2014 MICHIGAN Corporate Income Tax Annual Return

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 Return is for calendar year 2014 or for tax year be Taxpayer Name (print or type) 	ginning:	3 Federal F	and ending:	ber (EEIN)
4. Street Address		I		
City		State	ZIP/Postal Code	Country Code
5. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Code	6. If Dis	continued, Effective Date		
	7h Tax year or	d of first Affiliated Group Electio		pecial sourcing formula tation services was used
Check if Filing Michigan Unitary Business Group Return. 7a. (Include Form 4896, if applicable, and Form 4897.)	TD. Tax year er			ing of Sales to Michigan.
Important: If the tax liability on line 41 is less than or equal to return or pay the tax. Short period filers, see instructions. 9. Apportionment Calculation	o \$100, or the g	ross receipts on line 11 are l	ess than \$350,000, you	are not required to file this
a. Michigan sales of the corporation (if no Michigan				00
b. Proportionate Michigan sales from unitary Flow-	-			00
c. Michigan sales. Add lines 9a and 9bd. Total sales of the corporation				00
 d. Total sales of the corporation e. Proportionate total sales from unitary FTEs (inclu 				00
f. Total sales. Add lines 9d and 9e				00
g. Apportionment percentage. Divide 9c by 9f				%
10. a. Gross receipts from corporate activity (see instru			00	
10. b. Apportioned gross receipts from FTEs				I
11. Total gross receipts for filing threshold purposes. Mul This line must be completed			11.	00
 PART 1: CORPORATE INCOME TAX All filers, see instructions. Unitary Business Group (UBG) file the total of all UBG members. 12. Federal taxable income from U.S. Form 1120. (Amou 	nt includes agric	cultural activities. See instruc	ctions.) 12.	31 with amounts reflecting
13. Domestic production activities deduction based on IF deducted from federal taxable income				00
14. Miscellaneous (see instructions)			14.	00
15. Adjustments due to decoupling of Michigan deprecia enter as a negative:	tion from IRC §	168(k). If adjustment is nega	ative,	
a. Net bonus depreciation adjustment		15a.	00	
b. Gain/loss adjustment on sale of an eligible depre				I
c. Add lines 15a and 15b. If negative, enter as a ne				00
16. Add lines 12, 13, 14 and 15c. If negative, enter as a	0			00
17. For a UBG, total group eliminations from business in		,		00
18. Business Income. All filers, subtract line 17 from line	e to. Il negative	, enter as a negative	18.	00
Additions to Business Income				
19. Interest income and dividends derived from obligation		•		00
20. Taxes on or measured by net income				00
21. Any carryback or carryover of a federal net operating	•	. ,		00
 Royalty, interest, and other expenses paid to a related Expenses from the production of oil and gas, and/or r 	•			00
24. Miscellaneous (see instructions)	,			00
 25. Total Additions to Income. Add lines 19 through 24 				00
26. Corporate Income Tax Base After Additions. Add				00

PART 1: CORPORATE INCOME TAX (Continued)

Subt	ractions from Business Income		
27.	Income from non-unitary FTEs (Enter loss as a negative; include Form 4898; see instructions)	27.	00
28.	Dividends and royalties received from persons other than U.S. persons and foreign operating entities	28.	00
29.	Interest income derived from United States obligations		00
30.	Income from the production of oil and gas, and/or minerals (see instructions)	30.	00
31.	Miscellaneous (see instructions)		00
32.	Total Subtractions from Income. Add lines 27 through 31	32.	00
33.	Corporate Income Tax Base. Subtract line 32 from line 26. If negative, enter as a negative	33.	00
34.	Apportioned Corporate Income Tax Base. Multiply line 33 by percentage on line 9g	34.	00
35.	Apportioned Income from non-unitary FTEs from Form 4898 (see instructions)	35.	00
36.	Total apportioned Corporate Income Tax Base. Add line 34 and line 35	36.	00
37a.	Available CIT business loss carryforward (see instructions). Enter as a positive number	37a.	00
37b.	Check if any loss on line 37a was acquired in this filing period in an IRC 381(a)(1) or (2) transaction (see	instructions)	
38.	Subtract line 37a from line 36. If negative, enter here as a negative. A negative number here is the available business loss carryforward to the next filing period (see instructions)	38.	00
39.	Corporate Income Tax Before Credit. Multiply line 38 by 6% (0.06). If less than zero, enter zero		00
	T 2: TOTAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX		
40.	Small Business Alternative Credit (SBAC) from Form 4893, line 14 or line 18, whichever applies	40.	00
41.	Tax Liability after SBAC. Subtract line 40 from line 39. If less than or equal to \$100, enter zero. If apportioned or allocated gross receipts are less than \$350,000, enter zero. (See instructions.)	41.	00
42.	Recapture of Certain Business Tax Credits from Form 4902, line 20	42.	00
43.	Total Tax Liability. Add lines 41 and 42	43.	00
	T 3: PAYMENTS AND TAX DUE s include on lines 44 through 47 payments from all members as reported on Form 4897.		
44.	Overpayment credited from prior period return (MBT or CIT)	44.	00
45.	Estimated tax payments		00
46.	Flow-Through Withholding payments		00
47.	Tax paid with request for extension		00
48.	Payment total. Add lines 44, 45, 46, and 47		00
49.	TAX DUE. Subtract line 48 from line 43. If less than zero, leave blank		00
50.	Underpaid estimate penalty and interest from Form 4899, line 38		00
51.	Annual Return Penalty (see instructions)		00
52.	Annual Return Interest (see instructions)		00
53.	PAYMENT DUE. If line 49 is blank, go to line 54. Otherwise, add lines 49, 50, 51, and 52		00
PAR	T 4: REFUND OR CREDIT FORWARD		
54.	Overpayment. Subtract lines 43, 50, 51 and 52 from line 48. If less than zero, leave blank (see instructions)	54.	00
55.	CREDIT FORWARD. Amount on line 54 to be credited forward and used as an estimate for next CIT tax year	55.	00
56.	REFUND. Subtract line 55 from line 54	56.	00

