

In the international business environment and in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba the pace of tax change is accelerating. Our clients need up-to-date information to comply with the latest regulatory changes as well as professional advice on the various options available.

KPMG's Tax & Legal Services is one of the leading professional tax advisory firms within the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. We provide our clients with a wide array of tax strategies for an increasingly complex tax environment. Our services range from tax advice and compliance through tailored tax adapted approaches and systems. We invest heavily in our technical skills so that we can provide our clients, whatever their size or industry, with the advice to help optimize their tax strategy. We help to keep you ahead of tax changes through services that include:

### **Business Tax Services**

Whether it's developing diversified strategies to help reduce tax liabilities or enhancing the tax planning function, KPMG can provide industry-focused tax approaches to help meet your business challenges. KPMG's Business Tax Services practice develops and delivers diversified strategies to help reduce a company's effective tax rate through the following services:

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Profit Tax advice and compliance
- Tax Litigation: representation in administrative procedures with the Court of Appeal in tax related matters
- Tax Incentives / Tax Holidays
- Employment Compensation and Benefits: reduce the costs and boost the performance of your employees through compensation and benefits programs

# **International Corporate Tax Services**

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- Helping find the suitable vehicles for the business through our International Tax Planning Services
- International Expatriate Services: compliance, advisory and administrative services to assist your international workforce
- Helping reduce tax related risks and costs of inter-company transactions with the help of Transfer Pricing Services

#### **Indirect Taxes**

Indirect taxes can impact businesses in more ways than is often realized. While they can represent major cost and compliance burdens, they can also provide additional sources of cash flow for some businesses, and are therefore opportunities.

KPMG understands that staying on top of indirect tax can be a challenge. That's why we provide a range of services such as tax audits and tax scans, to identify potential problem areas and we work with our clients to improve their compliance processes. We offer indirect tax services in the following areas:

- Turnover Tax
- Customs and Excise duties.

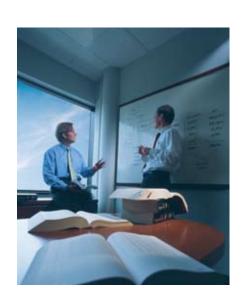
#### **Personal Tax**

Managing relationships with the tax authorities are not just an issue for corporations; it's an equally important requirement for individual taxpayers. Increasing personal wealth requires the effective use of tax legislation, combined with a professional approach to communication and negotiation with the Inspectorate of Taxes. We seek to build long-term relationships that give us an in-depth understanding of our clients needs and ambitions, and we use that understanding to develop progressive, practical strategies that actively contribute to the building of wealth. We offer:

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- Personal Tax Planning
- Trust and Estate Tax Services
- Inheritance Tax Planning
- Financial Planning
- Pension Advice



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Ralph Palm, Partner KPMG Tax & Legal Services

#### **Tax Compliance**

The interests of our clients are continuously reviewed in the light of new developments in law and practice during regular compliance work such as:

- Preparation and filing of tax returns; and
- Calculation of taxes due and verifying the correctness of tax assessments.

### **Industry Focus**

In addition, each of these products is finely tuned to focus on the particular issues and opportunities that exist within such highly regulated industries as banking, insurance, and telecommunications. Drawing on our industry knowledge allows us to understand our clients' unique business issues and quickly respond with clear and practical tax advice. Through continuous education, industry-focused training, and first-hand experience, our tax professionals have gained an in-depth understanding of each sector and the complex issues it faces daily.

#### The KPMG Advantage

- Up-to-the-minute advice our experience is based on knowledge of the latest legislation, cases and announcements.
- Influential we maintain high level working relationships with government agencies and committees.
- Well-rounded perspective we work to help ensure that you can make informed business decisions, taking account of all direct and indirect tax consequences, and that short and long-term implications are considered;
- A team that delivers our tax professionals can handle the business implications of tax, as well as the tax implications of business.

# Local Knowledge combined with Global Resources

KPMG in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba is part of the international network of KPMG member firms. Nearly 100,000 KPMG professionals in member firms worldwide collaborate across industry, service and national boundaries to deliver professional services from 748 offices in 148 countries. An enormous amount of in-depth industry knowledge is available to our practice through this network where skilled member firm professionals are active in a wide range of industry sectors. In this way your organization can benefit from the knowledge and skills from some of the best KPMG tax professionals across the world.



KPMG's Tax & Legal Services is part of KPMG in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, one of the leading providers of Audit, Tax and Advisory services within the region. Active from offices on Curaçao, Aruba, St. Maarten, Bonaire and Suriname our knowledgeable and industry—focused professionals provide our clients with a wide array of services to help meet their business challenges.

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