

COMPANY FORMATION IN THENETHERLANDS

MAIN FORMS OF COMPANY/BUSINESS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The main forms of a company in The Netherlands are the Private Limited Liability Company (BV) and a public limited liability company (NV).

Private Limited Liability Company (BV)

Share capital

A BV must have a share capital, divided into a number of shares with a par value expressed in Euro, or a currency other than Euro. There are no requirements for a minimum share capital for a BV. It will be sufficient if at least one share with voting rights is held by a party other than the BV.

Payment for shares can be in cash or in kind. Payments in kind are contributions of property and/or other noncash items. These payments are restricted to items that can be objectively appraised. If these payments take place upon incorporation of the BV, the incorporators must describe the contributed assets.

<u>Shares</u>

A BV may only issue registered shares. Besides ordinary shares, a BV may also issue priority shares, to which certain (usually voting) rights are allocated in the articles of association, and preference shares, which entitle the shareholder to fixed dividends that have preference over any dividends on ordinary shares. The voting right is linked to the nominal value of the share. However, it is possible to attach different voting rights to classes of shares (even when the nominal values of the various classes are equal). Moreover, it is possible to create non-voting shares and shares without any profit right. Non-voting shares must give a right to profit.

It is not mandatory to include share transfer restrictions in the articles of association. However, if a BV opts to include such restrictions in its articles of association, it will also be able to include detailed rules on how the price of the shares will be determined. The articles of association may also include a lock-up clause prohibiting the transfer of shares for a specific period.

Shares in a BV are transferred by a deed of transfer executed before a civil-law notary.

The board of directors of a BV must keep an up-to-date shareholders' register, which lists the names and addresses of all shareholders, the number of shares, the amount paid-up on each share and the particulars of any transfer, pledge or usufruct of the shares.

Management structure

The management structure of a BV consists of the board of directors and the General Meeting of shareholders. A BV can, in addition, under certain circumstances have a supervisory board.

Board of directors

The board of directors is responsible for managing the BV. The members of the board of directors are appointed and removed by the shareholders (unless the BV is a large BV). The articles of association generally state that each director is solely authorized to represent the company. However, the articles of association may provide that the directors are only jointly authorized.

The articles of association may provide that certain acts of the board of directors require the prior approval of another corporate body such as the shareholders' meeting or the supervisory board. Such a provision is only internally valid and cannot be invoked against a third party, except where the party in question is aware of the provision and did not act in good faith.



A member of the board of directors of the company can be held liable by the BV, as well as by third parties. The entire board of directors can be held liable to the BV for mismanagement. An individual member of the board of directors can be held liable with respect to specific assigned duties. Besides the liability prior to incorporation and registration, liability towards third parties can occur in several situations. For example, in case of the bankruptcy of the BV, the members of the board of directors are severally liable for the deficit if the bankruptcy was caused by negligence or improper management in the preceding 3 years. An individual member of the board of directors can exonerate himself by proving that he is not responsible for the negligence or improper management.

SPECIFIC TAX CONCERNS RELATED TO ESTABLISHING A COMPANY

There are no taxes due related to establishing a company. When the company has been established the company has to be registered at the Dutch Tax Authorities. After the registration a VAT number will be granted, a number for the corporation tax and for the wage tax. If a company is established under Dutch law it is tax liable for the corporation tax, independent of the place of management.

LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO ESTABLISHING A COMPANY

A BV is incorporated by one or more incorporators pursuant to the execution of a notarial deed of incorporation before a civil-law notary. The notarial deed of incorporation must be executed in the Dutch language and must at least include the company's articles of association and the amount of issued share capital.

