

**Agreement  
between  
the States of Guernsey  
and  
the Principality of Liechtenstein  
for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion  
with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital**

**Preamble**

The States of Guernsey and the Principality of Liechtenstein, hereinafter referred to as “Contracting Parties” –

Whereas the Contracting Parties wish to develop their relationship by cooperating to their mutual benefits in the field of taxation;

Whereas the Contracting Parties wish to conclude an Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital; and

Whereas it is acknowledged that the States of Guernsey has the right, under the terms of the Entrustment from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, to negotiate, conclude, perform and subject to the terms of this Agreement terminate a double taxation agreement with Liechtenstein –

have agreed as follows:

**Article 1  
Persons covered**

This Agreement shall apply to persons who are residents of one or both of the Contracting Parties.

**Article 2  
Taxes covered**

1. This Agreement shall apply to taxes on income and on capital imposed on behalf of a Contracting Party or of its political subdivisions or local authorities, irrespective of the manner in which they are levied.
2. There shall be regarded as taxes on income and on capital all taxes imposed on total income, on total capital, or on elements of income or of capital, including taxes on gains from the alienation of movable or immovable property, taxes on the total amounts of wages or salaries paid by enterprises, as well as taxes on capital appreciation.

3. The existing taxes to which the Agreement shall apply are in particular:

- a) in the Principality of Liechtenstein:
  - (i) the personal income tax (Erwerbssteuer);
  - (ii) the corporate income tax (Ertragssteuer);
  - (iii) the corporation taxes (Gesellschaftssteuern);
  - (iv) the real estate capital gains tax (Grundstücksgewinnsteuer);
  - (v) the wealth tax (Vermögenssteuer); and
  - (vi) the coupon tax (Couponsteuer);(hereinafter referred to as ("Liechtenstein tax"));
- b) in Guernsey:
  - (i) income tax;(hereinafter referred to as "Guernsey tax").

4. This Agreement shall apply also to any identical or substantially similar taxes that are imposed after the date of signature of the Agreement in addition to, or in place of, the existing taxes. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall notify each other of any significant changes that have been made in their taxation laws which may affect matters covered by the Agreement.

### **Article 3**

#### **General definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) the terms "a Contracting Party" and "the other Contracting Party" mean the Principality of Liechtenstein or Guernsey as the context requires;
- b)
  - (i) the term "Liechtenstein" means the Principality of Liechtenstein, and, when used in a geographical sense, the area in which the tax laws of the Principality of Liechtenstein apply;
  - (ii) the term "Guernsey", means the States of Guernsey and, when used in a geographical sense, means Guernsey, Alderney and Herm, and the territorial sea adjacent thereto, in accordance with international law, save that any reference to the law of Guernsey is to the law of the island of Guernsey as it applies there and in the islands of Alderney and Herm;
- c) the term "business" includes the performance of professional services and of other activities of an independent character;
- d) the term "company" means any body corporate or any entity that is treated as a body corporate for tax purposes;
- e) the term "competent authority" means:
  - (i) in Liechtenstein, the Fiscal Authority;
  - (ii) in Guernsey, the Director of Income Tax or his delegate;

