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The R&D Tax Incentive

Introductory Notes

Introduction

The Federal Government's R&D Tax Incentive has been designed to provide generous rebates or tax breaks to support and encourage Australian R&D.

45% **refundable tax offset**
for turnover less than \$20m

40% **non-refundable tax offset**
all other eligible entities
up to \$20 B

Via the incentive, companies conducting eligible R&D in Australia may be entitled to up to a 45% Federal rebate on their R&D expenses, either as a direct cash refund from the ATO, or as a reduction on the tax liability for profitable enterprises. For companies doing R&D, and particularly for companies with limited funds, this cash refund can be a particularly effective method of R&D support.

In addition, it is worth noting that companies that register their R&D activities for the 2012-2013 financial year may also become eligible to apply for quarterly payments from 1 January 2014 – this is a further benefit of the rebate program to assist companies with managing critical cash flows.

More information about the R&D Tax Incentive can be found at:

<http://www.usindustry.gov.au/programs/innovation-rd/rd-taxincentive/pages/default.aspx>

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About Us

Access RnD is a boutique independent specialist tax consultancy on the R&D Tax Incentive program as well as Export Market Development Grant (EMDG), and other Federal Government funding programmes, including the AusIndustry Commercialisation Australia grants programme.

Our independent status is important. As we do not provide general tax or accounting consultancy services, we are not subject to conflicts of interest. Instead, we work with you and your existing tax agent in a collaborative, mutually beneficial fashion.

Our two consultants offer the best skills required to maximise the value of our services:

Rod Campbell has worked with the R&D Tax programmes since they were first introduced in 1985. He has over 30 years of specialist consulting experience in these areas including the role of policy adviser on the EMDG scheme. He is the current Chairman of the Export Consultants Group and on the Board of the Export Council of Australia.

Rod knows the rules 'chapter and verse', and has the skills and long experience to lead our industry.

Dave Sammut has degrees in both science and business, and has worked for 20 years in active R&D, R&D corporate management and commercialisation, and in professional communications to government and investor audiences. Dave specialises in facilitating the effective communications between different technical and non technical disciplines, with a track record in creating value through innovation.

Access RnD's Services

Our role is to:

Prepare and lodge your completed SmartForm:

- Understand your R&D, and to advise you on the identification and allocation of your R&D;
- Support and advise you in ensuring that your R&D is structured to create maximum value for your firm;
- Provide guidance on record-keeping of evidence of your eligible R&D activity;
- Assist you with preparing a full description of your R&D in a form that AusIndustry should recognise and understand;
- Ascertain and/or advise on the calculation of eligible R&D expenditures, as they relate to both "core" and "supporting" R&D activities.

Prepare the ATO Tax Schedule for you:

- Prepare the ATO form, and supply the completed form to you (and if requested, your tax adviser)

Represent your company in your dealings with AusIndustry and the ATO in relation to your R&D claim.

Acting on a success-fee basis at benchmark low costs for the industry, our specialist staff work directly with our clients to generate solid results.

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Fee Structure

Our fees are success based and generally a Minimum Fee applies for each R&D Tax year Registration.

Our Warranty

Access RnD stands behind its work. Our standard fee includes our services in the event of a future audit of an R&D Tax Incentive claim prepared by us.

It is noted that AusIndustry has stated its intention to conduct both random and targeted audits for a percentage of the R&D Tax Incentive claims each year.

Other Useful Documents

Access RnD has also produced two documents to assist our clients in better understanding the R&D Tax Incentive programme:

- “Optimising Value from Your RnD”; and
- “Guidance Notes: Preparing Information for Your AusIndustry SmartForm”
- “The Export Market Development Grant: Introductory Notes”

***Access RnD looks forward to working with you
to maximise the value from your R&D***

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