While the BV is in the process of incorporation, business may be conducted on its behalf provided that it adds to its name the letters, 'i.o.' (for 'in oprichting'), which means in the process of being incorporated. The persons acting on behalf of the BV i.o. are severally liable for damages incurred by third parties until the BV (after its incorporation) has expressly or implicitly ratified the actions performed on its behalf during the process of incorporation. A similar liability arises for the persons responsible if the BV is not incorporated or if the BV fails to fulfil its obligations under the ratified actions and the responsible persons knew that the BV would be unable to do so. In the event of bankruptcy within 1 year of incorporation, the burden of proof lies with the persons responsible.

Members of the board of directors are also severally liable to third parties for legal acts performed after incorporation, but preceding the registration of the BV with the Trade Register.

Public Limited Liability Company (NV)

In general, everything mentioned above that applies to the BV also applies to the NV. This section will outline the most significant differences between the NV and the BV.

Share capital and shares

An NV must have an authorized capital. At least 20% of the authorized capital must be issued and at least 25% of the par value of the issued shares must be paid up. The issued and paid-up capital of an NV must amount to at least \in 45.000.

Besides registered shares, an NV may also issue bearer shares. Bearer shares must be fully paid up and are freely transferable. Registered shares have to be transferred by executing a deed of transfer before a civil-law notary. An NV is authorized to issue share certificates (certificaten).

If payment on shares is made in kind upon incorporation of the NV, the incorporators must describe the contributed assets and an auditor must issue a statement to the effect that the value of the contribution is at least equal to the par value of the shares. The auditor's statement is to be delivered to the civil-law notary involved prior to incorporation.



PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THENETHERLANDS: BRANCH OR SUBSIDIARY?

DEFINITION AND MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A BRANCH AND A SUBSIDIARY

A branch is a permanent establishment of a company from which business operations are carried out. Dutch tax legislation has no definition of a permanent establishment. For the definition, the tax treaties are leading. So, for example, there is a permanent establishment if there is a building site or construction or installation project that lasts more than twelve months. No branch is constituted if the activities of the company in Holland only have a preparatory or auxiliary character. An important condition to constitute a branch is whether the people working in Holland are entitled to make decisions, may sign contracts, and/or sell the goods of services of the company. In any case, the question of whether the activities will be qualified as a branch is casuistic and should be checked in the applicable treaty.

Many foreign companies make use of a subsidiary rather than a branch. The main legal reason to set up a subsidiary, instead of a branch, is limitation of liability. As a shareholder of a subsidiary, the foreign company's liability is basically limited to the extent of its capital contribution; whereas, if the foreign company makes use of a branch, it is fully responsible for all the obligations and liabilities of the branch.

One major advantage of setting up a branch is that it does not generally require the same legal formalities required for setting up a subsidiary. However, the simplification and flexibility of the Dutch limited company law (as mentioned above) may well diminish this advantage.

Another important aspect to consider with respect to the choice of setting up a branch or a subsidiary in the Netherlands is the matter of local tax regulations. The choice of setting up a branch or a subsidiary will be determined based on the circumstances and relevant factors with respect to the business as such, and the Dutch tax regulations and tax treaties.

TAX AND ACCOUNTING OBLIGATIONS

A branch has to be registered at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce. With the number of the Chamber of Commerce, a branch can apply for registration at the Dutch tax authorities. A VAT number will be grated to the branch. If the activities of the branch do not apply for a VAT exemption, every month or every quarter the branch is obliged to fill in a VAT tax form. In most situations there will be staff working for the branch. For these employees the branch has to take care for pay rolling and is obliged to pay wage tax every month. Once a year a corporation tax return has to be made. Only corporation tax is due for the profits that can be attributed to the branch. To prevent the payment of huge interest, it is profitable not to wait until the year passed away, but to apply for a provisional assessment.

REGISTRATION FORMALITIES

Registration of a branch is quite easy. A representative of the company registers the branch at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce. For this registration, the Chamber of Commerce uses standard forms. It is not obliged to go in person to the Chamber of Commerce. Notarized documents can also be sufficient for identification. After this registration, the registration at the Tax office is quite simple, only requiring completion of some standard forms.