- f) the term “enterprise” applies to the carrying on of any business;
- g) the terms “enterprise of a Contracting Party” and “enterprise of the other Contracting Party” mean respectively an enterprise carried on by a resident of a Contracting Party and an enterprise carried on by a resident of the other Contracting Party;
- h) the term “international traffic” means any transport by a ship or aircraft operated by an enterprise that has its place of effective management in a Contracting Party, except when the ship or aircraft is operated solely between places in the other Contracting Party;
- i) the term “investment fund” means:
  - (i) in Liechtenstein, an „Organismus für gemeinsame Anlagen in Wertpapieren (OGAW)“ within the meaning of the Law on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities of 28 June 2011, LGBI. 2011, No. 295 (UCITSG), an “Investmentunternehmen für andere Werte oder Immobilien” within the meaning of the “Gesetz über Investmentunternehmen für andere Werte oder Immobilien” of 19 May 2005, LGBI. 2005, No. 156 (IUG), as well as any other investment fund, arrangement or entity established in either Contracting Party which the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties agree to regard as a collective investment vehicle for the purpose of this paragraph;
  - (ii) in Guernsey, any collective investment scheme or fund, in which the purchase, sale or redemption of shares or other interests is not implicitly or explicitly restricted to a limited group of investors.
- j) the term “national”, in relation to a Contracting Party, means:
  - (i) in the case of Liechtenstein, any individual possessing the nationality or citizenship of Liechtenstein, and any person other than an individual deriving its status as such from the laws in force in Liechtenstein;
  - (ii) in the case of Guernsey, any individual who has a place of abode in Guernsey and possesses British citizenship, and any legal person, partnership or association deriving its status as such from the law of Guernsey.
- k) the term “pension scheme” means:
  - (i) in Liechtenstein, any arrangement within the meaning of the “Gesetz über die betriebliche Pensionsvorsorge” of 20 October 1987, LGBI. 1988, No. 12 (BPVG) including the associated regulations;
  - (ii) in Guernsey, any pension arrangement established in Guernsey the income of which is exempted from Guernsey tax under section 40 of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975, as amended;
- l) the term “person” includes an individual, a company, a dormant inheritance and any other body of persons.

2. As regards the application of the Agreement at any time by a Contracting Party, any term not defined therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning that

it has at that time under the law of that Contracting Party for the purposes of the taxes to which the Agreement applies, any meaning under the applicable tax laws of that Contracting Party prevailing over a meaning given to the term under other laws of that Contracting Party.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Resident**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “resident of a Contracting Party” means any person who, under the laws of that Party, is liable to tax therein by reason of his domicile, residence, place of management or any other criterion of a similar nature and also includes that Party and any political subdivision or local authority thereof and investment funds. This term, however, does not include any person who is liable to tax in that Party in respect only of income from sources in that Party or capital situated therein.
2. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 an individual is a resident of both Contracting Parties, then his status shall be determined as follows:
  - a) he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which he has a permanent home available to him; if he has a permanent home available to him in both Parties, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party with which his personal and economic relations are closer (centre of vital interests);
  - b) if the Party in which he has his centre of vital interests cannot be determined, or if he has not a permanent home available to him in either Party, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which he has an habitual abode;
  - c) if he has an habitual abode in both Parties or in neither of them, he shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party of which he is a national;
  - d) if he is a national of both Parties or of neither of them, the competent authorities of the Parties shall settle the question by mutual agreement.
3. Where by reason of the provisions of paragraph 1 a person other than an individual is a resident of both Parties, then it shall be deemed to be a resident only of the Party in which its place of effective management is situated.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Permanent establishment**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “permanent establishment” means a fixed place of business through which the business of an enterprise is wholly or partly carried on.
2. The term “permanent establishment” includes especially:
  - a) a place of management;

- b) a branch;
- c) an office;
- d) a factory;
- e) a workshop; and
- f) a mine, an oil or gas well, a quarry or any other place of extraction of natural resources.

3. A building site or construction or installation project constitutes a permanent establishment only if it lasts more than twelve months.

4. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, the term “permanent establishment” shall be deemed not to include:

- a) the use of facilities solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise;
- b) the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of storage, display or delivery;
- c) the maintenance of a stock of goods or merchandise belonging to the enterprise solely for the purpose of processing by another enterprise;
- d) the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of purchasing goods or merchandise or of collecting information, for the enterprise;
- e) the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for the purpose of carrying on, for the enterprise, any other activity of a preparatory or auxiliary character;
- f) the maintenance of a fixed place of business solely for any combination of activities mentioned in subparagraphs a) to e), provided that the overall activity of the fixed place of business resulting from this combination is of a preparatory or auxiliary character.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, where a person – other than an agent of an independent status to whom paragraph 6 applies – is acting on behalf of an enterprise and has, and habitually exercises, in a Contracting Party an authority to conclude contracts in the name of the enterprise, that enterprise shall be deemed to have a permanent establishment in that Party in respect of any activities which that person undertakes for the enterprise, unless the activities of such person are limited to those mentioned in paragraph 4 which, if exercised through a fixed place of business, would not make this fixed place of business a permanent establishment under the provisions of that paragraph.

