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DEDUCTION FOR EXPENDITURE ON ISSUANCE OF SUKUK

Income Tax (Deduction For Expenditure On Issuance Of Sukuk) Rules 2015 [P.U.(A) 318-2015]

The above Rules have been gazetted on 30 December 2015 and will have effect from YA 2016 to YA 2018.

Definitions

The following terms are defined in Rule 2:

| Term | Meaning |
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| company | A company resident in Malaysia and |
| | (a) incorporated under the Companies Act 1965; or |
| | (b) incorporated under the Labuan Companies Act 1990. |
| sukuk | Sukuk structured pursuant to – |
| | (a) the principle of <i>ljarah</i> ; or |
| | (b) the principle of <i>Wakalah,</i> comprising a mixed component of asset and debt. |

Tax Incentive

Under Rule 3, a deduction is allowed in ascertaining adjusted income from the business of a company for the basis period for a year of assessment, in an amount which is equal to the expenditure incurred by the company on the issuance of sukuk -

- (a) approved or authorized by, or lodged with, the Securities commission under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007: or
- (b) approved by the Labuan Financial Services Authority established under the Labuan Financial Services Authority Act 1996.

Members may read the Rules in full at the official website of the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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