STANDARD LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND FORMALITIES FOR A BRANCH

Besides the aforementioned tax obligations, the branch has to carefully provide good bookkeeping. Every year the branch has to publish the annual accounts of the branch at the Chamber of Commerce. Furthermore, all legal requirements that apply for Dutch companies apply for the branch. This concerns, for example, minimum wage rules, collective agreements for employees, and permit requirements.

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OVERVIEW OF TAX MEASURES 2019 TAX PLAN

CHANGED TAX MEASURES

The Dutch government released the Budget 2019 containing its Tax Plan 2019 with certain amendments to Dutch tax law. The measures will enter into force as from 2019, unless mentioned otherwise. This chapter of the guide will explain the changes with regard to the corporate income tax, the dividend withholding tax, the tax at source on interest and royalties and finally the Dutch implementation of the Directive against tax avoidance (otherwise known as ATAD 1).

CORPORATE INCOME TAX

Corporate income tax rate

The corporate income tax rate currently amounts 20% for the first €200.000 of profit and 25% for the profit exceeding €200.000. The legislative proposal includes reduction of the rates as follows:

- Rate 2019
 - 19% up to and including the first €200.000 and 25% above €200.000
- Rate 2020 16.5% up to and including the first €200.000 and 22.5% above €200.000
- Rate 2021
 15% up to and including the first €200.000 and 20.5% above €200.000

Loss setoff period

The corporate income tax loss carry-forward will be reduced from nine to six years. However, the loss carryback period remains one year. It is important to know that losses incurred before 2019 can still be carried forward for nine years.

Holding company losses

The setting off of losses of so-called *holding and financing companies* is currently subject to restrictions. These losses are namely only creditable against profits from such activities. This restriction is to be terminated as from 2019. The normal loss setoff periods will however continue to apply.

Interest deduction limitations

Finally, the interest deduction limitation for acquisition holding companies and the deduction limitation on excessive participation interest is to be discontinued. These limitations are linked to the introduction of the earnings stripping rule. More about this later. The so-called *base erosion interest deduction limit* will continue to exist.

WITHHOLDING TAX

Dividend withholding tax

It was uncertain whether the dividend withholding tax was going to be abolished or not. After reconsideration the Cabinet has made a final decision that the withholding tax will remain. The previously announced introduction of a new dividend withholding tax for specific situations will be postponed. The Cabinet will first examine the relation to the current dividend withholding tax and to what extent the introduction of a new dividend withholding tax for specific situations is still necessary, now that the current dividend withholding tax continues to exist.



The meaning for your company

The current rule with regard to the dividend withholding tax is as follows. A 15% dividend withholding tax is charged if your company pays dividend to its shareholders. The dividend withholding tax is payable by the shareholders of your company, but is withheld at source by the company that pays out the dividend. For example, company X pays a dividend of \in 100. Company X has to pay \in 15 dividend withholding tax to the tax authorities and the shareholders of company X receive \in 85 net. If the shareholders reside in the Netherlands, they can credit the dividend withholding tax continues to exist, these rules do not change and remains as they were. In the original plans a tax at source was going to be introduced as of 2020 on dividends paid to affiliated parties, residing in low tax jurisdictions. A jurisdiction is considered to be low taxed when a tax has a statutory rate of less than 7%, or is listed on the EU blacklist of non-cooperative jurisdictions and in certain abuse situations. As mentioned earlier, whether these rules are still necessary is currently under review. Therefore, the proposed new rules are currently postponed.