6. An enterprise shall not be deemed to have a permanent establishment in a Contracting Party merely because it carries on business in that Party through a broker, general commission agent or any other agent of an independent status, provided that such persons are acting in the ordinary course of their business.

7. The fact that a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party controls or is controlled by a company which is a resident of the other Contracting Party, or which carries on business in that other Party (whether through a permanent establishment or otherwise), shall not of itself constitute either company a permanent establishment of the other.

## **Article 6**

### **Income from immovable property**

1. Income derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from immovable property (including income from agriculture or forestry) situated in the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party.

2. The term “immovable property” shall have the meaning which it has under the law of the Contracting Party in which the property in question is situated. The term shall in any case include property accessory to immovable property, livestock and equipment used in agriculture and forestry, rights to which the provisions of general law respecting landed property apply, usufruct of immovable property and rights to variable or fixed payments as consideration for the working of, or the right to work, mineral deposits, sources and other natural resources; ships, boats and aircraft shall not be regarded as immovable property.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply to income derived from the direct use, letting, or use in any other form of immovable property.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 shall also apply to the income from immovable property of an enterprise.

## **Article 7**

### **Business profits**

1. Profits of an enterprise of a Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that Party unless the enterprise carries on business in the other Contracting Party through a permanent establishment situated therein. If the enterprise carries on business as aforesaid, the profits that are attributable to the permanent establishment in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 may be taxed in that other Party.

2. For the purposes of this Article and Article 22, the profits that are attributable in each Contracting Party to the permanent establishment referred to in paragraph 1 are the profits it might be expected to make, in particular in its dealings with other parts of the enterprise, if it were a separate and independent enterprise engaged in the same or similar activities under the same or similar conditions, taking into account the functions performed, assets

used and risks assumed by the enterprise through the permanent establishment and through the other parts of the enterprise.

3. Where, in accordance with paragraph 2, a Contracting Party adjusts the profits that are attributable to a permanent establishment of an enterprise of one of the Contracting Parties and taxes accordingly profits of the enterprise that have been charged to tax in the other Party, the other Party shall, to the extent necessary to eliminate double taxation on these profits, make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the tax charged on those profits. In determining such adjustment, the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall if necessary consult each other.

4. Where profits include items of income which are dealt with separately in other Articles of this Agreement, then the provisions of those Articles shall not be affected by the provisions of this Article.

## **Article 8**

### **Shipping and air transport**

1. Profits from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party in which the place of effective management of the enterprise is situated.

2. If the place of effective management of a shipping enterprise is aboard a ship, then it shall be deemed to be situated in the Contracting Party in which the home harbour of the ship is situated, or, if there is no such home harbour, in the Contracting Party of which the operator of the ship is a resident.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to profits from the participation in a pool, a joint business or an international operating agency.

## **Article 9**

### **Associated enterprises**

1. Where

- a) an enterprise of a Contracting Party participates directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of the other Contracting Party; or
- b) the same persons participate directly or indirectly in the management, control or capital of an enterprise of a Contracting Party and an enterprise of the other Contracting Party;

and in either case conditions are made or imposed between the two enterprises in their commercial or financial relations which differ from those which would be made between independent enterprises, then any profits which would, but for those conditions, have

accrued to one of the enterprises, but, by reason of those conditions, have not so accrued, may be included in the profits of that enterprise and taxed accordingly.

2. Where a Contracting Party includes in the profits of an enterprise of that Party – and taxes accordingly – profits on which an enterprise of the other Party has been charged to tax in that other Party and the profits so included are profits which would have accrued to the enterprise of the first-mentioned Party if the conditions made between the two enterprises had been those which would have been made between independent enterprises, then that other Party shall make an appropriate adjustment to the amount of the tax charged therein on those profits. In determining such adjustment, due regard shall be had to the other provisions of this Agreement and the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall if necessary consult each other.

## **Article 10**

### **Dividends**

1. Dividends paid by a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party to a resident of the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party, provided that the beneficial owner of the dividends is a resident of that other Party.

2. The term “dividends” as used in this Article means income from shares, “jouissance” shares or “jouissance” rights, mining shares, founders’ shares or other rights, not being debt-claims, participating in profits, as well as income from other corporate rights which is subjected to the same taxation treatment as income from shares by the laws of the Party of which the company making the distribution is a resident.