Taxpayer Certification. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information in this return and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.		Preparer Certification. I declare under penalty of perjury that this return is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.	
		Preparer's PTIN, FEIN or SSN	
By checking this box, I authorize Treasury to dis	scuss my return with my preparer.		
Authorized Signature for Tax Matters		Preparer's Business Name (print or type)	
Authorized Signer's Name (print or type)	Date	Preparer's Business Address and Telephone Number (print or type)	
Title Telephone Number			

Return is due April 30 or on or before the last day of the 4th month after the close of the tax year.

WITHOUT PAYMENT. Mail return to: Michigan Department of Treasury, PO Box 30803, Lansing MI 48909 WITH PAYMENT. Pay amount on line 53. Mail check and return to: Michigan Department of Treasury, PO Box 30804, Lansing MI 48909. Make check payable to "State of Michigan." Print taxpayer's FEIN, the tax year, and "CIT" on the front of the check. Do not staple the check to the return.

Purpose

To calculate the Corporate Income Tax for standard taxpayers. Insurance companies should file the *Insurance Company Annual Return for Michigan Corporate Income and Retaliatory Taxes* (Form 4905) and Financial Institutions should file the *CIT Annual Return for Financial Institutions* (Form 4908).

A *standard taxpayer* is an entity that is a C Corporation, an entity that has elected to be taxed federally as a C Corporation for the tax year included on this return, and a Unitary Business Group that includes members that are C Corporations or entities that have elected to be taxed federally as a C Corporation for the tax year included on this return.

Special Instructions for Unitary Business Groups

Under the CIT, *corporation* means an entity that is a C Corporation or has elected to file federally as a C Corporation for the tax year included on this return. A *taxpayer* is a corporation, an insurance company, a financial institution, or a Unitary Business Group (UBG) that is liable for tax, interest, or penalty.

A *UBG* is a group of United States persons that are corporations, insurance companies, or financial institutions, other than a foreign operating entity, that satisfies the following criteria:

- One of the persons owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent of the ownership interest with voting rights (or rights comparable to voting rights) of the other members; AND
- The UBG has operations which result in a flow of value between the members in the UBG or has operations that are integrated with, are dependent upon, or contribute to each other. Flow of value is determined by reviewing the totality of facts and circumstances of business activities and operations.

A *foreign operating entity* means a United States corporation that would otherwise be a part of a UBG that is taxable in Michigan; has substantial operations outside the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States except for the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a political subdivision of the foregoing; and at least 80 percent of its income is active foreign business income as defined in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 861(c)(1)(B).

In Michigan, a UBG with members that are corporations must file Form 4891. A Designated Member (DM) must file the return on behalf of the standard members of the group. In a brother-sister controlled group, any member that has nexus with Michigan may be designated to serve as DM. In a parentsubsidiary controlled group or a combined controlled group (an interlocking combination of a parent-subsidiary group and a brother-sister group), the controlling member must serve as DM if it has nexus with Michigan. If it does not have nexus with Michigan, the controlling member may appoint any member with nexus to serve as DM. When filling out the forms supporting this return, fields that require "taxpayer" information should be filled with the name and FEIN of the DM.

