, assessment of tax administrations, and policy proposals; and
- ix. Examples of capacity building work which are the OECD/UNDP Tax Inspectors Without Borders Initiative, the Global Tax Program of the World Bank, the UN DESA Capacity Development Unit, the OECD Global Relations programme and IMF technical assistance.

### Marking guide

| Description  | Marks     |
|--|-----------|
| a. The roles of inter-governmental and supranational organizations that shape tax policy |           |
| - Introduction   | 1         |
| - Sovereignty of state   | 1         |
| - Mediation role   | 1         |
| - Dispute resolution   | 1         |
| - Peace keeping  | <u>1</u>  |
|  | 5         |
| b. Neutralities  |           |
| - Definition/description   | 1         |
| - Usefulness to organizing the tax system  | 1         |
| - Purpose of tax system's goal   | 1         |
| - Expected impact on decisions   | 1         |
| - Non-neutralities   | 1         |
| - Unavoidable situations of deviations from neutral tax system                           |           |
| Income   | 1         |
| Consumption/wages  | 1         |
| - Value adding to goals of policy makers   | <u>1</u>  |
|  | 8         |
| c. Purpose of international tax cooperation  |           |
| Any 7 of the 9 points listed above for 7 marks   | <u>7</u>  |
|  | <u>20</u> |



**Suggested solution to question 3(a)**

JAK & Co  
Firm of Chartered Accountants  
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Date  
The Managing Director  
Ugochi Ventures Ltd  
6, Mayowa Street  
Ajegunle, Lagos

Dear Sir,

RE: THE COMPANY'S TAX LIABILITIES FOR THE RELEVANT ASSESSMENT YEARS

Further to your request on the above subject, we write to inform you that the company did not have any companies income tax liability for 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax years. This was because the loss brought forward from the pioneer period amounting to ₦281,000 was relieved against the 2013 assessable profit of ₦321,000. Additionally, capital allowances which totaled ₦40,000 was utilized during the year. For 2014 and 2015 tax years, capital allowances utilized reduced the assessable profits to nil, hence, no companies income tax liability for the two assessment years.

However, the company was liable to pay tertiary education tax of ₦6420, ₦6420 and ₦7100 for 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax years, respectively.

Please find attached the relevant tax computations in support of the above stated amounts.

Kindly revert if there is need for further explanation on each aspect of the report.

We thank you for your patronage to date.

Yours faithfully

For: JAK & Co

Tina Chima  
Managing Partner

## Workings & Notes

### Ugochi ventures ltd Computation of tax liabilities For 2013 to 2015 tax years

| 2013 [1/1/13 - 31/12/13]       | ₦               | ₦                |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Adjusted profit                |                 | 321,000          |
| Net losses b/f                 | (281,000)       |                  |
| Net loss relieved              | 281,000         | <u>(281,000)</u> |
|                                | =====           | 40,000           |
| Capital allowance for the year | 1,779,375       |                  |
| Capital allowance utilised     | <u>(40,000)</u> | (40,000)         |
| Capital allowance c/f          | 1,739,375       |                  |
|                                | =====           | -----            |
| Total profit                   |                 | 0                |
|                                |                 | =====            |

Companies income tax @ 30% of total profit Nil

Tertiary education tax @ 2% of assessable profit ₦6,420

| 2014 (1/1/13 - 31/12/13)       |                  |           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Adjusted profit                |                  | 321,000   |
| Capital allowances b/f         | 1,739,375        |           |
| Capital allowance for the year | <u>13,125</u>    |           |
|                                | 1,752,500        |           |
| Capital allowance utilised     | <u>(321,000)</u> | (321,000) |
| Capital allowance c/f          | 1,471,460        |           |
|                                | =====            | -----     |
| Total profit                   |                  | 0         |
|                                |                  | =====     |