3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the dividends, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party of which the company paying the dividends is a resident through a permanent establishment situated therein and the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

4. Where a company which is a resident of a Contracting Party derives profits or income from the other Contracting Party, that other Party may not impose any tax on the dividends paid by the company, except insofar as such dividends are paid to a resident of that other Party or insofar as the holding in respect of which the dividends are paid is effectively connected with a permanent establishment situated in that other Party, nor subject the company’s undistributed profits to a tax on the company’s undistributed profits, even if the dividends paid or the undistributed profits consist wholly or partly of profits or income arising in such other Party.



## **Article 11**

### **Interest**

1. Interest arising in a Contracting Party and paid to a resident of the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party, provided that the beneficial owner of the interest is a resident of that other Party.
2. The term “interest” as used in this Article means income from debt-claims of every kind, whether or not secured by mortgage and whether or not carrying a right to participate in the debtor’s profits, and in particular, income from government securities and income from bonds or debentures, including premiums and prizes attaching to such securities, bonds or debentures. However, the term “interest” shall not include income referred to in Article 10. Penalty charges for late payment shall not be regarded as interest for the purpose of this Article.
3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the interest, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party in which the interest arises through a permanent establishment situated therein and the debt-claim in respect of which the interest is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.
4. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the interest, having regard to the debt-claim for which it is paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting Party, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

## **Article 12**

### **Royalties**

1. Royalties arising in a Contracting Party and beneficially owned by a resident of the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party.
2. The term “royalties” as used in this Article means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.
3. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply if the beneficial owner of the royalties, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party in which the royalties arise through a permanent establishment situated therein and the right or property in respect of which the royalties are paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

4. Where, by reason of a special relationship between the payer and the beneficial owner or between both of them and some other person, the amount of the royalties, having regard to the use, right or information for which they are paid, exceeds the amount which would have been agreed upon by the payer and the beneficial owner in the absence of such relationship, the provisions of this Article shall apply only to the last-mentioned amount. In such case, the excess part of the payments shall remain taxable according to the laws of each Contracting Party, due regard being had to the other provisions of this Agreement.

### **Article 13**

#### **Capital gains**

1. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from the alienation of immovable property referred to in Article 6 and situated in the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party.

2. Gains from the alienation of movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting Party has in the other Contracting Party, including such gains from the alienation of such a permanent establishment (alone or with the whole enterprise), may be taxed in that other Party.

3. Gains from the alienation of ships or aircraft operated in international traffic or movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships or aircraft, shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party in which the place of effective management of the enterprise is situated.

4. Gains derived by a resident of a Contracting Party from the alienation of shares deriving more than 50 per cent of their value directly or indirectly from immovable property situated in the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that other Party.

5. Gains from the alienation of any property, other than that referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party of which the alienator is a resident.

### **Article 14**

#### **Income from employment**

1. Subject to the provisions of Articles 15, 17 and 18, salaries, wages and other similar remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in respect of an employment shall be taxable only in that Party unless the employment is exercised in the other Contracting Party. If the employment is so exercised, such remuneration as is derived therefrom may be taxed in that other Party.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in respect of an employment exercised in the other Contracting Party shall be taxable only in the first-mentioned Party if:

- a) the recipient is present in the other Party for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 183 days in any twelve month period commencing or ending in the fiscal year concerned; and
  - b) the remuneration is paid by, or on behalf of, an employer who is not a resident of the other Party; and
  - c) the remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment which the employer has in the other Party.
3. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Article, remuneration derived in respect of an employment exercised aboard a ship or aircraft operated in international traffic may be taxed in the Contracting Party in which the place of effective management of the enterprise is situated.

#### **Article 15** **Directors' fees**

Directors' fees and other similar payments derived by a resident of a Contracting Party in his capacity as a member of the board of directors or a similar board of a company, a body corporate or of a special asset dedication which is a resident of the other Contracting Party, may be taxed in that other Party.