NOTE: A taxpayer that is a UBG must file a combined return using the tax year of the DM. The combined return of the UBG must include each tax year of each member whose tax year ends with or within the tax year of the DM. For example, Taxpayer ABC is a UBG comprised of three standard members: Member A, the DM with a calendar tax year, and Members B and C with fiscal years ending March 31 and September 30, respectively. Taxpayer ABC's tax year is that of its DM. For this group in 2013, that annual return will included Member A's calendar year ending December 31, 2013, the tax year of Member B ending March 31, 2013, and the tax year of Member C ending September 30, 2013.

The gross receipts of a UBG is the sum of the gross receipts of each member included in the UBG, other than a foreign operating entity or a person subject to the tax as an insurance company or financial institution, less any gross receipts arising from transactions between members included in the UBG. Gross receipts of each member should reflect the accounting method that member used to compute its federal taxable income.

The business income of a UBG is the sum of the business income of each member included in the UBG, other than a foreign operating entity or a person subject to the tax as an insurance company or financial institution, less any items of income and related deductions arising from transactions (including dividends) between members included in the UBG. Business income of each member should reflect the accounting method that member used to compute its federal taxable income.

In general, components used to determine tax liability relate to the group as a single taxpayer, not to the individual members that comprise the group. Exceptions to this general rule are noted in instructions to the applicable forms. The group of members on the combined return is treated as the taxpayer (a distinct entity) for purposes of the CIT Act.

For more information on UBGs, see the instructions for *CIT Tax Data for Unitary Business Group Members* (Form 4897) and the Department of Treasury Web site at www.michigan.gov/treasuryforms.

Taxpayer Certification

A return filed by a UBG must be signed by an individual authorized to sign on behalf of the DM. Provide a telephone number for that individual at the DM's office. Treasury will only discuss the return with the authorized signer.

Public Act 266 of 2013: The Affiliated Group Election

Public Act 266 of 2013 creates the affiliated group election, which allows a group of persons that satisfy the definition of "affiliated group," (see below) to elect to be treated as a UBG under the CIT even if those persons do not satisfy the relationship test of MCL 208.611(6). For more

information on the relationship test see, the *Michigan CIT Unitary Business Group Affiliates Excluded from the Return of Standard Taxpayers* (Form 4896) or go online to **www.michigan.gov/treasury**.

The term "affiliated group" means that term as defined in section 1504 of the internal revenue code <u>except that</u> 1) the term includes all United States persons that are corporations, insurance companies, or financial institutions, other than a foreign operating entity, and 2) that are <u>commonly</u> <u>owned</u>, directly or indirectly, by any member of such affiliated group and other members of which <u>more than 50 percent</u> of the ownership interests with voting rights or ownership interests that confer comparable rights to voting rights of the member is directly or indirectly owned by a common owner or owners.

A person that satisfies the definition of affiliated group may elect to have all persons included in that group treated as a UBG for purposes of filing the CIT even if those persons do not satisfy the relationship test. The group of persons must file the *Michigan Corporate Income Tax Affiliated Group Election to File as a Unitary Business Group* (Form 5114) with the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) to make the election. This election is **irrevocable and binding** for the tax year for which it is made and the subsequent nine tax years (10 total tax years).

General Instructions

Dates must be entered in MM-DD-YYYY format.

For periods less than 12 months, see the "General Information for Standard Taxpayers" section in the 2014 Michigan CIT for Standard Taxpayers booklet (Form 4890).

Every standard taxpayer with nexus in Michigan and with apportioned or allocated gross receipts of \$350,000 or more and whose CIT tax liability is greater than \$100 must file an annual CIT return. (The gross receipts filing threshold does not apply to insurance companies or financial institutions.) Businesses that operate less than 12 months must annualize their gross receipts to determine if a filing requirement exists. For a UBG, the \$350,000 filing threshold is calculated <u>after</u> elimination of intercompany transactions. See the instructions for line 11 on calculating gross receipts for filing theshold purposes.

If the taxpayer is operating business for a period less than 12 months, the apportioned or allocated gross receipts for filing purposes must be annualized and then compared to the \$350,000 threshold.

<u>UBGs</u>: Complete Form 4897 and, if necessary, Form 4896 before beginning Form 4891. Answer lines 1 through 7 of Form 4891 as they apply to the DM.

Amended Returns: To amend a current or prior year annual return: complete the *CIT Amended Annual Return* (Form 4892) that is applicable for the year that is being amended. Include an amended federal return or a signed and dated Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audit document, if applicable. Complete and file all schedules, all forms and all attachments filed with the original return, even if not amending information on that schedule.