Companies income tax @ 30% of total profit Nil

Tertiary education tax @ 2% of assessable profit ₦6,420

| 2015 (1/1/14 - 31/12/14)       |                  |           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Adjusted profit                |                  | 355,000   |
| Capital allowance b/f          | 1,471,500        |           |
| Capital allowance for the year | <u>13,125</u>    |           |
|                                | 1,484,685        |           |
| Capital allowance utilised     | <u>(355,000)</u> | (355,000) |
| Capital allowance c/f          | 1,129,585        |           |
|                                | =====            | -----     |
| Total profit                   |                  | 0         |
|                                |                  | =====     |

Companies income tax @ 30% of total profit Nil

Tertiary education tax @ 2% of assessable profit ~~N~~7,100

**Note:**

Capital allowance is not restricted to 2/3 of assessable profit for agricultural and manufacturing companies.

i. Pioneer period

1/1/2010 - 31/12/2010 - Year 1

1/1/2011 - 31/12/2011 - Year 2

1/1/2012 - 31/12/2012 - Year 3 (End of pioneer period)

ii. Date of commencement of new trade was 1/1/13, that is, a day after the end of the pioneer period.

iii. Relevant tax years and basis period of new trade

| Tax year | Basis period      |
|----------|-------------------|
| 2013     | 1/1/13 - 31/12/13 |
| 2014     | 1/1/13 - 31/12/13 |
| 2015     | 1/1/14 - 31/12/14 |

iv. Computation of net loss of pioneer period

| Year ended | Adjusted profit/(loss) |
|------------|------------------------|
|            | <u>N</u>               |
| 31/12/2010 | (380,000)              |
| 31/12/2011 | (145,000)              |
| 31/12/2012 | <u>244,000</u>         |
| Net loss   | 281,000                |
|            | =====                  |

The net loss is available for relief against any available assessable profit of the first tax year of the new trade (2013 tax year). Any balance of such net loss that cannot be relieved shall be regarded as lapsed, that is, such loss can only be relieved in the first tax year of the new trade.

v) Capital allowance

All qualifying capital expenditure acquired by a pioneer company during the pioneer period shall be regarded as having been acquired on the first date of commencing the new trade.

| <u>Computation of capital allowances</u> |                |           |                |                |            |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| <u>Asset</u>                             | <u>R&amp;D</u> | <u>MV</u> | <u>Tractor</u> | <u>P&amp;E</u> | <u>C/A</u> |
| Rate %                                   |                |           |                |                |            |
| IA                                       | 95             | 50        | 95             | 95             |            |

|                               |               |           |               |               |                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| AA                            | -             | 25        | -             |               |                  |
| Invt. All.                    | -             | -         | -             | 10            |                  |
| <b>2013 (1/1/13-31/12/13)</b> |               |           |               |               |                  |
|                               | ₦             | ₦         | ₦             | ₦             | ₦                |
| Cost                          | 300,000       | 105,000   | 675,000       | 750,000       |                  |
| I.A                           | (285,000)     | (52,500)  | (641,250)     | (712,500)     | 1,691,250        |
| A.A                           | -             | (13,125)  | -             | -             | 13,125           |
| Inv.allow (P&E)               | -             | -         | -             | -             | 75,000           |
| Capital allowance             | -             | -         | -             | -             | -                |
|                               |               |           |               |               | <u>1,779,375</u> |
| TWDV                          | 15,000        | 39,375    | 33,750        | 37,500        |                  |
| <b>2014 (1/1/13-31/12/13)</b> |               |           |               |               |                  |
| AA                            | -             | 13,125    | -             | -             | 13,125           |
| Capital allowance             | -             | -         | -             | -             | -                |
|                               |               |           |               |               | <u>13,125</u>    |
| TWDV                          | 15,000        | 13,125    | 33,750        | 37,500        |                  |
| <b>2015 (1/1/14-31/12/14)</b> |               |           |               |               |                  |
| AA                            | -             | 13,125    | -             | -             | <u>13,125</u>    |
| TWDV/NV                       | <u>15,000</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>33,750</u> | <u>37,500</u> |                  |
|                               | =====         | =====     | =====         | =====         |                  |

### Suggested to question 3(b)

Limitations to the incentives granted to taxpayers under the Industrial Development Income Tax Relief Act.

