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## Why Cyprus?

- 1. Cyprus as a member of the European Union since May 2004, enjoys European standards of commercial and financial infrastructure, as well as a stable government, economy and legal system.
- 2. Starting a business in Cyprus is quick and simple as you will see.
- 3. When starting a business in Cyprus, a low corporate tax rate of 10% is applicable. Cyprus has signed double taxation treaties with more than 40 countries, many of which are developed eastern and western European economies.
- 4. After starting a business in Cyprus, a business bank account can be set up for you and a full set of annual accounts will be prepared and submitted to the Cyprus Tax Authorities and the Registrar of Companies at the end of each year. A Cyprus corporate bank account is available in multiple currencies.
- 5. A major tax advantage of starting a business in Cyprus is that losses incurred by a company can be set against profits in the future years for tax reasons.
- 6. An issue to take into consideration when starting a business in Cyprus is

Starting a business in Cyprus is an ideal, tax-efficient way to conduct international business, and portrays a positive image to customers, suppliers, investors and venture capitalists. International businessmen choose to set up a company in Cyprus for many reasons, e.g. as a holding company. The following information will help you make a decision on why starting a business in Cyprus will benefit you and your company.

that worldwide income is taxable for Cyprus-resident individuals and corporations.

- 7. Entrepreneurs planning to set up a company in Cyprus should note that subsidiaries which have potential for significant capital appreciation may be held in Cyprus and sold without any liability to tax on the gain.
- 8. Entrepreneurs who hope to set up a company in Cyprus should note that Cyprus offers a favourable exit strategy under Cyprus law which allows payment of dividend, interest and royalties without paying withholding tax.
- 9. A Cyprus Company is particularly attractive for any fund or investment vehicle because securities transactions are not taxed, even if this is the

Company's core activity, a great benefit for those hoping to set up a company in Cyprus.

- 10. Cyprus is a reputable, politically-stable European country. A Cyprus corporate bank account is therefore a secure long-term solution with which to support a business on the island and internationally.
- 11. A Cyprus corporate bank account portrays an excellent image internationally, especially to your suppliers and customers.
- 12. As a member of the European Union (EU), Cyprus is a stable, regulated financial market. A Cyprus corporate bank account is therefore an attractive option for certain international Companies.