OTHER TAX AT SOURCE

Tax at source on interest and royalties

On 1 January 2021 a tax at source on interest and royalties will be introduced. The purpose of the new tax at source on interest and royalties is to prevent international tax avoidance. The Dutch government decided to charge tax on outgoing interest and royalty payments to countries with very low taxes (a statutory rate of less than 7%), countries listed on the EU blacklist of non-cooperative jurisdictions and in certain tax abuse situations. These proposals do not coincide with the abolition of the dividend withholding tax. Therefore, the intent to implement this kind of legislation remains. It is unclear how this legislation will take form. A legislative proposal is in the making. Because the details of the tax at source on outgoing interest and royalties are not yet known, it is possible that the low profit tax rate may be increased to 9% following the adjustment of the statutory tax rate in the CFC measure from 7% to 9%.

DUTCH IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVE AGAINST TAX AVOIDANCE (ATAD 1)

Furthermore on 1 January 2019 the new legislation regarding ATAD 1 will enter into force. Meanwhile the ATAD 1 legislative proposal has been submitted to the Dutch Parliament. The aim of this proposal is to implement ATAD 1 in Dutch legislation. ATAD 1 is part of the European Anti-Tax Avoidance Package. The European Commission aims to make corporate taxation in Europe more honest, easy and effective. The aim of the European Anti-Tax Avoidance Package is that the rules accomplish that companies pay their taxes where they create their income. More particularly, the aim of ATAD 1 is to ensure implementation of a certain minimum standard of anti-avoidance provisions across the Member States of Europe. Many EU Member States will have to make some changes to their existing tax systems, among others the Netherlands. In addition, the implementation of ATAD 1 will have tax consequences for many companies. The measures in the proposal are related to corporate income tax and the most important measures are:

- the earnings stripping rule
- the CFC rules
- the exit taxation

Earnings stripping rule

The earnings stripping rule is a limitation of the deductibility of excess net interest expenses (the balance of interest expenses and interest income). This new interest deduction limitation makes excess interest expenses deductible only to 30% of the adjusted Dutch taxable profit, also known as the *EBITDA*. A tax-free allowance applies of \in 1.000.000. This means that up to and including \in 1.000.000 deduction of excess interest expenses is not restricted. As far as taxable entities are concerned, the earnings stripping rule applies at tax entity level. The earnings stripping rule also can be applied on a fiscal unity level. Excess interest expenses can be carried forward in time without any limitation, when part of the interest is not or no longer deductible during a year due to the application of the earnings stripping rule. The carried forward interest can be deducted from the profits in future years. However, only if and to the extent that the interest does not exceed the earnings stripping rule in the respective years. This is not the case in abusive situations where the ultimate ownership in the taxpayer changed for at least 30%. The proposed Dutch rules do not include any exception to the interest deduction limitation.



CFC rules

The new CFC rules will apply, when a Dutch resident taxpayer has a direct or indirect interest of more than 50% in a low-taxed subsidiary or permanent establishment. This low-taxed subsidiary or permanent establishment is also called a *controlled foreign company* or *CFC*. In that case certain income components of the CFC will then be attributed to the profit of the Dutch taxpayer. The aim of the CFC rules is to combat tax evasion through the use of low-tax jurisdictions.

A subsidiary or permanent establishment is considered as low-taxed if it is:

- a tax resident in a jurisdiction without corporate income tax;
- a tax resident in a jurisdiction with a statutory tax rate of lower than 9%;
- a tax resident of a jurisdiction included in the EU-blacklist of non-cooperative jurisdictions.

The EU-blacklist of non-cooperative jurisdictions contains several criteria:

- fiscal transparency;
- no harmful tax competition;
- participation of the jurisdiction in the international process to combat further erosion of the tax base and profit shifting.

After the Ecofin Council of 13 March 2018 the non-cooperative jurisdictions are: the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Bahamas, Guam, Namibia, Palau, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Samoa and Trinidad & Tobago.