These include:

- i. Losses of the pioneer period shall be relievable against the assessable profit of the 1<sup>st</sup> tax year of the new trade only if the loss has been certified by the relevant tax authority. This means that for such loss to be acceptable to the tax authority, it must be an adjusted loss acceptable to the relevant tax authority;
- ii. Qualifying capital expenditure (QCE): All QCE acquired during the pioneer period, used for the purpose of the pioneer business shall be treated as newly acquired assets of the company on the first day of the new business commenced after the pioneer period. However, the relevant tax authority must agree with the pioneer company on the values stated; and
- iii. Dividend declared by a pioneer business to its shareholders during the pioneer period shall be exempted from withholding tax provided that such dividend is not declared out of loss. This is stated in section 17 of the relevant Act. Profits made in any of the pioneer years are credited to this account while losses made are debited to the account. At the point of declaring dividend, the balance of this

account must cover the amount declared. Otherwise, such dividend shall be subjected to the principle of tracing to individual recipient for the purpose of charging withholding tax.

### Marking guide

| Description  | Marks    | Marks     |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Letter of advice;  |          |           |
| Letter head  |          |           |
| - Name of the consulting firm  | 1        |           |
| - Address of consulting firm   | 1        |           |
| Date on the letter of advice   | 1        |           |
| Address of client  | 1        |           |
| Subject matter of letter   | 1        |           |
| Introduction   | 1        |           |
| Body of the letter   |          |           |
| - Comment on company income tax  | ½        |           |
| - Comments on education tax  | ½        |           |
| Conclusion   |          |           |
| - For: JAA & co  | 1        |           |
| - Name of writer   | ½        |           |
| - Designation of writer  | ½        |           |
| Workings   |          |           |
| - For each ticks of 60 aside sub-totals = 0.1 mark                           | <u>6</u> | 15        |
| <br>   |          |           |
| b. the tax office is only interested in adjusted losses and not 'net profit' | 1        |           |
| - The QCE must be certified by the tax authority                             | 1        |           |
| - Reference to section 17 account  | 1        |           |
| - Description of the use of section 17 account                               | <u>2</u> | <u>5</u>  |
|  |          | <u>20</u> |

## Suggested solution to question 4

### MEMORANDUM

(a) Date: October 15, 2017  
To: The Managing Director  
From: Tax Controller  
Subject: Re: Tax Matters

With reference to our discussion in your office on October 10, 2017, I wish to comment as follows:

#### i. **Double/multiple taxation**

Double taxation occurs when a taxpayer is outside his own country and is subject to tax in both his country and country of residence. For instance, income brought into Nigeria would have been subjected to tax in the foreign country in accordance with that country's tax laws. If the same income is further subjected to tax in Nigeria, this will amount to double taxation.

Similarly, income accruing in Nigeria to a non-resident would have been taxed in accordance with the Nigerian tax laws and if also taxed in the foreign country where the taxpayer is domiciled, this amounts to double taxation.

Multiple taxation is a situation in which more than one tier of government charges tax or levies on the same income, assets or financial transactions of a taxpayer.

#### ii. **Double taxation treaty**

Where a Nigerian company earns foreign income which is included in its chargeable profit for a year of assessment, and is subjected to Nigerian tax, the foreign income received in Nigeria in most cases, would have been taxed in the country where the income is derived from and also in Nigeria where it is received. This results in double taxation as it would appear that the company receiving the income is being penalized for earning foreign income.

In order to minimize the negative effect on international trade, and to attract foreign investment, Nigeria has signed bilateral taxation treaties with many countries. Such treaties provide reliefs to Nigerian companies earning foreign income already taxed.

#### iii. **Multiple taxation in Nigeria**

This is a tax regime in which more than one tier of government levies or taxes the same income, assets or financial transactions. An example is a situation in which the Federal Inland Revenue Service assesses and collects Value Added Tax (VAT) on taxpayers and some States Internal Revenue Service also impose sales tax on the same taxpayer.

Multiplicity of taxes in Nigeria is affecting companies negatively to the extent that a number of companies are either reducing their work force or relocating to a more favourable economic environment.