Do not include a copy of the original return with your amended return.

Refund Only: If apportioned or allocated gross receipts are less than \$350,000 and there is no recapture, and the taxpayer is filing Form 4891 to claim a refund of estimates paid, skip lines 12 through 43 and lines 49 through 53.

UBGs: If combined apportioned or allocated gross receipts of all members is less than \$350,000 **<u>after</u>** eliminations and there is no recapture and the taxpayer is filing Form 4891 solely to claim a refund of estimates paid, the UBG may follow these instructions for claiming a refund. However, the designated member must include a Form 4896, if necessary, and a Form 4897 for each member included in the UBG.

Public Law 86-272: If a taxpayer's business activity is protected under Public Law (PL) 86-272, but the taxpayer wishes to claim a refund, the taxpayer must file a Form 4891. When filing this form, leave lines 12 through 41 and lines 49 through 53 blank and include an attachment explaining the circumstances of the PL 86-272 protection. Lines 42 and 43 must be completed to report any recapture of credits.

UBGs: If all members of the UBG are claiming PL 86-272 protection, then the UBG will leave lines 12 through 41 and lines 49 through 53 blank and include a statement explaining the circumstances of the PL 86-272 protection for each member. Lines 42 and 43 must be completed to report any recapture of credits. However, as long as one member of a UBG has nexus with Michigan and exceeds the protections of PL 86-272, all members of the UBG — including members protected under PL 86-272 — must be included when calculating the UBG's Corporate Income Tax base and apportionment formula. As a result, all UBG members must complete Form 4897 for the purpose of this return. Members with PL 86-272 protection are not taxable; however, PL 86-272 will only remove income from the apportionable CIT tax base when all members of the UBG are protected under PL 86-272.

Line-by-Line Instructions

Lines not listed are explained on the form.

Line 1: If not a calendar-year taxpayer, enter the beginning and ending dates (MM-DD-YYYY) that correspond to the taxable period included in this return.

Tax year means the calendar year, or the fiscal year ending during the calendar year, of which the tax base of a taxpayer is computed. If a return is made for a part of a year, tax year means the period for which the return is made. Generally, a taxpayer's tax year is for the same period as is covered by its federal income tax return.

Line 2: Enter the taxpayer's name. If a UBG, enter the name of the DM.

Line 3: Use the taxpayer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Be sure to use the same account number on all forms. Also, the taxpayer FEIN from line 3 must be repeated in the proper location on page 2.

NOTE: The taxpayer must register before filing this form. Taxpayers are encouraged to register online at

www.michigan.gov/businesstaxes. Taxpayers that register with the State online receive their notification of the registration within seven days.

If the taxpayer does not have an FEIN, the taxpayer must obtain an FEIN before filing. The Web site **www.michigan.gov/businesstaxes** provides information on obtaining an FEIN.

Returns received without a registered account number will not be processed until such time as a number is provided.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter the FEIN of the DM for this UBG.

Line 4: Enter the complete address, including the two-digit abbreviation for the country code. See the list of country codes in Form 4890.

NOTE: Any correspondence regarding the return filed and/or refund will be sent to the address used here. The taxpayer's primary address in Treasury files, identified as the legal address and used for all purposes other than refund and correspondence on a specific CIT return, will not change unless the taxpayer files a *Notice of Change or Discontinuance* (Form 163) with Treasury.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter the address of the DM for this UBG.

Line 5: Enter the entity's six-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code. For a complete list of six-digit NAICS codes, see the U.S. Census Bureau Web site at www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/, or enter the same NAICS code used when filing the entity's U.S. Form 1120, Schedule K; U.S. Form 1120S; U.S. Form 1065; or U.S. Form 1040, Schedule C.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter here the NAICS for the principal activity of the group. If no principal activity is available, enter the NAICS code used when filing the DM's U.S. Form 1120, Schedule K; U.S. Form 1120S; U.S. Form 1065; or U.S. Form 1040, Schedule C.

Line 6: Enter the date, if applicable, on which the taxpayer went out of existence.

NOTE: If the taxpayer is still subject to another tax administered by Treasury, or continues to exist but has stopped doing business in Michigan, do not use this line. To complete the discontinuance for Michigan taxes, file Form 163, which is available on the Treasury Web site at **www.michigan.gov/treasuryforms**.

<u>UBGs</u>: Leave this line blank. This information will be included, if needed, on Form 4897.

Line 7a: Check this box if filing a UBG return and include a Form 4897 for every member (including the DM) whose activity is included in this UBG return. Also file a Form 4896, if necessary.

