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BUSINESS ADVISERS – TAXATION PROFESSIONALS – SUPERANNUATION CONSULTANTS SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS

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SUPER CONTRIBUTIONS

As we draw closer to 30 June 2012, it is important to understand the rules and contribution caps that are applicable in relation to Concessional and Non-concessional contributions.

What is the difference?

Concessional

- Employer contributions (including contributions made by salary sacrifice arrangements)
- Personal contributions claimed as a tax deduction by a self employed person

For the income year ending 30 June 2012, the annual cap amount is \$25,000. However, an increased annual cap applies for people 50 years old or over, that being \$50,000.

Non-concessional

• Personal contributions for which an income tax deduction has not been claimed.

For the income year ending 30 June 2012, the annual cap amount is \$150,000.

If you are under 65 years old, you can 'bring forward' two years worth of non-concessional contributions. This means that you contribute up to three times the cap (\$450,000) at once, or at any time during a three financial year period. The three year period starts with the year that you first contribute more than the contributions cap.

In regard to both Concessional and Non-concessional, please note that contributions cannot be made after a person reaches 75 years old. Contributions made by a person 74 years old must be received by the Super Fund within 28 days of the end of the month in which they turn 75.

In view of the above, we ask that you ensure that contributions into your Superannuation Fund are within these cap limits as the Australian Taxation Office will impose appropriate penalties and tax rates on excess contribution amounts. Please note that the cap is calculated based on date funds are received. **i.e. Employer paid Super 28 June 2011,not received by Super Fund until 2 July 2011. Amount will be included in the 2012 cap amount.**

Also, it is important to note that varying circumstances to that of the above, may be applicable to you.

Therefore, should you require further clarification or assistance, please contact our office on 9879 7500 or via our Website <u>www.jaspartners.com.au</u>

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