**iv. Measures put in place to reduce cases of Multiplicity of Taxes**

The Taxes and Levies (Approved list for collection) Act, Cap T2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, was amended by a Schedule to the Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) (Act Amendment) Order, 2015, to accommodate more taxes and levies collectible by each tier of government in order to reduce cases of multiplicity of taxes.

The 1999 Constitution also provides in Part II, that no tax should be imposed on the same person by more than one state.

**v. Withholding tax**

This is an advance payment of tax which is deducted at source on certain transactions and later applied (where it is not a final tax) as tax credit to settle the income tax liability of the year to which the payment that suffered the deduction relates.

Withholding tax is deductible at the point of payment or when credit is taken whichever comes earlier. Tax withheld is to be remitted within 21 days from the date the duty to deduct arose or when it was deducted, whichever is earlier.

**vi. Penalty for non-deduction/non-remittance**

For non-deduction or non-remittance within 21 days from the date the duty to deduct arose or when it was deducted, whichever is earlier, the company or individual shall be liable to a penalty of 10% in addition to the amount of tax not deducted/remitted plus interest at the prevailing commercial rate.

**(b) Legislative powers on tax matters**

The power to legislate on taxation rests on the National Assembly (Senate and House of Representatives) and the State Assemblies.

**(c) Deduction of withholding tax/ PAYE and relevant tax authority**

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|--|--|
| i. Fees on technical agreement -       | Withholding tax payable to Federal Inland Revenue Service                                    |
| ii. Non - executive directors -        | Withholding tax on fees payable to State Internal Revenue where such directors are resident. |
| iii. Non - resident director -         | Withholding tax is the final tax and it is payable to Federal Inland Revenue Service.        |
| iv. Dividend payable to shareholders - | Withholding tax to State Internal Revenue Service where such individual shareholders are     |

resident and Federal Inland Revenue Service in case of corporate bodies.

v. Dividend payable to individuals in Kogi State - Withholding tax of ₦37,500 payable to Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (KSIR)

vi. Land purchased from Alhaji Garuba in Abuja- Capital gains tax to Kano State Internal Revenue Service

vii. Five employees in Suleja - PAYE payable to Niger State Internal Revenue Service.

## MARKING GUIDE

|  | Marks    | Marks            |
|--|----------|------------------|
| a. Explanation of the following;   |          |                  |
| Double/multiple taxation   | 2        |                  |
| Double taxation treaty   | 2        |                  |
| Multiple taxation in Nigeria   | 2        |                  |
| Measures put in place to reduce multiple taxation                            | 2        |                  |
| Withholding tax  | 2        |                  |
| Penalty for non-deduction  | <u>2</u> | 12               |
| b. Legislative powers on tax matters   |          | 4                |
| c. Withholding tax/relevant authority<br>(One mark each for any four points) |          | <u>4</u>         |
|  |          | <u><u>20</u></u> |



## Suggested solution to question 5

### Ekoro Oil (Nig.) Ltd

#### a. Computation of adjusted posted price

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
|                       | ₦             |
| Posted price          | 20.55         |
| Adjustment            | <u>(0.55)</u> |
| Adjusted posted price | <u>20.00</u>  |