#### **Article 16** **Artistes and sportsmen**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7 and 14, income derived by a resident of a Contracting Party as an entertainer, such as a theatre, motion picture, radio or television artiste, or a musician, or as a sportsman, from his personal activities as such exercised in the other Contracting Party, may be taxed in that other Party.
2. Where income in respect of personal activities exercised by an entertainer or a sportsman in his capacity as such accrues not to the entertainer or sportsman himself but to another person, that income may, notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7 and 14, be taxed in the Contracting Party in which the activities of the entertainer or sportsman are exercised.
3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to income derived from activities exercised in a Contracting Party by an artiste or a sportsman if the visit to that Party is wholly or mainly supported by public funds of one or both of the Contracting Parties or political subdivisions or local authorities or some other legal entity under public law of that Party. In such case, the income shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party in which the artiste or the sportsman is a resident.

## **Article 17**

### **Pensions**

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 18, pensions and other similar remuneration (including lump sum payments) paid to a resident of a Contracting Party in consideration of past employment or self-employment shall be taxable only in that Party.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, pensions and other payments made under the social security legislation of a Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that Party.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, pensions and other similar remuneration (including lump-sum payments) arising in a Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that Party, provided that such payments derive from contributions paid to, or from provisions made under, a pension scheme by the recipient or on his behalf or from contributions made by an employer to a pension scheme and to the extent that such contributions, provisions or the pensions or other similar remuneration (including lump sum payments) have been subjected to tax or have been tax deductible in that Party under the ordinary rules of its tax laws.

## **Article 18**

### **Government service**

1.
  - a) Salaries, wages and other similar remuneration paid by a Contracting Party, a political subdivision or a local authority thereof or some other legal entity under public law of that Party to an individual in respect of services rendered to that Party, subdivision or authority or other legal entity under public law of that Party shall be taxable only in that Party.
  - b) However, such salaries, wages and other similar remuneration shall be taxable only in the other Contracting Party if the services are rendered in that Party and the individual is a resident of that Party who:
    - (i) is a national of that Party; or
    - (ii) did not become a resident of that Party solely for the purpose of rendering the services.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, pensions and other similar remuneration (including lump sum payments) paid by, or out of funds created by, a Contracting Party or a political subdivision or a local authority thereof or some other legal entity under public law of that Party to an individual in respect of services rendered to that Party, subdivision or authority or other legal entity under public law of that Party shall be taxable only in that Party.
3. The provisions of Articles 14, 15, 16, and 17 shall apply to salaries, wages, pensions, and other similar remuneration (including lump sum payments) in respect of services rendered in connection with a business carried on by a Contracting Party, a political subdivision or a local authority thereof or some other legal entity under public law of that Party.

## **Article 19**

### **Students**

Payments which a student or business apprentice who is or was immediately before visiting a Contracting Party a resident of the other Contracting Party and who is present in the first-mentioned Party solely for the purpose of his education or training receives for the purpose of his maintenance, education or training shall not be taxed in that Party, provided that such payments arise from sources outside that Party.

## **Article 20**

### **Other income**

1. Items of income of a resident of a Contracting Party, wherever arising, not dealt with in the foregoing Articles of this Agreement shall be taxable only in that Party.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not apply to income, other than income from immovable property as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 6, if the recipient of such income, being a resident of a Contracting Party, carries on business in the other Contracting Party through a permanent establishment situated therein and the right or property in respect of which the income is paid is effectively connected with such permanent establishment. In such case the provisions of Article 7 shall apply.

## **Article 21**

### **Capital**

1. Capital represented by immovable property referred to in Article 6, owned by a resident of a Contracting Party and situated in the other Contracting Party, shall be taxable only in that other Party.
2. Capital represented by movable property forming part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting Party has in the other Contracting Party may be taxed in that other Party.
3. Capital represented by ships and aircraft operated in international traffic and by movable property pertaining to the operation of such ships and aircraft shall be taxable only in the Contracting Party in which the place of effective management of the enterprise is situated.
4. All other elements of capital of a resident of a Contracting Party shall be taxable only in that Party.

