



MAURITIUS REVENUE AUTHORITY

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To : All Companies

Dear Sir/Madam

CORPORATE TAX RETURN & ADVANCE PAYMENT SYSTEM

As you are aware, the Finance Act 2007 introduced significant changes as regards filing of annual income tax returns and payment of tax by companies. The purpose of this circular letter is to draw your attention to the under-mentioned new obligations incumbent upon companies so that you may ensure compliance therewith.

(a) Corporate Tax Return

Every company, whether or not it is a taxpayer, is now required to file its annual return **not later than six months** from the end of the month in which its accounting year ends.

Companies whose accounting year ended between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007, should file the annual return for the Year of Assessment 2008-2009 on or before 30 September 2008. The annual return in respect of any accounting year ended after 31 December 2007 should be filed **not later than six months** from the end of the month in which the accounting year ends. The Statement of Practice (SP 01/07) issued by MRA on this subject is available on the MRA website.

(b) Advance Payment System (APS)

Besides the annual return, companies are now also required to file, under the Advance Payment System, quarterly APS Statements and to pay tax in accordance thereof. These requirements apply as from 1 July 2008 for companies whose turnover in respect of the year of Assessment 2008-2009 exceeds Rs. 100 million and as from 1 July 2009 for all other companies.

The table below shows, in respect of each month in which a company's accounting year ends, the due date for filing of the first APS Statement by companies whose turnover in respect of the year of assessment 2008-2009 exceeds Rs 100 million. It is to be noted that an APS Statement is required to be filed in respect of any quarter for which the due date falls on or after 1 July 2008.

<i>Accounting year ended in the month of</i>	<i>Due date for first APS Statement</i>	<i>APS Statement for Quarter ended</i>
July	31 July 2008	30 April 2008
August	31 August 2008	31 May 2008
September	30 September 2008	30 June 2008
October	31 July 2008	30 April 2008
November	31 August 2008	31 May 2008
December	30 September 2008	30 June 2008
January	31 July 2008	30 April 2008
February	31 August 2008	31 May 2008
March	30 September 2008	30 June 2008
April	31 October 2008	31 July 2008
May	30 November 2008	31 August 2008
June	31 December 2008	30 September 2008

(c) Payment of tax in three annual instalments

Any company which pays tax under APS during the Year of Assessment 2008-2009 may pay the tax payable in accordance with its annual return for that Year of Assessment in 3 equal instalments payable by the due date for submission of its annual return for the Years of Assessment 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Companies, which will file APS statements as from 1 July 2009 may avail of the same facility in respect of the tax payable for the Year of Assessment 2009-2010.

(d) Electronic Filing of Corporate Tax Return & APS Statement

All companies deriving gross income and exempt income exceeding Rs 30 million have the legal obligation to file annual returns and pay tax electronically. Failure to file electronic returns carries a penalty of 20 per cent of the tax payable (maximum Rs. 100,000) or Rs. 5,000 rupees where no tax liability is declared in the return.

Companies may file returns/statements and pay tax electronically to MRA using the Mauritius Network Services (MNS) system. Relevant application forms are available on the MRA website. Alternatively, companies may request an E-Filing Service Centre to do the electronic filing on their behalf. A list of approved E-Filing Service Centres is also available on MRA website.

For further information you may contact our Customer Service Help Desk on the ground floor of MRA Headquarters at the address indicated below or phone on our hotline 207 6010. We rely on your understanding and usual co-operation.

Yours faithfully



**D. Ramdin
for Director-General**