NOTE: Every UBG <u>must check</u> this box, regardless of whether it has elected under PA 266 of 2013, as described in the line 7b instructions.

Line 7b: See the first page of these instructions for information on PA 266 of 2013. Calendar year filers that made this election beginning 2013, and fiscal filers that made this election beginning with the 2013-14 fiscal year, completed the *Michigan Corporate Income Tax Affiliated Group Election to File as a Unitary Business Group* (Form 5114) to make the election. Enter here the end date — in an MM-DD-YYYY format — of the tax year for which you filed Form 5114.

Taxpayers that first make this election beginning calendar year 2014 or later do not use Form 5114. Instead, make the election on this line of the return filed for the first year of the election, by entering the end date of that filing period in an MM-DD-YYYY format. The election lasts 10 years and is irrevocable.

In either case, continue to enter that same date on this line of each successive CIT return throughout the required 10 year life of the election.

Line 8: Check this box if the taxpayer has receipts from transportation services. Taxpayers that check this box also must complete lines 9a through 9g. To calculate Michigan Sales from Transportation Services, see the instructions for line 9 and the table in the "Sourcing of Sales to Michigan" section of the general instructions in Form 4890.

<u>UBGs</u>: If at least one member of the UBG has receipts from transportation services, check this box.

Line 9: For a Michigan-based taxpayer, all sales are Michigan sales unless the taxpayer is subject to tax in another state or foreign country. A taxpayer is subject to a tax in another state or foreign country if the taxpayer is subject to a business privilege tax, a net income tax, a franchise tax measured by net income, a franchise tax for the privilege of doing business, a corporate stock tax, or if the state or foreign country has jurisdiction to subject the taxpayer to one or more of the above listed taxes, regardless of whether the tax is actually imposed against the taxpayer.

The CIT is based only on business activity apportioned to Michigan. A taxpayer that has not established nexus with one other state or a foreign country is subject to the CIT on its entire business activity.

If the taxpayer is able to apportion its business activity then its business activity will be apportioned to Michigan based on sales. *Sale* or *Sales* means the amounts received by the taxpayer as consideration from the following:

- The transfer of title to, or possession of, property that is stock in trade or other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the tax period, or property held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business. For intangible property, the amounts received will be limited to any gain received from the disposition of that property.
- Performance of services which constitute business activities.
- The rental, leasing, licensing, or use of tangible or intangible property, including interest that constitutes business activity.
- Any combination of business activities described above.
- For taxpayers not engaged in any other business activities, sales include interest, dividends, and other income from investment assets and activities and from trading assets and

activities.

Complete the Apportionment Calculation using amounts for the taxpayer's business activity only. Do not include amounts received from an interest in a Partnership, S Corporation, or LLC.

Use the information in the "Sourcing of Sales to Michigan" section of the general instructions in Form 4890.

Line 9a: Enter the Michigan sales that are directly attributable to the taxpayer.

Transportation services that source sales based on revenue miles: Enter on this line the taxpayer's total sales multiplied by the ratio of Michigan revenue miles over revenue miles everywhere as provided in the "Sourcing of Sales to Michigan" chart for that type of transportation service. Revenue mile means the transportation for consideration of one net ton in weight or one passenger the distance of one mile.

NOTE: Only transportation services are sourced using revenue miles. To the extent the taxpayer has business activities or revenue streams not from transportation services, those receipts should be sourced accordingly.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter on this line the entire amount of Michigan sales of all members in the group after eliminations. For more information see the instructions for Form 4897. Note that apportionment is calculated on a member by member basis.

For each member reported on Form 4897, calculate the member's Michigan sales as follows: from the figure reported on Form 4897, line 13, subtract the amount reported on Form 4897, line 15. Add the calculated Michigan sales amount of all members of the group, and enter the total sum here.

Taxpayers that have a unitary relationship with a Flow-Through Entity (FTE), but are not part of a CIT unitary group of corporations (i.e., line 7a is not checked): Do not include on this line Michigan sales made by the taxpayer to an FTE that is unitary with the taxpayer and is included on *FTEs that are Unitary with the Taxpayer* (Form 4900). In other words, enter this line net of eliminations with the FTE. For more information on eliminations, see the instructions to line 17.

An *FTE* is an entity that, for the applicable tax year, is treated as a subchapter S Corporation under section 1362(a) of the internal revenue code, a general partnership, a trust, a limited partnership, a limited liability partnership, or a limited liability company that is not taxed as a C Corporation for federal income tax purposes.