If these requirements are met and the new CFC rule will apply, certain non-distributed income components of the CFC have to be attributed to the tax base of the Dutch parent company. In that case the income components are taxed against the standard Dutch corporate income tax rates. The non-distributed income components of the CFC (less related costs) are primarily:

- dividend or other benefits from the disposal/sale of shares
- interest or other benefits of financial assets
- royalties or other benefits of intangible assets
- benefits of leasing income

Important to know is that an exception to the CFC rules is available. This exception is available in case the listed items of passive income derived by the subsidiary make up less than 30% of the total income. Another exception to the CFC rules is available in case the subsidiary carries out substantial economic activities in its country of establishment. We can speak of substantial economic activities if a subsidiary fulfills a number of substance requirements. These requirements are:

- wage costs of at least €100.000;
- having a office space at one's disposal for a period of at least 24 months.

Exit taxation

An exit tax will be imposed when a Dutch taxable entity transfers assets or its tax residence to another country. A company can choose between immediate payment of this exit tax or payment in five equal annual instalments. The current Dutch tax system already has rules regarding exit taxes. However, these current rules allow the tax to be deferred to ten years under certain conditions.

Other ATAD measures

In addition, ATAD 1 also contains a general anti abuse rule. This anti abuse rule is also know as *GAAR*. This rule is not included in the Dutch proposal. According to the Dutch Ministry of Finance the GAAR is in fact already effected in the Dutch legislative by the *fraus legis* dogma, which is a part of the Dutch tax system. Finally, ATAD 1 also contains measures against hybrid mismatches. These measures will be included in a later legislative proposal, the implementation of ATAD 2. This implementation should take effect as from 2020. A hybrid mismatch exists when the differences in tax rules between two countries are being used to reduce taxation.



HOW TO HIRE MY FIRST EMPLOYEE IN THE NETHERLANDS

MAIN LEGAL STEPS TO FOLLOW TO HIRE A FIRSTEMPLOYEE

Personnel

Dutch legislation includes various provisions to secure the rights and obligations of both employer and employee in the Dutch employment market. As a general rule, the employer and employee should behave according to the standard of good employership or employeeship respectively. The employer has a number of specific legal obligations with respect to work and rest times, leave, and working conditions.

Employment relationships

According to Dutch law, three different general types of agreements are used to determine the rights and duties of persons performing activities in the course of a business for another party. The employment agreement ('arbeidsovereenkomst') is the most common agreement. The others are assignment agreement and contracting agreement.

Essential features of the employment agreement are the obligation to perform labour in person in return for pay, and the authority of the other party to give instructions as to how the labour is to be performed. Other agreements lack one or more of these features.

The employment agreement itself is not subject to rules regarding its form. According to Dutch labour law the employer is under the obligation to provide certain information in writing to the employee with respect to the employment agreement. This relates among others to place of work, job title, the date the employment agreement enters into force, remuneration, working hours, terms and conditions relating to holidays, and the applicability of any collective labour agreement.

Governing law and collective labour agreement (CAO)

The parties to an employment agreement are limited to negotiations of their own terms and conditions by both Dutch labour law and any applicable collective labour agreement (CAO), since these contain many mandatory rules on terms and conditions of employment. It depends on the branch if there is a CAO. It is also possible that no CAO is applicable.

Employment law regulations

Employment relations in the Netherlands are mostly regulated by the Dutch Civil Code ('Burgerlijk Wetboek'). An important principle of the employment provisions of the Dutch Civil Code is the protection of what is known as the weakest party, i.e. the employee. Apart from the Dutch Civil Code, regulations concerning labour law can be found in several other regulations and legislative acts, such as the Works Council Act and the Workings Conditions Act.

Minimum wage

There is a legal minimum wage for employees aged from 15 till 23 (published by the government). The minimum wage for employees aged 23 or over is \in 1,507.80 gross per month, excluding 8% holiday allowance).

Employment agreements

Parties are free to enter into consecutive employment agreements for a fixed period of time, ending by operation of law, however two restrictions (chain provision) apply:

1. The aggregate duration of the consecutive employment agreements (with interruptions of not more than 6 months) may not exceed 24 months; if the aggregate duration is longer than 24 months (interruptions



included), the last employment agreement shall be deemed to be an employment for an indefinite period of time.

