

## UK TAX STRATEGY STATEMENT

Lifco offers secure ownership for small and medium-sized businesses. Lifco's business concept is to acquire and develop profitable, market-leading, sustainable niche businesses with the potential to deliver sustained earnings growth and robust cash flows. Lifco's ownership is very long-term and its culture is marked by decentralisation, customer focus and an emphasis on sustainability in everything we do. The Group has three business areas: Dental, Demolition & Tools and Systems Solutions. At year-end, the Lifco Group consisted of 211 operating companies in 30 countries. Lifco is publishing this strategy statement in relation to its United Kingdom (UK) subsidiaries' approach to tax risk management and to tax planning in the UK. This statement relates to financial year 2023, ending 31 December 2023.

Lifco Group has the following subsidiaries in the United Kingdom:

Legal name:

Alwaysse Ball Units Ltd  
 Alwaysse Engineering Ltd  
 Amayse Ltd  
 Auger Torque (Europe) Ltd  
 Brian James Trailers Holdings Ltd  
 Brian James Trailers Ltd  
 Brokk UK Ltd  
 Broughton Plant Hire and Sales Ltd  
 Caring Technology Ltd  
 C F Vending Ltd  
 Condale Holdings Ltd  
 Condale Plastics Ltd  
 Cleveland Cascades Ltd  
 Didsbury Engineering Co. Ltd  
 EFKA Frame Solutions Ltd  
 Kefla UK Ltd  
 Kinshofer UK Ltd  
 Modul-System Ltd  
 Ortho-Care (U.K.) Ltd  
 Prolec Ltd  
 Rijo 42 Ingredients Ltd  
 Rijo 42 Machines Ltd  
 Silvent UK Ltd  
 Specialist Alarm Services Ltd  
 Spinaclean Ltd  
 Swallow Dental Supplies Ltd  
 T. Freemantle Ltd  
 The Real Spirit of Coffee Ltd  
 Topdental (Products) Ltd  
 UK Point of Sale Group Ltd  
 Wholesale Coffee Company and Machines Ltd

Location:

Birmingham  
 Birmingham  
 Esher, Surrey  
 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire  
 Daventry, Northamptonshire  
 Daventry, Northamptonshire  
 Crooklands, Milnthorpe  
 Romford, Essex  
 Newcastle Upon Tyne  
 Bolton  
 East Grinstead, West Sussex  
 East Grinstead, West Sussex  
 Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland  
 Cheshire  
 Derby  
 Buckingham  
 Cheltenham, Gloucestershire  
 Buckinghamshire  
 West Yorkshire  
 Poole  
 Bolton  
 Bolton  
 Birmingham  
 Newcastle upon Tyne  
 Brackmills, Northampton  
 Silsden, West Yorkshire  
 Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire  
 Bolton  
 Silsden, West Yorkshire  
 Bredbury, Stockport  
 Bolton

## Approach to risk management and governance arrangements

### Governance

Responsibility for the tax strategy, the supporting governance framework and management of tax risks ultimately sits with the Chief Financial Officer of the Lifco Group, supported by the Group Finance department. Key risks and issues related to tax are escalated to and considered by the Group Audit Committee on a regular basis.

### Risk Management

Given the Group's scale of business and the volume of tax obligations, tax uncertainties and risks will inevitably arise from time to time with respect to the interpretation of tax laws and the nature of compliance obligations. Lifco proactively seeks to identify, evaluate, manage and monitor tax uncertainties and risks to ensure that they are appropriately addressed in accordance with these principles. The Group is exposed to a variety of tax risks which can be grouped under the following headings:

#### *Tax compliance and reporting risks*

Tax compliance and reporting risks are risks associated with compliance failures such as submission of late or inaccurate returns, the failure to submit claims and elections on time or where systems and processes are not sufficiently robust to support tax compliance and reporting requirements.

#### *Transactional risks*

Transactional risks are risks associated with undertaking transactions without appropriate consideration of the potential tax consequences or where advice taken is not correctly implemented.

#### *Reputational risks*

Reputational risks are non-financial tax risks that may have an impact on the firm's relationship with stakeholders, clients, tax authorities and the generic public.

Lifco aims to manage tax risks in a similar way to any area of operational risk. The business is supported by oversight functions from the Group Finance department. Where appropriate, Lifco look to engage with tax authorities to disclose and resolve issues, risks and uncertain tax positions. The subjective nature of many tax rules does however mean that it is often impossible to mitigate all known tax risks. As a result, at any given time, the Group may be exposed to financial and reputational risks arising from its tax affairs. Where the interpretation or application of tax laws is not clear, Lifco will take well-reasoned positions considering legal precedents and administrative positions of HMRC and engaging external advisors where considered necessary.

## Attitude to tax planning

Lifco recognizes the responsibility to pay an appropriate amount of tax in each of the principal jurisdictions in which it operates. The aim is to balance this with the responsibility to shareholders to structure our affairs in an effective manner. In structuring its commercial activities, Lifco will consider the tax laws of the countries within which it operates (in addition to other relevant matters) with a view to maximizing value on a sustainable basis for the stakeholders. Tax planning related to the UK is not undertaken unless it is consistent with commercial objectives.

Lifco intends to fulfil its tax obligations in accordance with UK tax laws and practice. Relevant facts and circumstances and claim reliefs and incentives (where available) shall be disclosed to HMRC. Lifco also ensures that appropriate arrangements are in place to calculate accurately the tax liabilities and to pay the appropriate amount of tax in the right place on a timely basis.

## Attitude towards risk

Lifco sees compliance with tax legislation as key to managing its tax risk. The aim is to be compliant in all jurisdictions with regards to taxes. Where there is significant uncertainty or complexity relating to an identified risk, external professional tax advice may be sought. The Group's tax risk appetite requires that, where tax law is unclear or subject to interpretation, its adopted tax position is at least more likely than not to be allowable under applicable tax laws.

## Relationship and dealings with HMRC

Lifco engage with HMRC with openness, honesty, integrity, respect and fairness and with cooperative and proactive compliance. Lifco seeks to avoid disputes and, wherever possible, seeks to resolve any disputed matter through proactive and transparent discussion and negotiation. Positions on UK related tax matters that may create reputational risk or jeopardize the good standing with HMRC are avoided.

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