A taxpayer is unitary with a flow-through entity if the taxpayer:

• Owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the ownership interests with voting rights (or ownership interests that confer comparable rights to voting rights) of the FTE; AND

• The taxpayer and FTE have activities or operations which result in a flow of value between the taxpayer and the FTE, or between the FTE and another FTE unitary with the taxpayer, or has business activities or operations that are integrated with, are dependent upon, or contribute to each other. The determination of whether a taxpayer is unitary with an FTE is

made at the taxpayer level. If the taxpayer at issue is a UBG, the ownership requirement will be made at the UBG level. So, if the combined ownership of the FTE by the UBG is greater than 50%, then the ownership requirement will be satisfied.

NOTE: PA 266 of 2013 authorizes an affiliated group election that applies an alternate test for finding a unitary relationship between corporations. This act DID NOT create a corresponding "affiliated group" test for finding a unitary relationship between a corporation and an FTE. The existence of a unitary relationship between a corporation and an FTE is still based exclusively on the test described above

Line 9b: If the taxpayer is unitary with an FTE or FTEs, enter on this line the total proportionate amount of Michigan sales attributed to these flow-through entities in column J on Form 4900. For more information see the instructions for Form 4900. If an amount is entered on this line, then Form 4900 must be completed and included with the filing of this form.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter on this line the entire amount of total Michigan sales attributed to all flow-through entities that are unitary with a member of the group. For each member of the group, add the figure reported on Form 4897, line 14, of all members of the group, and enter the sum here.

Line 9d: Enter the total sales that are directly attributable to the taxpayer.

Transportation services that source sales based on revenue miles: Enter on this line the total sales that are directly attributable to the taxpayer.

NOTE: Only transportation services are sourced using revenue miles. To the extent the taxpayer has business activities or revenue streams not from transportation services, those receipts should be sourced accordingly.

UBGs: Enter on this line the entire amount of total sales of all members in the group after eliminations. For more information see the instructions for Form 4897. For each member reported on Form 4897, calculate the member's total sales as follows: from the figure reported on Form 4897, line 16, subtract the amount on Form 4897, line 18. Add the calculated total sales amount of all members of the group, and enter the total sum here.

Taxpayers that have a unitary relationship with an FTE, but are not part of a CIT unitary group of corporations (i.e., line 7a is not checked): Do not include on this line sales made by the taxpayer to an FTE that is unitary with the taxpayer and is included in Form 4900. In other words, enter this line net of eliminations with the FTE. For more information on eliminations, see the instructions to line 17.

Line 9e: If the taxpayer is unitary with an FTE or FTEs, enter on this line the total proportionate amount of total sales attributed to these FTEs in column O on Form 4900. For more information see the instructions for Form 4900. If an amount is entered on this line, then Form 4900 must be completed and included with the filing of this form.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter on this line the entire amount of total sales attributed to all flow-through entities that are unitary with a member of the group. Add the figure reported on Form 4897,

line 17 of all members of the group, and enter the sum here.

Line 10a: Enter the amount of total, unapportioned gross receipts received by the taxpayer. **DO NOT** include flow-through gross receipts on this line.

Gross receipts means the entire amount received by the taxpayer from any activity, whether in intrastate, interstate, or foreign commerce, carried out for direct or indirect gain, benefit, or advantage to the taxpayer or to others, with certain exceptions. Use the checklist as the line 10b instructions as a guide to be sure receipts have been totaled correctly. Taxpayers and tax professionals are expected to be familiar with uncommon situations within their experience, which produce gross receipts not identified by the checklist.

UBGs: RECENT STATUTORY CHANGE: Enter on this line the entire amount of gross receipts of all members in the group <u>after</u> eliminations. For each member reported on Form 4897, calculate the member's gross receipts net of eliminations as follows: from the figure reported on Form 4897, line 19a, subtract the amount reported on Form 4897, line 19b. Combine the resulting gross receipts net of eliminations amounts of all members of the group, and enter the total here. UBG members reporting a period of less than 12 months with this group return must annualize their gross receipts figure net of eliminations on a member by member basis. Use each member's number of months reported in the group's tax year. Once all applicable members' gross receipts net of elimination are annualized, carry the sum of all gross receipts net of elimination to line 10a.

Line 10b: Enter the imputed gross receipts from all unitary or non-unitary FTEs from which the taxpayer receives a distributive share of income. **EXCEPTION:** Do not include imputed gross receipts from any FTE in which the taxpayer is a non-unitary owner, and the FTE has made a valid election to file the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) for this tax year.

Single filers, use the "Worksheet on Flow-Through Gross Receipts" after the Gross Receipts Checklist (which begins below) to calculate the imputed apportioned or allocated gross receipts from each FTE.

