

LEGAL NOTICE No. 17

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FISCAL INCENTIVES ACT, CHAP. 85:01

ORDER

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE FISCAL
INCENTIVES ACT

THE FISCAL INCENTIVES (ATLAS METHANOL COMPANY
UNLIMITED) ORDER, 2002

1. This Order may be cited as the Fiscal Incentives (Atlas Methanol Company Unlimited) Order, 2002. Citation

2. In this Order— Interpretation
“Act” means the Fiscal Incentives Act; Chap. 85:01
“tax holiday period” means a period of ten years.

3. Atlas Methanol Company Unlimited, a company incorporated in Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) is declared to be an approved enterprise in respect of the product, methanol (hereinafter referred to as “the approved product”) to be manufactured at its plant to be constructed as Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Point Lisas, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the production day”). Declaration of approved enterprise

4. The Company, classified as a highly capital intensive enterprise in respect of the approved product, under section 9 of the Act, is granted, for the tax holiday period commencing from the production day— Classification and benefits
 - (a) total relief from corporation tax for the first two years in respect of the approved product;
 - (b) a reduction in the rate of corporation tax to fifteen per cent for the next five years, in respect of the approved product;
 - (c) a reduction in the rate of corporation tax to twenty per cent for the next three years, in respect of the approved product; and
 - (d) subject to section 16 of the Act, total relief from income tax on dividends or other distributions, other than interest, out of profits or gains derived from the manufacture of the approved product during the tax holiday period.

Obligations
imposed on
approved
enterprise
Schedule

5. The Company shall—

- (a) undertake locally or cause to be undertaken locally, the minimum manufacturing processes set out in the Schedule;
- (b) maintain to the satisfaction of the Board of Inland Revenue, accounts in respect of its business and the accounts so maintained shall allow for the transactions relating to the manufacture of the approved product to be clearly identifiable from the transactions relating to any other business of the Company;
- (c) submit annually, notwithstanding the relief from tax under this Order, a return of the income so exempt from tax, at the same time and in the same manner as would have been required had income not been so exempted;
- (d) observe the practice and policy prevailing in Trinidad and Tobago as regards labour relations and conditions of employment;
- (e) comply with the requirements of the Environmental Management Authority on the environmental codes of conduct for the industry; and
- (f) provide relevant statistics and economic data at intervals, as required by the Tourism and Industrial Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited.

SCHEDULE

MINIMUM MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

[Paragraph 5(a)]

The minimum manufacturing processes to be observed by the Company are as follows:

- (a) desulphurisation of natural gas;
- (b) autothermal reforming using oxygen and steam reforming of the desulphurised natural gas to make a hydrogen rich synthesis gas;
- (c) recovery of waste heat from the synthesis gas;
- (d) compression of gas and synthesis of crude methanol from the synthesis gas in the methanol synthesis reactors; and
- (e) purification of crude methanol to refined methanol by distillation.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2002.

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Secretary to Cabinet