**Article 22**  
**Elimination of double taxation**

1. Subject to the provisions of the laws of Liechtenstein regarding the elimination of double taxation, which shall not affect the general principle hereof, double taxation shall be eliminated as follows:

- a) where a resident of Liechtenstein derives income or owns capital which, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in Guernsey, Liechtenstein shall, subject to the provisions of subparagraphs b) and c), exempt such income or capital from tax, but may nevertheless, in calculating the amount of tax on the remaining income or capital of such resident, take into account the exempted income or capital;
- b) where a resident of Liechtenstein derives items of income which, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 14, 15, and 16, may be taxed in Guernsey, Liechtenstein shall credit against Liechtenstein tax on this income the tax paid in accordance with the law of Guernsey and with the provisions of this Agreement. The amount of tax to be credited shall not, however, exceed the Liechtenstein tax due on the income derived from Guernsey;
- c) income from dividends within the meaning of Article 10 paid by a company that is a resident of Guernsey to a company that is a resident of Liechtenstein and that are not deductible in determining the profits of the payer, shall not be taxed in Liechtenstein.

2. Subject to the provisions of the laws of Guernsey regarding the allowance as a credit against Guernsey tax of tax payable in a territory outside Guernsey (which shall not affect the general principle hereof):

- a) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph c), where a resident of Guernsey derives income which, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, may be taxed in Liechtenstein, Guernsey shall allow as a deduction from the tax payable in respect of that income, an amount equal to the income tax paid in Liechtenstein;
- b) such deduction shall not, however, exceed that part of the income tax, as computed before deduction is given, which is attributable to the income which may be taxed in Liechtenstein;
- c) where a resident of Guernsey derives income which, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement shall be taxable only in Liechtenstein, Guernsey may include this income in calculating the amount of tax on the remaining income of such resident.

**Article 23**  
**Non-discrimination**

1. Nationals of a Contracting Party shall not be subjected in the other Contracting Party to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith, which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which nationals of that other Party in the same circumstances, in particular with respect to residence, are or may be subjected. This provision shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1, also apply to persons who are not residents of one or both of the Contracting Parties.
2. Stateless persons who are residents of a Contracting Party shall not be subjected in either Contracting Party to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith, which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which nationals of the Party concerned in the same circumstances, in particular with respect to residence, are or may be subjected.
3. The taxation on a permanent establishment which an enterprise of a Contracting Party has in the other Contracting Party shall not be less favourably levied in that other Party than the taxation levied on enterprises of that other Party carrying on the same activities. This provision shall not be construed as obliging a Contracting Party to grant to residents of the other Contracting Party any personal allowances, reliefs and reductions for taxation purposes on account of civil status or family responsibilities which it grants to its own residents.
4. Except where the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 9, paragraph 4 of Article 11, or paragraph 4 of Article 12, apply, interest, royalties and other disbursements paid by an enterprise of a Contracting Party to a resident of the other Contracting Party shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable profits of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been paid to a resident of the first-mentioned Party. Similarly, any debts of an enterprise of a Contracting Party to a resident of the other Contracting Party shall, for the purpose of determining the taxable capital of such enterprise, be deductible under the same conditions as if they had been contracted to a resident of the first-mentioned Party.
5. Enterprises of a Contracting Party, the capital of which is wholly or partly owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more residents of the other Contracting Party, shall not be subjected in the first-mentioned Party to any taxation or any requirement connected therewith which is other or more burdensome than the taxation and connected requirements to which other similar enterprises of the first-mentioned Party are or may be subjected.
6. The provisions of this Article shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2, apply to taxes of every kind and description.

## **Article 24**

### **Mutual agreement procedure**

1. Where a person considers that the actions of one or both of the Contracting Parties result or will result for him in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, he may, irrespective of the remedies provided by the domestic law of those Parties, present his case to the competent authority of the Contracting Party of which he is a resident or, if his case comes under paragraph 1 of Article 23, to that of the Contracting Party of which he is a national. The case must be presented within three years from the first notification of the action resulting in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. The competent authority shall endeavour, if the objection appears to it to be justified and if it is not itself able to arrive at a satisfactory solution, to resolve the case by mutual agreement with the competent authority of the other Contracting Party, with a view to the avoidance of taxation which is not in accordance with this Agreement. Any agreement reached shall be implemented notwithstanding any time limits in the domestic law of the Contracting Parties.

3. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to resolve by mutual agreement any difficulties or doubts arising as to the interpretation or application of this Agreement. They may also consult together for the elimination of double taxation in cases not provided for in this Agreement.

4. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may communicate with each other directly, including through a joint commission consisting of themselves or their representatives, for the purpose of reaching an agreement in the sense of the preceding paragraphs.

5. Where,

- a) under paragraph 1, a person has presented a case to the competent authority of a Contracting Party on the basis that the actions of one or both of the Contracting Parties have resulted for that person in taxation not in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and
- b) the competent authorities are unable to reach an agreement to resolve that case pursuant to paragraph 2 within two years from the presentation of the case to the competent authority of the other Contracting Party;

any unresolved issues arising from the case shall be submitted to arbitration if the person so requests. These unresolved issues shall not, however, be submitted to arbitration if a decision on these issues has already been rendered by a court or administrative tribunal of either Party. Unless a person directly affected by the case does not accept the mutual agreement that implements the arbitration decision, that decision shall be binding on both Contracting Parties and shall be implemented notwithstanding any time limits in the domestic laws of the Parties. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall by mutual agreement settle the mode of application of this paragraph.



## **Article 25**

### **Exchange of information**

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall exchange such information as is foreseeably relevant for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement or to the administration or enforcement of the domestic laws concerning taxes of every kind and description imposed on behalf of the Contracting Parties, or of their political subdivisions or local authorities, insofar as the taxation thereunder is not contrary to this Agreement. The exchange of information is not restricted by Articles 1 and 2.

2. Any information received under paragraph 1 by a Contracting Party shall be treated as secret in the same manner as information obtained under the domestic laws of that Party and shall be disclosed only to persons or authorities (including courts and administrative bodies) concerned with the assessment or collection of, the enforcement or prosecution in respect of, the determination of appeals in relation to the taxes referred to in paragraph 1, or the oversight of the above. Such persons or authorities shall use the information only for such purposes. They may disclose the information in public court proceedings or in judicial decisions.

3. In no case shall the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 be construed so as to impose on a Contracting Party the obligation:

- a) to carry out administrative measures at variance with the laws and administrative practice of that or of the other Contracting Party;
- b) to supply information which is not obtainable under the laws or in the normal course of the administration of that or of the other Contracting Party;
- c) to supply information which would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret or trade process, or information the disclosure of which would be contrary to public policy (*ordre public*).

4. If information is requested by a Contracting Party in accordance with this Article, the other Contracting Party shall use its information gathering measures to obtain the requested information, even though that other Party may not need such information for its own tax purposes. The obligation contained in the preceding sentence is subject to the limitations of paragraph 3 but in no case shall such limitations be construed to permit a Contracting Party to decline to supply information solely because it has no domestic interest in such information.

5. In no case shall the provisions of paragraph 3 be construed to permit a Contracting Party to decline to supply information solely because the information is held by a bank, other financial institution, nominee or person acting in an agency or a fiduciary capacity or because it relates to ownership interests in a person.

**Article 26**  
**Members of diplomatic missions and consular posts**

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the fiscal privileges of members of diplomatic missions or consular posts under the general rules of international law or under the provisions of special agreements.

**Article 27**  
**Protocol**

The attached Protocol shall be an integral part of this Agreement.

**Article 28**  
**Entry into force**

1. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other in writing, through appropriate channels, that the procedures required by its law for the entry into force of this Agreement have been satisfied. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last notification.
2. This Agreement shall have effect:
  - a) in respect of taxes withheld at source, to income derived on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which this Agreement enters into force; and
  - b) in respect of other taxes on income and taxes on capital, to taxes chargeable for any taxable year beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which this Agreement enters into force.