2. The number of consecutive employment agreements must be less than 4. If the number of consecutive employment agreements exceeds 3 (while there are no interruptions of more than 6 months in between the employment agreements), the fourth employment agreement will be considered to be an employment agreement for an indefinite period of time.

Termination of an employment agreement

With respect to termination of an employment agreement, a distinction must be made between an employment agreement for a fixed period of time and an employment agreement for an indefinite period of time. There are several ways for employment agreements to terminate: e.g. Parties can agree upon a probation period, Lapse of the agreed period, Summary dismissal, Dissolution by the Court.

Working conditions

Under Dutch law, the employer is responsible for organizing work in such a way that it protects the safety, health and well-being of the employees in accordance with a statutory set of standards and criteria. In principle, all employers are highly recommended to avail themselves of the professional assistance of a certified occupational health service ('Arbodienst') in respect of the implementation of a significant part of the applicable health and safety measures (for example the occupational health medical examination).

Foreign Nationals (Employment) Act

Workers from the European Union, EEA countries (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and Switzerland do not need special permits to work in the Netherlands. Non-qualifying nationals, however, do need a 'residence permit for work' permit to work legally in the Netherlands.

As of 1 January 2014 the Foreign Nationals (Employment) Act was amended. The employer applies for the residence permit. There are different types of residence permits, including for regular employment, as a highly skilled migrant, holder of a European blue card, lecturer, (guest) lecturer, trainee doctor, or scientific researcher. For the highly skilled with no employer a residence permit for a search year is possible. This residence permit gives the right to find an appointment as a highly skilled migrant within one year.

When applying for the residence permit, the employer acts as sponsor. The sponsor is responsible for the employee complying with the conditions. A residence permit for regular employment can be applied for by any employer with a branch or commercial agent in the Netherlands. Registration of the employer with the Chamber of Commerce is required.

To be admitted as a highly skilled migrant income requirements are laid down. To be admitted as a trainee doctor or (guest) lecturer, the employer making the application must be a sponsor authorised by the IND (Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the Ministry of Security and Justice). Authorisation is carried out by the IND. The authorisation as a sponsor is in a number of cases a condition for the application for theresidence permit.

Employees with a European blue card are employees who carry out highly qualified work within the European Union and meet the salary and training requirements. For scientific researchers admission to the Dutch labour market is regulated by EU Directive 2005/71/EC.

With effect from 2014 the UWV is obliged every year to check a job taken by a foreign employee (from outside the European Union, EEA countries or Switzerland) against the labour market status. The recruitment efforts of employers who wish to recruit or continue to employ foreign workers required by law issue no more than an employment permit for a maximum of one year (up to 2014 a maximum of three years). After five years (up to 2014 after three years) labour migrants gain free access to the Dutch labour market. After that a permit may be refused if an employer has in the past been sentenced for infringing labour legislation.





HOWTO READ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The basic Dutch Financial Statements always consist of:

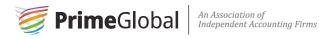
- Balance Sheet
- Profit and Loss Account
- Disclosure (General disclosure giving details on the accounting rules used by the entity, and specific disclo sure on significant events, balance sheet items and P&L items)

Following is a translation of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account items from Dutch to English.