UBGs: Enter on this line the entire amount of apportioned gross receipts from all (unitary or non-unitary) FTEs from which a member of group receives a distributive share of income. **EXCEPTION:** Do not include imputed gross receipts from any FTE in which the taxpayer is a non-unitary owner, and the FTE has made a valid election to file MBT for this tax year.

Add the amount reported on Form 4897, line 20, reported for all members of the group, and enter the sum here. UBG members reporting a period of less than 12 months with this group return must annualize their apportioned FTE gross receipts figure on a member by member basis. Use each member's number of months reported in the group's tax year. Once all applicable members' FTE gross receipts figures are annualized, carry all members' figures from line 20 of Form 4897 to line 10b.

Gross Receipts Checklist

NOTE: This checklist is not intended to be all encompassing.

Receipts include, but are not limited to:

- Receipts (sales price) from the sale of assets used in a business activity
- Sale of products
- Services performed
- Gratuities stipulated on a bill
- Sales tax collected on the sale of tangible personal property
- Dividend and interest income
- Gross commissions earned
- Rents
- Royalties
- Professional services
- Sales of scrap and other similar items
- Receipts from the production of oil and gas
- Client reimbursed expenses not obtained in an agency capacity
- Gross proceeds from intercompany sales.

Receipts exclude:

- Proceeds from sales by a principal that are collected in an agency capacity solely on behalf of the principal and delivered to the principal
- Amounts received as an agent solely on behalf of the principal that are expended by the taxpayer under certain circumstances
- Amounts excluded from gross income of a foreign corporation engaged in the international operation of aircraft under section 883(a) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Amounts received by an advertising agency used to acquire advertising media time, space, production, or talent on behalf of another person
- Amounts received by a person that manages real property owned by a client that are deposited into a separate account kept in the name of the client and that are not reimbursed and are not indirect payments for management services provided to that client
- Proceeds from the original issue of stock, equity instruments, or debt instruments
- · Refunds from returned merchandise
- Cash and in-kind discounts
- Trade discounts
- Federal, State or local tax refunds
- Security deposits
- Payment of the principal portion of loans
- Value of property received in a like-kind exchange
- Proceeds from a sale, transaction, exchange, involuntary conversion, or other disposition of tangible, intangible, or real property that is a capital asset as defined in section 1221(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or land that qualifies as property used in the trade or business as defined in section 1231(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, less any gain from the disposition to the extent that gain is included in federal taxable income

- Proceeds from an insurance policy, settlement of a claim, or judgment in a civil action, less any proceeds that are included in federal taxable income
- Proceeds from the taxpayer's transfer of an account receivable, if the sale that generated the account receivable was included in gross receipts for federal income tax purposes. This provision will not apply to a taxpayer who both buys and sells any receivables during the tax year.

WORKSHEET ON FLOW-THROUGH GROSS RECEIPTS

A taxpayer must complete the following calculation for each Flow-Through Entity (FTE), whether unitary or not, that does not elect to file an MBT return for this tax year and from which the taxpayer receives distributive share of income. The amount in line 5 of this worksheet for each FTE must be added, and the sum carried to Form 4891, line 10b.



*Line 4: If the FTE is unitary with the taxpayer, use the apportionment percentage from line 9g. Otherwise, use the FTE's apportionment percentage.

Line 11: Calculate the taxpayer's total apportioned gross receipts for filing threshold by multiplying Line 10a by the percentage on Line 9g, and adding that amount to Line 10b. **Do not** leave this field blank.

Gross Receipts Filing Threshold: Taxpayers with allocated or apportioned gross receipts of less than \$350,000 do not have to file a CIT return and do not have to pay the tax imposed by the CIT. For periods less than 12 months, this amount must be annualized. To annualize this amount, multiply the taxpayer's total apportioned or allocated gross receipts figure by 12 and divide the result by the number of months in the taxpayers' tax year. **Do not** enter annualized figures on this line.

UBGs: Calculate the apportioned gross receipts figure for filing threshold purposes by multiplying the amount on line 10a by the apportionment percentage on line 9g, and adding to that product the amount on line 10b. Because figures entered on lines 10a and 10b represent the sum of annualized member figures (when applicable), no further annualization is required on line 11.

PART 1: CORPORATE INCOME TAX

Line 12: Federal taxable income, as reported on this line, is defined for CIT purposes to include carryback and carryover of federal net operating losses. Note that these amounts will

be added back, for CIT purposes, in the Additions to Business Income section, below.

NOTE: See the discussion of Public Act 233 of 2013 in the "Important Information for 2014" section of the general instructions.