#### Computation of chargeable tax for 2014 tax year

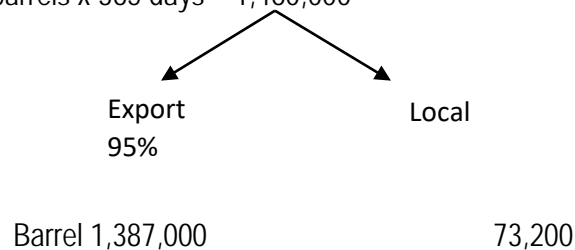
|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
|   | ₦                 |
| Value of crude oil export:                                  |                   |
| Fiscal value of oil as computed (w1)                        | <u>27,740,000</u> |
| Value of oil as stated in accounts                          | <u>26,353,000</u> |
| Fiscal value of oil (higher of the two above)               | 27,740,000        |
| Add domestic sales  | <u>1,095,000</u>  |
| Net fiscal value of chargeable oil                          | 28,835,000        |
| Balancing charge  | <u>15,000</u>     |
| Total income  | 28,850,000        |
| Deduct:   |                   |
| Production cost   | 584,000           |
| Transportation cost   | 1,500,000         |
| Salaries  | 500,000           |
| General overhead  | 70,000            |
| Bank charges and interest                                   | 75,000            |
| Interest of bills payable                                   | 93,000            |
| Interest on loan from subsidiary company at commercial rate | 160,000           |
| Non-producing rent  | 60,000            |
| Customs duties  | 30,000            |
| Harbor due  | 24,000            |
| Royalties and producing rentals                             | 6,500,000         |
| Intangible drilling cost                                    | 1,500,000         |
| Royalties on domestic fees                                  | 292,000           |
| Tertiary education tax                                      | <u>223,294</u>    |
| Assessable profit   | <u>11,611,294</u> |
| Tax relief  | 17,238,706        |
|   | =                 |

|   |                  |                    |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
|   |                  | 17,238,706         |
| b. Assessable profit                        |                  |                    |
| Capital allowance                           |                  | <u>(2,150,000)</u> |
| c. Chargeable profit                        |                  | <u>15,088,706</u>  |
| d. Assessable tax @ 85%                     |                  | 12,825,400         |
| Less: Investment tax credit (ITC)           |                  |                    |
| (50% of chargeable profit)                  |                  | <u>(7,544,353)</u> |
| e. Chargeable tax                           |                  | <u>5,281,047</u>   |
| Share of chargeable tax:                    |                  |                    |
| NNPC (30%)                                  |                  | <u>1,584,314</u>   |
| Ekoro (70%)                                 |                  | <u>3,696,733</u>   |
| f. Total tax payable by Ekoro Oil (Nig) Ltd | ₦                | ₦                  |
| Petroleum profits tax                       |                  |                    |
| Chargeable tax                              |                  | 3,696,733          |
| Tertiary education tax                      |                  | 223,294            |
| <u>Companies income tax (CIT)</u>           |                  |                    |
| Income from oil transportation              | 4,000,000        |                    |
| Less: Expenses                              | <u>1,500,000</u> |                    |
|   | <u>2,500,000</u> |                    |
| CIT @ 30%                                   |                  | 750,000            |
| Tertiary education tax                      |                  | 50,000             |
| Capital gains tax                           |                  |                    |
| Proceeds from disposal of asset             | 1,100,000        |                    |
| Cost of asset                               | <u>(500,000)</u> |                    |
| Capital gains                               | <u>600,000</u>   |                    |
| Capital gains tax @10%                      |                  | <u>60,000</u>      |
| Total tax liabilities                       |                  | <u>4,780,027</u>   |

### Workings

#### 1. Computation of net fiscal value of oil

$$4,000 \text{ barrels} \times 365 \text{ days} = 1,460,000$$



Fiscal value of chargeable oil using the adjusted posted price

$$1,387,000 \text{ barrels} \times \text{₦}20 = \text{₦}27,740,000$$

2. Tertiary education tax

$$(\text{N}28,850,000 - \text{N}11,388,000 - 0) \times 2/102 \\ = \text{N}223,294.$$

3. Capital allowance

Lower of

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | N                 |
| Capital allowance b/f              | 250,000           |
| Add annual allowance               | <u>1,700,000</u>  |
|                                    | 1,950,000         |
| Add Petroleum investment allowance | <u>200,000</u>    |
|                                    | <u>2,150,000</u>  |
| And                                |                   |
| 85% of assessable profit           |                   |
| 85% x N17,194,118                  | 14,615,000        |
| Less 170% x N200,000               | <u>340,000</u>    |
|                                    | <u>14,275,000</u> |

Marking guide

| Description  | Marks     |
|--|-----------|
| a. Calculation of adjusted posted price ½ for each of the 3 ticks  | 1½        |
| b. Assessable profit: ½ mark for each of 20 ticks                  | 10        |
| c. Chargeable profit/ capital allowance ½ mark for each of 5 ticks | 2½        |
| d. Assessable tax  | 1         |
| e. Chargeable tax  |           |
| - Investment tax credit  | 1         |
| - Share of NNPC  | 1         |
| - Share of Ekoru Oil (Nig) Ltd                                     | 1         |
| f. Total tax payable   |           |
| - ¼ mark for each of 8 ticks                                       | <u>2</u>  |
|  | <u>20</u> |

Suggested solution to question 6a.

