# 1. PUBLIC RULING 5/2004

We wish to inform members that the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has released Public Ruling No. 5/2004 on DOUBLE DEDUCTION INCENTIVE ON RESEARCH EXPENDITURE.

The Public Ruling is available for downloading from the Inland Revenue Board's website at <a href="http://www.hasilnet.org.my/melayu/pdf/Ketetapan Umum5-2004.pdf">http://www.hasilnet.org.my/melayu/pdf/Ketetapan Umum5-2004.pdf</a> (Malay version)

http://www.hasilnet.org.my/english/pdf/ruling 5 (2004).pdf (English version)

or at <a href="http://www.mit.org.my">http://www.mit.org.my</a> (English version only).

Regards,

#### 1. FORM E SUBMISSION

The dateline for the submission of Form E has been extended to the 31st of March 2005. This extension has been duly given in view of the fact that the form will only be released to the public on the 29th of January 2005.

#### 2. MIT TAX HANDBOOK

The Institute launched its first ever MIT Tax Handbook in August 2004 in conjunction with the National Tax Conference 2004 and was officiated by the Second Finance Minister, Y.B Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop. To date the response towards the 600 page manual covering a wide range of tax related topics has been overwhelming.

We have now released a CD ROM containing a complete compilation of the Institute's technical circulars of the last 11 years. The CD ROM is a value added service by the Institute to the subscribers of the MIT Tax Handbook. Those who have already purchased the Handbook will be receiving a copy of the CD ROM. For those who have yet to purchase the Handbook, you can do so at a special member's price of RM200 (for both the Handbook and the CD ROM). The order form can be downloaded from the Institute's website at <a href="https://www.mit.org.my">www.mit.org.my</a>.

Kindly contact Ms Mohana Devi at 03-7729 8989 for more information.

Regards,

#### 1. REFORM OF THE MALAYSIAN TAXATION SYSTEM

The Government has invited the relevant government and non-government organisations to submit issues with regards to the above. The Institutes have presented a memorandum to the Taxation System Reform Panel on this matter for its due consideration in formulating the reformation of our tax system. A copy of the same can be obtained from the MIT website.

The Institutes would like to provide the Taxation Review System Panel with more suggestions and would like to involve its members in this exercise. Members are welcome to contribute by giving us their opinion/comments/thoughts on areas of taxation laws & practice that will be considered under the reform, which for now is limited to the following 3 areas:-

- i) The Income Tax Act 1967
- ii) Stamp Act 1949
- iii) Real Property Gains Tax 1976

We encourage members to actively participate in this exercise as it is a valuable opportunity to voice their opinions on various areas of tax law & practice.

#### 2. OPERATIONAL DIALOGUE NO 1/2005

The Inland Revenue Board (IRB) will be convening an operational dialogue with the Institute on a date to be confirmed by the IRB soon. The dialogue is expected to proceed soon.

#### 3. TAXPAYERS MONTH

The IRB will be launching the Taxpayers Month soon in conjunction with the self assessment system. The IRB will be opening counters at high traffic public places such as shopping complexes to assist taxpayers to fill up their income tax forms.

#### 4. FINANCE ACT 2004

The Finance Act 2004 was gazetted on the 30th of December 2004. A copy of the Finance Act can now be obtained from the MIT website.

#### 5. ENGLISH VERSION OF FORM B/BE WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES

The English version of Form B/BE with the explanatory notes can now be obtained from the Institute website. The forms are posted in the Technical Section of the website.

# 6. 1ST QUARTER 2005 CPD PROGRAMME

The CPD Programme for the first quarter of 2005 can now be viewed and downloaded from www.mit.org.my.

#### **FEEDBACK**

On another note, the Institute would like feedback from members on areas of tax law & practice that they require training. This will help the Institute in providing more relevant training programs in the future.

Members are cordially invited to submit their views and comments to the Institute, to the attention of Nursalmi Haslina via fax at 03-7729 1631 or via e-mail, to nur@mit.org.mv.

#### 7. PUBLIC RULINGS

#### **FEEDBACK**

To date, the IRB has released approximately 24 rulings over the past 5 years. The Institute would like to have member's feedback/comments, if any, on these rulings.

#### **RULING FOR GREY AREAS**

The Institute would like to invite members to come forward and suggest grey areas of tax laws for which a ruling would assists to clarify the law and practice.

Members are cordially invited to submit their views, comments and issues to the Institute, to the attention of Mohamed Hafiz via fax at 03-7729 1631 or via e-mail, to mohamedhafiz@mit.org.my.

The Institute looks forward to receive your comments and suggestions.

# 8. PEMBANGUNAN SUMBER MANUSIA BERHAD (AMENDMENT OF FIRST SCHEDULE) ORDER 2005

With effect from 1 January 2005, 10 new industries from the services sector will be required to pay training levy to the HRDB which also includes auditing, accounting and taxation industry. Employers from these sectors are required to pay an amount equivalent to 1% of the employees' salaries for the levy.

The Order and some general information can now be viewed and downloaded from www.mit.org.my in the Technical section.

#### 9. CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

As part of the Institute's continuing endeavor to improve the level of services to its members, the Institute has been providing an option for members to receive their Circular to Members via electronic mail. Due to the instantaneous nature of electronic mail, members who opt to receive Circulars to Members via electronic mail will enjoy the benefit of receiving the Circulars to Members earlier. Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to receive the Institutes Circular to Members via electronic mail or to update your records.

