| Late payment interest <br> rate Inheritance | $9 \%$ | GBP 94,747 |  |  |  |  |
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| Penalty 1992-1998 | $50 \%$ | GBP 192,940 |  |  |  |  |
| Penalty 1999-2009 | $50 \%$ | GBP 53,115 | $10 \%$ | GBP 10‘623 | $10 \%$ | GBP 10,623 |
| Penalty 2010-2012 | $50 \%$ | GBP 59,187 | $20 \%$ | GBP 23‘675 | $20 \%$ | GBP 31,318 |
| Total tax |  | GBP 1,855,668 |  | GBP 415,299 |  | GBP 327,102 |
| Tax in relation to <br> total assets |  | $64.8 \%$ |  | $14.5 \%$ |  | $11.4 \%$ |

Under normal taxation, Mr Thomson would have to pay $40 \%$ inheritance tax (IHT) on the assets his father passes to him (GBP 1,052,745) less the GBP 71,000 tax exempt amount. ${ }^{309}$ In 1990, the transfer of the assets into the trust triggered taxes of $20 \%$. This tax is known as IHT on transfer to trusts and the tax rate depends on the type, value, timing and the beneficiary of the trust. ${ }^{310}$ The rule primarily applies to trusts, but since HMRC generally treats foundations as trusts, this tax also applies to Mr Thomson's transfer. ${ }^{311}$ In addition to the IHT, the foundation has to pay $6 \%$ for a 10 year-anniversary tax on the asset value in 2000 and $6 \%$ on the distribution to the beneficiary. ${ }^{312}$
Finally, Mr Thomson would have to pay income tax on interest and gains of the last 20 years ${ }^{313}$ of $40 \% 3^{314}$ This all adds up to a payable tax due of GBP $1,855,668$, including penalties of $50 \%{ }^{315}$ The penalties could be lower or rather higher depending at the discretion of HMRC. ${ }^{316}$

Assuming that the board of the foundation opens a bank account in Liechtenstein, transfers the required $20 \%$ of the total assets to the account and the bank issues a certificate of relevance, Mr Thomson could benefit from the LDF. Under this disclosure facility, only the occurrences since 1999 would be relevant. ${ }^{317}$ Therefore, he would not be forced to pay the IHT on his father's death. Only the 10 year anniversary tax on the asset value in 2000 and $6 \%$ on the distribution to the beneficiary would matter.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{309}$ HMRC, 2013 (4).
    ${ }^{310}$ HMRC, 2013 (5).
    ${ }^{311}$ Voisin law, 2009.
    ${ }^{312}$ Ernst \& Young, 2012, p. 241 \& 242.
    ${ }^{313}$ Barry \& Airey, 2012, p. 13.
    ${ }^{314}$ HMRC, 2013 (2).
    ${ }^{315}$ For the calculation it is assumed that $55 \%$ are interest income, $25 \%$ are dividend income and $20 \%$ are capital gains on average.
    ${ }^{316}$ HMRC, 2012 (6), p. 1 \& 2.
    ${ }^{317}$ Barry \& Airey, 2012, p. 13.

