



No. 10 of 2006

I assent,

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)
Governor-General

23rd November, 2006.

AN ACT to amend the Income and Business Tax Act, Chapter 55 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition, 2000-2003, to provide for a special tax regime for companies engaged in petroleum operations; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 24th November, 2006.)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and the Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follow:-

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Income and Business Tax Act, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of
section 21.

2. Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:-

(a) in subsection (1) thereof, by inserting the following *proviso*:-

"Provided that the rate of tax for companies engaged in petroleum operations shall be forty per centum of the amount of the chargeable income derived from such operations, and such tax shall be payable in the currency of the United States of America (\$US).";

(b) by inserting after subsection (4), the following new subsection:-

"(5) The *proviso* to section 21 (1) shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of January, 2006."

Repeal and
replacement
of section
104.

3. Section 104 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

"104.(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, the provisions of this Part shall apply notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Parts I and II of this Act or in any other law.

(2) This Part shall not apply to persons and companies engaged in petroleum operations, and where a person or company is partly engaged in petroleum operations and partly in other activities, the

provisions of this Part shall not apply to that part of the activities as is materially related to petroleum operations.

(3) For the purpose of this section, the term 'petroleum operations' shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of this Act."

4. This Act shall take effect from 1st day of January, 2006. Commencement.