| Company X | AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015 | | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------|--|--|
| ACTIVA | ASSETS | 31-12-2015 | 31-12-2014 | | |
| VASTE ACTIVA | FIXED ASSETS | | 1 | | |
| Immateriële vaste activa | Intangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Oprichtingskosten en kosten uitgifte van aandelen | Share issue expenses | | | | |
| Kosten onderzoek en ontwikkeling | Research and development | | | | |
| Concessies en vergunningen | Concessions and licenses | | | | |
| Intellectuele eigendom | Intellectual property rights | | | | |
| Goodwill | Goodwill | | | | |
| Overige immateriële vaste activa | Other intangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Vooruitbetaald op immateriële vaste activa | Prepayments on intangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Materiële vaste activa | Tangible fixed assets | | | | |
| Bedrijfsgebouwen en -terreinen | Buildings and land | | | | |
| Machines en installaties | Plant and equipment | | | | |
| Inventarissen | Furniture, fixtures and fittings | | | | |
| Vervoermiddelen | Transportation | | | | |
| Andere vaste bedrijfsmiddelen | Other fixed assets | | | | |
| Vaste bedrijfsmiddelen in uitvoering | Fixed assets in progress | | | | |
| Financiële vaste activa | Financial fixed assets | | | | |
| Deelnemingen in groepsmaatschappijen binnenland | Participations ingroup companies | | | | |
| Andere deelnemingen binnenland | Other participations | | | | |
| Vorderingen | Receivables | | | | |
| Vorderingen opgroepsmaatschappijen binnenland | Receivables from group companies | | | | |
| Vorderingen op aandeelhouders | Receivables from shareholders | | | | |
| Vorderingen op directie | Receivables from board of directors | | | | |
| Overige vorderingen | Other amounts receivable | | | | |
| Overige effecten | Other investments | | | | |
| VLOTTENDE ACTIVA | CURRENT ASSETS | | | | |
| Voorraden en onderhanden werk | Stock and work in progress | | | | |
| Grond- en hulpstoffen | Raw materials and consumables | | | | |
| Onderhanden werk | Work inprogress | | | | |
| Gereed product en handelsgoederen | Finished products and goods for resale | | | | |
| Vrije rubriek voorraden | Miscellaneous inventories | | | | |
| Emballage | Packing materials | | | | |
| Vooruitbetaald op voorraden | Prepayments on inventories | | | | |
| Onderhanden projecten | Projects in progress | | | | |

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Vorderingen

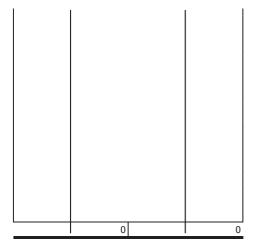
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PASSIVA

EIGEN VERMOGEN Geplaatst kapitaal Agioreserve Herwaarderingsreserve Wettelijke en statutaire reserves Overige reserves Onverdeeld resultaat Resultaat boekjaar Preferent dividend Informeel kapitaal en fiscale reserves Aandeel derden in groepsvermogen Achtergestelde leningen Egalisatierekeningen Voorzieningen Pensioenverplichtingen Latente belastingverplichtingen Overige voorzieningen Langlopende schulden Achtergestelde leningen Converteerbare leningen Andere obligaties en onderhandse leningen Schulden aan kredietinstellingen Vooruitontvangen op bestellingen Schulden aan leveranciers en handelskredieten Te betalen wissels en cheques Schulden aan groepsmaatschappijen Schulden aan overige participanten Belastingen en premies sociale verzekeringen Schulden ter zake van pensioenen Overige schulden Overlopende passiva

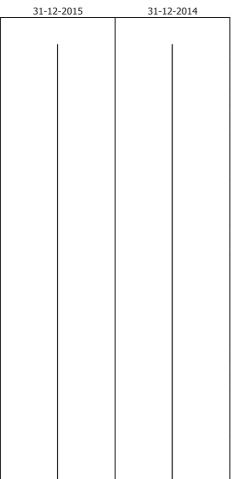
Receivables

Trade debtors Receivables from group companies Receivables from associated companies Other accounts receivable Unpaid share capital Accruals and prepaid expenses **Securities** Shares of group companies Securities **Cash** Cash Cash Cash in transit Current accounts bank Deposit



