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Asset protection

Whether for common law or civil law based clients, ILS is able to supply traditional asset protection structures, such as trusts and foundations, in order to protect clients' assets from spurious suits and claims.

Attorney-in-fact service

Our London office provides a confidential and fully documented service to act as witness during the execution of a variety of contracts, agreements and other important documents – particularly useful for overseas clients, who wish to avoid the time and increased cost of travelling to London.

Aircraft registration

The Isle of Man aviation register, designed to attract owners of private, non-commercial aircraft in Europe, opened for business in March 2007. We can provide the planning of the ownership of the aircraft, structuring/establishment of the trust or company, establishment of bank accounts, preparation of the trust deed and associated document and administration and accounting services.

Bank account opening

Almost every company or trust will need a bank account. With our strong relationships with banks we can open accounts with leading banks and in many cases can provide on-line facilities. ILS can provide signatories to maintain confidentiality.

Client accounting

With current compliance standards it is essential that the directors of a company maintain proper accounting records including the preparation of final accounts on an annual basis. In some jurisdictions accounts have to be filed with the registry. Our dedicated client accounting teams in London and Isle of Man can take care of this chore for you.

Company administration

Teams of highly trained administrators in our Isle of Man, BVI, London, Dubai, Switzerland and Uruguay offices look after the day-to-day operation of clients' companies. They deal with meetings, minutes, bank instructions and many other

functions, maintaining close contact and reporting regularly to the client.

Company incorporation

We incorporate companies rapidly and effectively in over 40 countries of the world, both offshore and onshore. With our own offices in several locations and online links to registries we give an unparalleled level of service. ILS incorporations are on a full-service basis with all initial documentation completed and officers appointed where appropriate.

Directors and corporate secretary

Subject to certain safeguards we are able to provide directors and secretaries, whether individual or corporate, for client companies. The services of a qualified resident secretary are mandatory in the case of Isle of Man exempt companies.

Conferences

From time to time ILS arrange and host conferences in various parts of the world aimed at updating professionals on the tax-efficient use of offshore and onshore structures.

Corporate validation service for banks

It is good practice for banks to make checks annually on client companies holding corporate accounts, to ascertain whether they are in good standing, as part of their due diligence procedure. ILS is well placed to help with this time-consuming procedure with on-line connections to many of the registries we work with. Fees are negotiable and confidentiality is assured.

Documentary support

Certificates of good standing, certificates of incumbency, certifies extracts of documents.

Domain name registration

We can establish a domain name resident on our servers. Clients have full control over their mail system and traffic can be routed direct to the client or handled by us as part of our administration service. There is also worldwide access through web mail.

Domiciliation and officers

We can provide the company's registered office as well as the company secretary, directors and

nominee shareholders. Conditions apply to the provision of officers.

Film administration and co-production

ILS's specialist film division meets the challenges of a complex international business by centralising administration offshore, by simplifying the operation and by doing this in the most tax-efficient way. Our service can go right up to day-to-day support in the running of a film project. Our experience in handling royalties and intellectual property is frequently called on by our film industry clients.

Inheritance planning

The protection of wealth, once created, and the ability for this wealth to be passed from generation to generation requires the legitimate avoidance of inheritance taxes. Different countries approach inheritance taxes in different ways. Some encourage the passing of wealth to close family members by applying low rates of tax to such bequests, but much more punitive rates to remoter family or non-family members, whilst some members make an absolute requirement for certain property to be left to certain relatives. Many clients wish to be masters of their own destiny and leave their wealth as they, rather than the state, wish. ILS has a number of wealth protection products which allow clients to dictate who their wealth is left to. Whilst trusts, foundations and life insurance products are the most popular of such products, the simple introduction of an offshore company can achieve remarkably successful solutions for some clients.

In-house seminars

We bring our conferences to you along with confidential training sessions for partners and staff. In many cases CPD points are awarded.

Intellectual property structures

The tax-efficient exploitation of a client's intellectual property can yield startlingly beneficial results. The key to this success is identifying a piece of intellectual property before it has acquired any significant value. Whether the intellectual property is a patent, a copyright or an image right, the successful sale or assignment of this property to an offshore structure and the subsequent licensing structures used to take advantage of various double tax treaties allow ILS's clients to enjoy the

maximum benefit possible from their creative abilities.

International trade structures

Cross border trading often gives rise to tax planning opportunities. Substantial opportunities exist where goods are moving cross border, or across multiple borders, and the use of nominee and agency companies can provide significant taxation reductions. Once profit has been generated there is often the need to remit these profits to the ultimate low tax destination through the use of suitable holding, or tax transparent entities, often incorporated in what are otherwise regarded as high tax jurisdictions.

Invoicing and book keeping

We can undertake offshore invoicing with a service as basic or comprehensive as required. We can also provide the entire administration and book-keeping for your company to trial balance stage, using a variety of software applications.

