

# Qualasept Holdings Limited Tax Strategy 2019



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This tax strategy document sets out our approach to managing the Group's tax affairs. It has been approved by our Board and is subject to periodic review.

## About us

**Qualasept Holdings Limited** is the parent company of Qualasept Pharmaxo Holdings Limited, which is in turn the operating holding company of Bath ASU, Pharmaxo, Microgenetics Limited and Corsham Science Limited. The Group is an integral part of the local community in which it operates. We believe that the payment of tax on our activities is an important part of how the business contributes to the wider community.



is an aseptic specials manufacturer based in Corsham, Wiltshire. Formed in 2006 from the University of Bath, we are the UK's fastest growing private pharmaceutical company and supply life-changing medicines to over 275 hospitals UK-wide. Every day our team goes home knowing that we have made nearly 3,000 injectable medicines that tomorrow will be used to treat patients fighting cancer, living with long term chronic disease or in need of pain relief.



is a provider of clinical homecare services; our specialist team provides critical medicines for acute and long term conditions including cancer to patients out of hospital.



is our exciting bio-tech start-up company specialising in microbiology, with the mission to help humankind win the war against pathogens.



is engaged in the development of intellectual property arising from software development, and biological and chemical analysis for the pharmaceutical, animal and plant health sectors.

## 2019 total UK tax contribution

We monitor our tax impact in relation to UK matters. For our financial year 2019 we have focused on our total tax contribution as our key measure. In the year ended 30 April 2019 we paid net £2.7M in taxes to the UK economy.

The Group contributes to UK government finances through both taxes borne and taxes collected, whilst it receives a refund of input VAT on purchases related to the provision of zero-rated patient homecare services. The range of taxes we pay includes:

### Taxes Borne

- Corporation tax
- Employer national insurance contributions
- Business rates
- Other taxes including insurance premium tax and vehicle tax

### Taxes Collected

- PAYE income tax
- Employee national insurance contributions
- VAT (excludes VAT related to the provision of patient homecare services)

### Taxes Refunded

- Input VAT related to the provision of patient homecare services

## FY19 total UK tax contribution **£2.7m**



## Compliance with the law

We are committed to being a responsible and compliant taxpayer and we achieve this through robust governance and clearly defined processes and controls.

Our tax affairs are managed by our Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who sits on the Board. Significant tax-related decisions are submitted for consideration to the Board, which has overall responsibility for our tax affairs. The internal audit function provides assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the group's internal controls and risk management processes, which includes tax.

Our CFO delegates the day to day management of our employment tax affairs to the Head of HR and the Group Financial Controller, and of other taxes to the Group Financial Controller. Both are authorised to submit returns and other documentation in relation to their delegated tax affairs on behalf of the Group.

We maintain robust processes and controls that are designed to minimise the risk of errors arising which could impact the amount of tax that we pay. These processes and controls are regularly monitored, reviewed and tested, and underpin the submission of returns for our company and, as an employer, for our staff.

We engage in training our staff to ensure they understand current tax legislation.

## Strategy and planning

The Group's tax planning aims to support the commercial needs of the business by ensuring that its affairs are carried out in the most tax efficient manner, whilst remaining fully compliant with relevant laws in all aspects. When structuring our affairs, we will only ever do so based on sound commercial purposes.

The Group's tax status is reported regularly to the Board by the Chief Financial Officer.

## Risk management

Managing the Group's tax affairs across the many areas of the business is a complex process. We have, therefore, developed a detailed framework of internal controls to provide a robust and comprehensive approach to managing risk in relation to the taxation of our affairs. The framework, along with our other financial and operational systems, is subject to a rolling independent review by our internal Audit Function with results reported to the Board.

There are no pre-defined limits as to the amount of acceptable tax risk; it is judged on an issue by issue basis. Eliminating tax risks entirely is impossible as there will inevitably be risks of error or omission within those processes, which may result in the incorrect application of tax rules or miscalculation of VAT and tax returns. All identified tax risks are assessed on a case by case basis, dependent on the likelihood of occurrence and impact of each risk.

## Dealing with tax authorities

We seek to maintain an open, professional and collaborative relationship with HMRC. This involves the accurate and timely disclosure of all relevant information, and claiming reliefs and incentives, where available, in accordance with applicable legislation.