LIABILITIES

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Issued share capital Share premium reserves Revaluation reserves Legal and statutory reserves Other reserves Undistributed result Result for the year Preferred dividend Informal capital and fiscal reserves Minority interest in group company Subordinated loans **Equalization accounts** Provisions Pension provision Deferred taxes Other provisions Long-term liabilities Subordinated loans Convertible loans Other debentures and private loans Debts to credit institutions Deferred income on orders Trade creditors Bills of exchange and cheques payable Liabilities to group companies Liabilities to other participations Taxes and social security premiums Pension contributions pavable Other long-term liabilities Accruals and deferred income



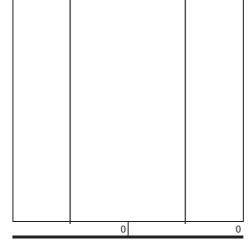


Kortlopende schulden

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Short-term liabilities

Subordinated loans Convertible loans Other debentures and private loans Amounts owed to credit institutions Deferred income on orders Trade creditors Bills of exchange and cheques payable Liabilities to group companies Liabilities to other participations Taxes and social security premiums Liability due to pensions Other payables Accruals and deferred income Projects in progress



WINST & VERITESREKENING

Omzet Inkoopwaarde van de omzet Brutomarge

Overige bedrijfsopbrengsten

Bedrijfslasten

Kosten van grond- en hulpstoffen Kosten uitbesteed werk Andere externe kosten Lonen en salarissen Sociale lasten Pensioenlasten Afschrijvingen op vaste activa Overige waardeveranderingen van vaste activa Bijzondere waardevermindering van vlottende activa Overige bedrijfskosten Vrijval herwaarderingsreserve Som der bedrijfslasten

Bedrijfsresultaat

Financiële baten en lasten

Opbrengsten vorderingen die tot vaste activa behoren en effecten Andere rentebaten en soortgelijke opbrengsten Waardeveranderingen financiële vaste activa

| PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT | 20 | 15 | 20 | 14 |
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| - | | | | |
| Turnover | | | | |
| Cost of sales | | | | |
| Gross margin | | | | |
| Other operating income | | | | |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Cost of raw materials | | | | |
| Cost of subcontracted work | | | | |
| Other external expenses | | | | |
| Wages and salaries | | | | |
| Social security charges | | | | |
| Pension contributions | | | | |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | | | | |
| Other reductions in value of fixed assets | | | | |
| Impairment of current assets | | | | |
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| Other operating expenses | | | | |
| Release of revaluation reserve | | | | |
| Total operating expenses | | | | |
| Total operating income | | | | |
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| Financial income and expense | | | | |
| Revenues of receivables from fixed | | | | |
| assets and securities | | | | |
| Other interest and similar income | | | | |
| Value changes of financial fixed assets | | | | |



| Netto resultaat na belastingen | Net result after taxation | 0 | |
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| Aandeel derden in overige participanten | Third party share in other participations | | |
| Aandeel derden in groepsmaatschappijen | Third party share in group companies | | |
| Resultaat aandeel derden | Result third party share | | |
| Belastingen buitengewoon resultaat | Taxes on extraordinary result | | |
| Buitengewone lasten | Extraordinary expenses | | |
| Buitengewone baten | Extraordinary income | | |
| Buitengewone baten en lasten | Extraordinary results | | |
| Resultaat deelnemingen | Result of participations | | |
| Dividend uit deelnemingen | Dividend of participations | | |
| Aandeel in resultaat deelnemingen | Share in result of participations | | |
| Vrijval belastinglatentie | Release deferred taxes | | |
| Drukkende vennootschapsbelasting | Company income taxes | | |
| Belastingen | Taxes | | |
| Bedrijfsresultaat vóór belastingen | Total operating income before taxes | | |
| Totaal financiële baten en lasten | Total financial income and expenses | | |
| Rentelasten en soortgelijke kosten | Interest and similar expenses | | |
| en effecten | assets and securities | | |
| Waardeveranderingen vorderingen vaste activa | Value changes of receivables from fixed | | |