Laws and publications

Full texts of most offshore company and trust laws can be supplied for a nominal fee. Many are also available for download from our website.

Legalisation and notarisation

All ILS offices are able to provide a very professional service, with a rapid turn around time and very competitive fees, but our London office, in particular, has built up close relationships with many of the Embassies, High Commissions and Consular offices in the City of London.

Letters of credit

Many international trading operations require the establishment of Letters of Credit in order to ensure goods can be shipped from supplier to purchaser. ILS is able to arrange Letters of Credit in the Isle of Man or London in order to facilitate such international trade.

Mail, phone, fax and email

Telephone and fax facilities for clients with active companies at either the level of a shared line or a dedicated line answered with the company name. Messages forwarded by fax or e-mail.

Maritime registry transcripts

Where claims arise in maritime cases it is often vital to ascertain where a vessel is flagged at any given time. ILS can provide transcripts from any shipping register quickly and for a reasonable fee.

Offices and boardroom facilities

Most of our offices have fully equipped boardrooms which can be hired by the day or by the hour for important meetings. Video conferences can be arranged between most major cities in the world. Temporary office facilities can usually be made available.

Offshore companies and VAT

The Isle of Man's special position as an offshore centre within the EU customs area makes it possible to benefit from the use of an offshore company whilst satisfying the EU's VAT requirements. ILS has a wealth of expertise in this area and can establish and administer tax-efficient structures for those trading with the EU.

Powers of attorney

Drafting and legalisation of limited Powers of Attorney.

Property ownership structures

The efficient holding of property can be enormously beneficial from a tax saving point of view. ILS has several specifically designed ownership structures for those owning property in Portugal, France, Greece and a number of other popular locations.

Redomiciliation

As corporate law, tax rates and black lists etc change across the world from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, it can be beneficial to redomicile a company incorporated in one jurisdiction to an alternative jurisdiction. ILS is well placed to be able to assist you in such a process thanks to our worldwide network of contacts. We are able to advise on feasibility and can estimate time and fees. We can then take over all aspects of the process on a time-cost basis, liaising with the client at all stages.

Restoration of companies

ILS can do all the work needed to bring your company up to current standards and ensure that all the legal and statutory requirements are met,

that officers are validly appointed and that the assets are not at risk.

Royalties and intellectual property

Ensuring the most tax efficient means of exploiting a client's intellectual property offers numerous tax planning opportunities. The exact structure used will depend on where the intellectual property was originally domiciled, and where it is to be ultimately exploited. Such structures usually involve both onshore and offshore components to ensure efficient use of double tax treaties, whilst guaranteeing the client the best possible ultimate return.

Safe custody

We offer a secure storage facility at our Isle of Man and BVI offices where bearer shares, which have to be held by us, are maintained. Other confidential or important documents relating to clients' companies can also be held.

Searches

ILS can carry out company searches in any jurisdiction in the world providing basic or detailed information as required. Several ILS offices are on-line to their registries and can respond rapidly. Certificates of incumbency and certificates of good standing can be obtained at the same time or as a separate exercise.

Service of process agency

We accept appointments as service of process agents. Full documentation and instant access to records means an efficient service and we can respond by routing and notifying all parties appropriately.

Ship registration and flagstate consultancy

Our London office has considerable experience in shipping and is in constant touch with key flag states and ship registries. We are thus able to provide an efficient consultancy service for clients seeking alternative flag states for their ships or fleets. We can advise on suitable locations and arrange restriction, and provide corporate structures to own and operate the vessel of fleet.

Tax planning

ILS itself does not offer tax advice, but is able to provide this through a recommended specialist.

Tax residency certificates

When dealing with UK companies, some foreign companies require a Tax residency certificate to prove to their own authorities and auditors that the company they are dealing with is resident in the UK and is paying its corporation tax in the UK. We have been very successful in obtaining and providing these certificates.

Translation services

Using specialist and, where necessary, authorised translators we can help arrange for the translation of documents into any language.

Trusts

Our trust department establishes and administers trusts, usually in the Isle of Man and often to own the shares in an offshore company, providing an additional layer of protection. Trusts may also be established as stand alone tax or asset protection solutions or as part of a structure.

VAT/TVA accounting

Trading structures operating within the newly enlarged European Union will require VAT registration in order to account properly for their purchases and sales, and in order to prevent them suffering VAT which they are unable to recover. ILS can arrange VAT registration in the Isle of Man or the UK and, subject to certain provisions, Ireland also. Such registrations allow clients to operate in a fully compliant manner throughout the EU.

Yacht registration

ILS's shipping specialists register yachts of all sizes in various jurisdictions. Corporate ownership is often required. We can also attend to details like the VHF licence, registering the EPIRBs, setting up MMSI and DSC with numbers and call signs and local registration.