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Taxation Determination

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Ruling

1. Yes. Subsection 711-45(4) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*¹ provides that the amount of an intra-group liability for the purpose of applying subsection 711-45(1) is the market value of the corresponding asset of the member of the group at the time of deregistration.

¹ All legislative references are to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* unless otherwise stated.

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Date of effect

2. This Determination applies both before and after its date of issue. However, the Determination will not apply to taxpayers to the extent that it conflicts with the terms of settlement of a dispute agreed to before the date of issue of the Determination (see paragraphs 75 and 76 of Taxation Ruling TR 2006/10).

Commissioner of Taxation

2 May 2007

Appendix 1 – Explanation

❶ *This Appendix is provided as information to help you understand how the Commissioner's view has been reached. It does not form part of the binding public ruling.*

Explanation

3. Taxation Determination TD 2006/59² explains that the unsatisfied debts of a subsidiary at the time of deregistration are recognised as accounting liabilities under subsection 711-45(1) because, in accordance with accounting standards and statements of accounting concepts made by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), they are liabilities of the subsidiary at the leaving time that can or must be identified in the subsidiary's statement of financial position.

4. Subsection 711-45(4) modifies the operation of subsection 711-45(1) in respect of intra-group liabilities:

If an accounting liability of the leaving entity is owed to a *member of the old group, the amount to be added for the liability is the *market value of the corresponding asset of the member.

5. Where a liquidated subsidiary has an outstanding liability to another member of the consolidated group at the time of its deregistration, it is likely that the corresponding asset of the other member will have little or no value.³ If the market value of the corresponding asset is nil then, in accordance with section 711-45, there will be no amount subtracted for that intra-group liability under step 4 in the table in subsection 711-20(1). If the liquidated subsidiary has no other unsatisfied liabilities, the amount remaining after step 4 will not be negative and the head company will not be taken to have made a capital gain under CGT event L5.

² Income tax: consolidation: subsidiary in liquidation – are unsatisfied debts of a subsidiary at the time of deregistration, being debts owed to creditors outside of the consolidated group, accounting liabilities for the purposes of subsection 711-45(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*?

³ The likelihood of previously unidentified funds or assets coming to light and the prospects for reinstatement of the subsidiary would be factors relevant to the determination of the market value of the corresponding asset.

References

Previous draft:

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Related Rulings/Determinations:

TD 2006/59; TR 2006/10

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- consolidation - exiting
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- liquidation

- member of a group
- ownership, interests, control & rights
- single entity rule
- subsidiary company
- subsidiary member of a consolidated group
- voluntary liquidation
- wholly owned
- wholly owned subsidiary

Legislative references:

- ITAA 1997 711-20(1)
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- ITAA 1997 711-45(4)
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