

## AWE Management Limited Tax Strategy

This document, as approved by the board of AWE Management Limited, sets out the Group's approach to conducting its tax affairs and dealing with tax risks for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

### 1. Overview

In compliance with paragraph 19(2) and paragraph 22(2) of schedule 19 of the Finance Act 2016, AWE Management Limited is publishing its tax strategy for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

This publication covers AWE Management Limited and its directly and indirectly held UK subsidiaries.

The principal activities of AWE Management Limited and its directly and indirectly held UK subsidiaries ('AWE') is the management and operation of the Atomic Weapons Establishment; comprising several sites including Aldermaston and Burghfield.

### 2. Tax Risk Management and Governance

AWE conducts all its business with honesty and integrity.

The policies including policies governing its international operations and tax matters are aimed at ensuring compliance with all applicable UK and non-UK laws. Such policies are set by AWE's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, with oversight for the tax function and implementation of tax related policies and procedures led by the Head of Finance.

Tax matters in the UK are managed by the designated Senior Accounting Officer. In operating its tax management and governance processes AWE has a low tolerance for tax risk.

The Group are committed to full compliance with the laws of all jurisdictions in which it operates and aims to pay all relevant taxes in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

### 3. Tax Planning and Acceptable Tax Risk

Given its business is heavily regulated and the customer base is principally government customers, the Group works to maintain its reputation as a compliant contractor, including with respect to tax laws. As a result, the Group strives to be fully aware of the tax implications of the commercial and government transactions it is considering ensuring that they are carried out in the most tax efficient manner, and not in a manner that exposes AWE to undue tax risk.

### 4. Relationship with HMRC

AWE engages with HMRC openly and constructively, based on mutual trust and cooperative compliance. The relationship is overseen by the Senior Accounting Officer with support from the finance team.

The Group's open approach with HMRC assists in its aim to pay all relevant taxes in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, while ensuring that it maintains a transparent working relationship with HMRC.

Where appropriate and possible, the Group engages transparently with HMRC in real time on areas of material uncertainty so that it can minimise tax risk and provide maximum certainty for its tax positions and filings.

Signed on behalf of the AWE Management Limited Group

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Paul Brown

Senior Accounting Officer