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Please carefully review the information below and reflect on whether it applies to you and your individual circumstances. Although the team at Blenheim is available to discuss any questions you may have, we do recommend that you contact a specialist tax advisor with any concerns. Although we are aware that many clients have previously taken tax advice when forming entities, the recent changes would merit a further check to ensure you are compliant with all reporting requirements.

Guernsey signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the US Treasury on 13 December 2013 to bring into effect the provisions of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”). FATCA is a piece of US legislation which requires financial institutions (“FI”) outside of the US to pass information about their US customers to the Internal Revenue Service.

The IGA affects all Guernsey-based financial institutions (“FI”) including banks, brokers, fiduciaries, fund managers and insurance companies. The Blenheim Group (“Blenheim”) is therefore required to comply with the automatic exchange of information in accordance with FATCA by identifying and reporting on accounts held directly or indirectly by persons who are tax resident in the US or US citizens.

Blenheim is required to provide the information on any reportable accounts to the Guernsey Income Tax Office (“ITO”), who will then send it to the US tax authority.

During each reporting period, Blenheim will have a responsibility to report the following information relating to specified persons:

- Settlor of Trusts – the full value of the trust asset/property and the total value of distributions received (if also a beneficiary).
- Discretionary beneficiaries – the total value of distributions received.
- Shareholders of companies – the value of dividend payments received.
- Debt interest holder – the principal amount of the debt and the value of repayments made.

The information that Blenheim is required to report will be identification information such as name, address, tax residence and tax identification number.

US FATCA became effective for the calendar year 2014 and reporting to the relevant authorities is now underway.

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Please get in touch with your contact at Blenheim if you require any assistance or guidance in obtaining appropriate professional advice.