

# THE ART OF R&D TAX RELIEF FOR BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES

There are four key pieces to the R&D funding jigsaw: tax relief rules now allow up to 225% tax relief on qualifying costs; the corporation tax rate is cut for profits from sales on which you hold a patent on relevant products or software; Research and Development Allowance capital allowances offer up to 100% on assets used for qualifying R&D activities (this includes property and plant); the Technology and Strategy Board offers grants for initial project appraisal and developing a prototype.

For bioscience companies the initial focus for R&D relief will generally be on the research activities of discovery, pre-clinical development and clinical development (Phase I to IV trials). However, if there are unusual circumstances such as R&D being done on marketed products to substantiate further improvements or improve

product stability trials then there's potential for further examination. When claiming relief you must demonstrate that the expenditure you've incurred on research and development is as defined by the DTI guidelines.

With our skills, experience and track record of assisting technology and bioscience companies we're well placed to advise you on the various tax reliefs available. We cut through the jargon and explain the complexities, which is what you'd expect from a leading, independent UK R&D tax claims specialist. Don't just take our word for it. Here are some comments from some of our bioscience clients:

#### CO-FORMULATE

**Huw Jones**, director of Co-Formulate says, "I've attended a number of seminars by big name firms about R&D tax relief but it

wasn't until Chris Newton sat down with me and explained it that I appreciated the potential for my company. Chris guided us through the claim process which resulted in a very significant financial benefit to the company. I've been extremely pleased with the personal and professional service which I received from Chris Newton."

#### CHALICE MEDICAL

**Philip Bousfield**, managing director, Chalice Medical Nottinghamshire says, "We're involved with manufacturing a new product for the cardiac surgery and ECMO market and have very close links with the world's largest ECMO centre at Glenfield Hospital in Leicestershire. Chris Newton, who is our accountant and auditor, had recognised that the new project we were working on was suitable for

an R&D tax relief claim. We are very grateful to him for his advice and assistance with this, especially considering the very substantial saving that this is providing."

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