**MR. GOODYGOODY  
COMPUTATION OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX  
FOR 2013, 2014 AND 2015 TAX YEARS**

|   | ₱             | ₱                |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Property A (2015 tax year)</b>           |               |                  |
| Consideration received                      |               | 150,000          |
| Deduct incidental selling exp.              |               | <u>2,000</u>     |
|   |               | 148,000          |
| <u>Deduct cost of acquisition:</u>          |               |                  |
| Cost  | 50,000        |                  |
| Additions                                   | <u>30,000</u> | <u>80,000</u>    |
| Capital gains tax                           |               | 68,000           |
|   |               | =====            |
| Capital gains at 10%                        |               | ₱6,800           |
|   |               | =====            |
| <b>Property B (2014 tax year)</b>           |               |                  |
| Consideration received                      |               | 100,000          |
| <u>Deduct cost of acquisition</u>           |               |                  |
| [A_] x C;    ₱100,000 x (₱95,000)           |               |                  |
| [A+ B]      [₱100,000 + ₱70,000]            |               | <u>55,882</u>    |
| Capital gains                               |               | 44,118           |
|   |               | =====            |
| Capital gains tax at 10%                    |               | ₱4,411.8         |
|   |               | =====            |
| <b>Property B (2015 tax year)</b>           |               |                  |
| Consideration received                      |               | 80,000           |
| Deduct cost of property; ₱(95,000 - 55,882) |               | <u>39,118</u>    |
| Capital gains                               |               | <u>40,882</u>    |
| Capital gains tax at 10%                    |               | ₱4,088.2         |
|   |               | =====            |
| <b>Property C (2013 tax year)</b>           |               |                  |
| Market value of property C                  |               | 200,000          |
| Deduct: incidental selling exp.             |               | <u>3,500</u>     |
|   |               | 196,500          |
| <u>Deduct cost of property</u>              |               |                  |
| Cost  | 90,000        |                  |
| Additional cost                             | <u>15,000</u> | <u>(105,000)</u> |
| Capital gain                                |               | 91,500           |
|   |               | =====            |
| Capital gains tax at 10%                    |               | ₱9,150           |
|   |               | =====            |

### Suggested solution to question 6b

A person is deemed to be connected to another person for the purpose of computing capital gains tax when:

- (i) The individual is connected with his/her spouse and with his/her relatives and their spouses;
- (ii) The trustee of a settlement is connected with the settlor of that settlement, and with any person connected with the settlor;
- (iii) The partner is connected with the person with whom he is in partnership and with the spouse or relative of that person;
- (iv) The company is connected with another company if –
  - o The same person controls both, or
  - o One is controlled by a person who has control of the other in conjunction with persons connected with him, or
  - o A person controls one company and persons connected with him control the other or
  - o The same group of persons controls both, or
  - o The companies are controlled by separate group which can be regarded as the same by interchanging connected persons.
- (v) The company is connected with another person who (either alone or with persons connected with him) has control of it; and
- (vi) Persons acting to secure or exercise control of a company are treated in relation to that company as connected with each other and with any other person acting on the direction of any of them to secure or exercise such control.

'Relative' is also defined in the Act as meaning, brother, sister, ancestral or lineal descendant.

### Marking guide

| Description                                 | Marks | Marks     |
|---|-------|-----------|
| a. computation of capital gains tax payable |       |           |
| - identification of the taxpayer            | ½     |           |
| - identification of tax years               | ½     |           |
| CGT computation process                     |       |           |
| - ¾ mark for each tick of 20 ticks          | 15    | 16        |
| b. ½ mark for each of 8 ticks               |       | <u>4</u>  |
|   |       | <u>20</u> |