

# HERRICK, LTD. Certified Public Accountants

Dear Client:

This letter will confirm the arrangements for our services. We will prepare your **2013 United States Personal Income Tax Returns** from information you furnish to us. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit, although we may ask you to clarify some of it for us.

We will use professional judgment to resolve questions involving the application of tax rules in your favor, if there is a reasonable justification for doing so. We are available to answer your inquiries on specific tax matters and to consult with you on income tax planning, personal financial planning, and estate tax planning, should you wish us to do so. If a financial statement or other work unrelated to your tax returns is required, it will be covered by a separate engagement letter and invoiced separately.

You agree to furnish all information that is necessary for the preparation of the above tax returns. Furthermore, you expressly represent that the information you are supplying to us is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge, and that you have sufficient documentation to substantiate all items of income and deduction claimed (including travel and entertainment expenses, if applicable). You have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and, therefore, you should review them carefully before you sign them.

Our work in connection with the preparation of the tax returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations and other irregularities, should any exist.

We generally base our charges on the time required at our regular rates for the services and personnel assigned, plus out-of-pocket costs. However, our charges also might include other appropriate factors, including the difficulty of the assignment, how much risk and responsibility the work entails, time limitations imposed on you and us by others, the experience and professional expertise of the personnel required, and the priority of the work to the client. Due to many unforeseen circumstances in the preparation of tax returns and working on tax projects, we regret that we can only estimate, not promise or quote, a total cost for our work. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

In many instances, we will request a retainer. If credit is extended, we respectfully expect payment within 30 days. We also accept payment by **Visa, MasterCard, or American Express** (please contact our office to provide credit card payment details). PLEASE NOTE: Balances not paid within 30 days will have a finance charge assessed on the unpaid amount, computed at a periodic rate of 1% per month, which is an annual percentage rate of 12%. If any balance is more than 30 days past due, we reserve the right to cease working on your returns or providing any other services, without specific notice to you of any cessation of work, until the balance has been paid in full, and a further retainer has been received. In the event that any dispute arising from this engagement cannot be resolved amicably, both parties explicitly agree to submit same to binding arbitration.

Your returns are, of course, subject to review and possible challenge by the taxing authorities. You should retain the tax records related to the current year's tax returns for at least seven years after they were filed, since additional assessments, if any, are usually made during this period. If you should receive any notice from any taxing authority, please let us know. If such notice requires action and you would like us to assist you, please understand that our fee for such services will be billed to you as our efforts are incurred (unless the notice resulted from an error on our part).

## PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING

### PREFERENCES & PROCESSING

Please let us know your preferences with regard to the delivery of your tax return. Please check one:

Electronic PDF attached to an email, which will be protected with a password  Paper Copy

Our invoice for the preparation of your return(s) can be delivered either via email or mail. Please let us know which method you prefer

Mail me a paper copy of my invoice  Email my invoice to my preferred email address

Next year, would you like to receive this mailing electronically? YES      NO

PLEASE CONTINUE ON THE OTHER SIDE

**FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS, FOREIGN ASSETS, AND FOREIGN TAXES**

|   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| At any time during 2013, did you have a financial interest in or signature authority over financial accounts (such as a bank account, securities account, or brokerage account) located in a foreign country? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| During 2013, did you receive any distribution from, or were you the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have any Canadian RRSP, RRIF, or RHOSP accounts?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have any Canadian TFSAs? If yes, please provide name of payer and income amount received in 2013.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| At any time during 2013, did you have a 5% or more ownership interest in any non-U.S. entity, either directly or through close family members?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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| Did you make any gifts that total more than \$14,000 in 2013 to any one individual?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did you pay household workers in excess of \$1,800 in 2013?<br>If yes, is the individual an independent contractor with other clients or are they considered an employee of yours? If an employee, we need their name, Social Security number, address, and amount paid. (circle the appropriate description) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did you make any contributions into a Roth IRA or Non-deductible IRA in 2013? If so, please provide details? (Please provide details regarding prior years if you are a new client).  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For charitable contributions of \$250 or more, did you obtain a receipt that includes the name of the charity, the date and amount of the contribution, and whether any goods or services were received in exchange for the donation?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**FOR SOLE PROPRIETOR – SCHEDULE C FILERS ONLY**

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| Did your business make any payments of \$600 or more for rent or services to any individual, any attorney, or any non-incorporated business during 2013?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, did your business file or will it file all required Form(s) 1099?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did you have a written log or records to substantiate any business mileage claimed?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did you maintain documentation to support meal and entertainment expenses? Documentation should include: who is present; what was discussed; when and where the meal took place; and the business purpose of the meal or entertainment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Depending on the above answers, we may need to contact you for additional information.

All income tax returns are prepared for e-filing, unless specific reasons disqualify them.

We shall be pleased to discuss this letter with you at any time. We are happy to have you as a client, and we will do our best to render quality service to you.

Sincerely,

Herrick Ltd. CPAs

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign below and return this letter to us.

Accepted:(signature)\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Current email address:\_\_\_\_\_

Please print name:\_\_\_\_\_

**IF THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT RETURNED WITH YOUR DOCUMENTS  
WE CANNOT BEGIN ANY WORK ON YOUR RETURNS**