**Article 29**  
**Termination**

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by a Contracting Party. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement, through appropriate channels, by giving notice of termination at least six months before the end of any calendar year beginning after the expiration of a period of five years from the date of its entry into force. In such event, this Agreement shall cease to have effect:

- a) in respect of taxes withheld at source, to income derived on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which the notice is given; and
- b) in respect of other taxes on income and taxes on capital, to taxes chargeable for any taxable year beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which the notice is given.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Vaduz this 5 day of June 2014 and at St Peter Port this 11 day of June 2014, in duplicate, in the English and German languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the States of Guernsey



For the Government of the  
Principality of Liechtenstein



## **Protocol**

At the signing today of the Agreement between the States of Guernsey and the Principality of Liechtenstein for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital, the undersigned have agreed that the following provisions shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

1. With reference to Article 4 (Resident):

For the avoidance of doubt, it is understood that for the purposes of the Agreement;

- a) a Liechtenstein foundation (“Stiftung”) or establishment (“Anstalt”) taxable in Liechtenstein by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 44 of the Liechtenstein Tax Act is considered as a resident of Liechtenstein;
- b) a Guernsey foundation created under the Foundations (Guernsey) Law, 2012, and taxable in Guernsey by virtue of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975, as amended, is a resident of Guernsey;
- c) an organisation that is established and is operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, cultural, or educational purposes (or for more than one of those purposes) and that is a resident of a Party according to its laws, notwithstanding that all or part of its income or gains may be exempt from tax under the domestic law of that Party, is considered as a resident of that Party.

2. With reference to Article 15 (Director’s fees) it is understood that the expression “special asset dedication” has the meaning given to it under Article 65 of the Liechtenstein Tax Act.

3. With reference to Article 25 (Exchange of information):

It is understood that for the purposes of the Agreement;

*Entry into force*

- a) this Article only obliges the Contracting Parties to exchange information upon request and only in respect of taxable periods beginning on or after 1 January of the calendar year next following the year in which this Agreement enters into force;

*Object and scope of the agreement*

- b) exchange of information according to paragraph 1 of Article 25 refers to information that is foreseeably relevant to the determination, assessment and collection of taxes covered by paragraph 1 of Article 25 with respect to persons subject to such taxes, or the investigation of tax matters or prosecution of criminal tax matters in relation to such persons;

### *Confidentiality*

- c) all information provided and received by the competent authorities of a Contracting Party shall be kept confidential. In particular, the information exchanged:
  - (i) may not be used for any purpose other than for the purposes stated in paragraph 1 of Article 25 without the express written consent of the competent authority of the requested Contracting Party; and
  - (ii) must not be disclosed to any other territory not party to this Agreement;
- d) personal data may be transmitted to the extent necessary for the exchange of information according to Article 25 and subject to the provisions of the law of the supplying Contracting Party;

### *Possibility of declining a request*

- e) in addition to the circumstances described in paragraph 3 of Article 25, a request for exchange of information can be declined, if:
  - (i) the information is requested by the applicant Contracting Party to administer or enforce a provision of the tax law of the applicant Party, or any requirement connected therewith, which discriminates against a national of the requested Contracting Party as compared with a national of the applicant Contracting Party in the same circumstances;
  - (ii) the applicant Contracting Party has not pursued all means available in its own territory to obtain the information, except where recourse to such means would give rise to disproportionate difficulty;

### *Exchange of information upon request*

- f) any request for information shall be formulated with the greatest detail possible and in all cases shall specify in writing:
  - (i) the identity of the person under examination or investigation; it is understood that it is not necessary to provide the name of the person in order to define its identity, if this identity can be deduced from equivalent elements;
  - (ii) the taxable period for which the information is sought;
  - (iii) the nature of the information sought and the form in which the applicant Contracting Party would prefer to receive it;
  - (iv) the tax purpose for which the information is sought;
  - (v) grounds for believing that the information requested is foreseeably relevant to the administration and enforcement of the domestic tax laws of the applicant Contracting Party with regard to the person specified in subparagraph (i);
  - (vi) grounds for believing that the information requested is held in the requested Contracting Party or is in the possession or control of or obtainable by a person within the jurisdiction of the requested Party;
  - (vii) to the extent known, the name and address of any person believed to be in possession or control of or able to obtain the requested information;
  - (viii) a statement that the request is in conformity with the law and administrative practices of the applicant Contracting Party, that if the requested information

- was within the jurisdiction of the applicant Party then the competent authority of the applicant Party would be able to obtain the information under the laws or in the normal course of administrative practice of the applicant Party and that it is in conformity with this Agreement; and
- (ix) a statement that the applicant Contracting Party has pursued all means available in its own territory to obtain the information, except where that would give rise to disproportionate difficulties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Protocol.

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