I wish to confirm that my e-mail address is as follows:-

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Regards,

CHOW KEE KAN

3 February 2005 Circular No. 4/2005

# TO ALL MEMBERS

1. Minutes of Dialogue with the Technical Division of the IRB held on the 20th of October 2004

We would like to inform members that the IRB has released the minutes of a dialogue held with the Technical Division of the IRB on the 20th October 2004. The minutes may be downloaded from the Institute's website (www.mit.org.my).

Regards,

#### 1. Public Ruling 1/2005

We wish to inform members that the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has released Public Ruling No. 1/2005 on COMPUTATION OF TOTAL INCOME FOR INDIVIDUAL.

The Public Ruling is available for downloading from the Inland Revenue Board's website at <a href="http://www.hasilnet.org.my/melayu/pdf/ketetapan Umum 1(2005).pdf">http://www.hasilnet.org.my/melayu/pdf/ketetapan Umum 1(2005).pdf</a> (Malay version)

http://www.hasilnet.org.my/english/pdf/ruling1(2005).pdf (English version)

or at <a href="http://www.mit.org.my">http://www.mit.org.my</a> (English version only).

# 2. Invitation For Contribution on National Budget 2006

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) is expected to invite the relevant Institutes and Associations to convene a pre-budget dialogue soon. The Institute, has in the past, presented a memorandum to the Minister for its due consideration in formulating the National Budget and will be presenting a memorandum for the National Budget 2006.

The Institute therefore welcomes relevant proposals from its members to be incorporated into the memorandum. Members are cordially invited to submit their proposals to the Institute, to the attention of Ms Eow Siew Lee via fax at 03-7729 1631 or via e-mail, to siewlee@mit.org.mv.

The Institute looks forward to receiving your comments and suggestions by 31 March 2005.

# 3. Taxpayers Month

The IRB has released the schedule listing the location of its counters in the respective states. Please refer to the IRB's website at <a href="https://www.hasilnet.org.my">www.hasilnet.org.my</a> for the detailed listing.

# 4. Workshop On Self Assessment System For Individuals & Form B Training

The Institute will be organising the above workshop on 9 March 2005 at the Cititel Midvalley, Kuala Lumpur. For more details on the workshop, please refer to our website at www.mit.org.my

Regards,

25 March 2005 Circular No. 6/2005

#### TO ALL MEMBERS

1. Minutes of Dialogue with the Operational Division of the IRB held on the 16th of February 2005

We would like to inform members that the IRB has released the minutes of a dialogue held with the Operational Division of the IRB on the 16th February 2005. The minutes may be downloaded from the Institute's website (www.mit.org.my).

2. Unresolved issues in the Minutes of Dialogue with the Royal Customs Department No 1/2004

We would like to inform members that the Royal Customs Department has released a response in matters pertaining to unresolved issues in dialogue No 1/2004. The response may be downloaded from the Institute's website (www.mit.org.my).

Regards,

12 April 2005 Circular No. 7/2005

#### TO ALL MEMBERS

# 1. E-Filing Application for Form BE, E-Filling and E-Filing Application for Form R for the Year of Assessment 2004

We would like to inform members that the application to file Form BE and R electronically through internet has been released by the IRB. This can be done by using the E-Filing and E-Filling application available for downloading from the IRB's website, <a href="www.hasilnet.org.my">www.hasilnet.org.my</a> through E-Perkhidmatan.

# 2. Technical Dialogue Issues

In view of the Technical Dialogue with the Inland Revenue Board that would be held later in the year, we would like to invite members to submit issues and comments to the Secretariat by the 31st of May 2005.

Regards,

# 1. Paragraph 2.8, Minutes of Dialogue with the Operations Division of the IRB (No 1/2005)

In relation to paragraph 2.8 of the above Minutes, the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has further clarified that the concession for companies with December year-ends to submit their Forms C and R (and received by the IRB) on or before 14 August 2005 without penalty also includes the payment of tax payable under Section 103(1). A copy of the IRB's letter dated 20 April 2005 is enclosed for your reference.

# 2. Extension of Hours at Processing Centre, Pandan Indah

To facilitate the submission of Form BE, the Processing Centre in Pandan Indah will extend their operation until 6.00p.m. on Saturday, 30th April 2005.

Regards,

CHOW KEE KAN

# 1. Minutes of Meeting – Customs-Private Sector Consultative Panel 1/2005

We would like to inform members that the Royal Malaysian Customs has released the minutes of the Customs-Private Sector Consultative Panel 1/2005 meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2005. The said minutes is available for downloading from the *Technical* section of the Institute's website (*www.mit.org.my*).

Regards,

CHOW KEE KAN

#### 1. Council for 2005/2006

Pursuant to the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on the 14th of May 2005, we wish to inform members that the following are the Institute's Council members and office bearers for the term 2005/2006:-

President : Tuan Haji Abdul Hamid bin Mohd Hassan

Deputy President : Mr SM Thanneermalai
Vice President : Mr Nujumudin bin Mydin
Vice President : Mr Lim Heng How

Secretary : Mr Harpal Singh Dhillon
Council members : Dr Ahmad Faisal bin Zakaria
Mr Androwy Kole Kong Siana

Mr Andrew Kok Keng Siong Mr Aruljothi a/l Kanagaretnam

Dr Jeyapalan Kasipillai Mr Khoo Chin Guan Mr Liew Lee Leong Mr Lim Kah Fan Mr Neoh Chin Wah Dr Veerinderjeet Singh Mr Venkiteswaran Sankar

Mr Yeo Eng Hui

Regards,

MR. HARPAL SINGH DHILLON