Agricultural activities: Include income from the production of agricultural activities on line 12. Farms are not exempt under the CIT. Furthermore, the tax base attributable to the production of agricultural goods by a person whose primary activity is the production of agricultural goods is similarly not exempt.

UBGs: Enter here the sum of all members Form 4897, line 21.

Line 13: <u>UBGs</u>: Enter here the sum of all members Form 4897, line 22.

Line 14: There are currently no miscellaneous items to be entered on this line. Leave this line blank.

Line 15: Adjustments are required for all assets placed into service after December 31, 2007, for which bonus depreciation was taken.

Line 15a: For the computation of business income for CIT, persons who claimed a federal special depreciation deduction under IRC § 168(k) on property first placed in service in 2008 or later must calculate the net bonus depreciation adjustment on those assets as follows: net bonus depreciation adjustment in tax year equals the total federal depreciation claimed in tax year less the total amount of depreciation that would be claimed in the federal return in the tax year if the person had elected not to utilize the bonus depreciation allowance at IRC § 168(k). A person may not elect IRC § 179 expensing of an asset for MBT or CIT purposes if it did not elect to use IRC § 179 for that asset federally.

Line 15b: For the computation of business income for CIT purposes, persons who claimed a federal special depreciation deduction under IRC § 168(k) on property first placed in service in 2008 or later and subsequently disposed of that property in the current tax year must calculate the gain/loss adjustment on the sale of those assets as follows: gain/loss adjustment in tax year equals the total amount of federal depreciation that would be claimed in the federal return over the years (starting the year the asset was placed in service and ending on the current tax year) if the person had elected not to utilize the bonus depreciation allowance at IRC § 168(k) on the property being disposed LESS the total federal depreciation claimed over the years (starting the year asset was placed in service and ending on the current tax year). A person may not elect IRC § 179 expensing of an asset for MBT or CIT purposes if it did not elect to use IRC § 179 for that asset federally.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter the sum here (line 15) of all members Form 4897, line 24.

Line 17: <u>UBGs</u>: Enter here the sum of all members Form 4897, line 25.

NOTE: Elimination, where required, applies to transactions between any members of the UBG supported by this form. For example, if the UBG includes standard taxpayers (not owned by and unitary with a financial institution in the UBG), an insurance company, and a financial institution with nexus, transactions

between a standard taxpayer member and an insurance or financial member are eliminated whenever elimination is required, despite the fact that the insurance and financial members are not reported on the combined return filed by standard taxpayer members.

However, there is no elimination with an otherwise related entity if the related entity is excluded from the UBG. For example, consider a group with a U.S. parent, a U.S. subsidiary, and a foreign operating entity subsidiary that would otherwise be a UBG, but the foreign operating entity is excluded from the UBG by definition. The U.S. parent filing a UBG return may not eliminate intercompany transactions between itself and the foreign operating entity.

If a transaction between two members of a UBG is reported on the group's current return by one member but reported on the preceding or succeeding group return by the other member (due to differing year ends or accounting methods of the members), the side of that transaction that is included in the group's current filing period must be eliminated. The other side of the same transaction will be eliminated on the group return for the filing period in which the other member reports the transaction.

Additions to Business Income

Line 19: Enter any interest income and dividends from bonds and similar obligations or securities of states other than Michigan and their political subdivisions in the same amount that was excluded from federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes). Reduce this addition by any expenses related to the foregoing income that were disallowed on the federal return by IRC § 265 and § 291.

<u>UBGs</u>: add Form 4897, line 27 of all members and enter sum here.

Line 20: Enter all taxes on, or measured by, net income including city and state taxes, Foreign Income Tax, and Federal Environmental Tax claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal return. This includes the tax imposed under the CIT to the extent claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal return that includes the tax period on this return. Enter all taxes on, or measured by, net income including city and state taxes, Foreign Income Tax, and Federal Environmental Tax claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal environmental Tax claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal return. This would include the tax imposed under the CIT to the extent claimed as a deduction on the taxpayer's federal return that includes the tax period on this return. This would also include, to the extent deducted in arriving at federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes), the Business Income Tax portion of the MBT..

<u>UBGs</u>: add Form 4897, line 28 of all members and enter sum here.

Line 21: Enter any net operating loss carryback or carryover that was deducted in arriving at federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes). Enter this amount as a positive number.

<u>UBGs</u>: add Form 4897, line 29 of all members and enter sum here.

Line 22: Enter, to the extent deducted in arriving at federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes), any royalty, interest, or other expense paid to a person related to the taxpayer by ownership or control for the use of an intangible asset if the person is not included in the taxpayer's UBG.

Royalty, interest, or other expense described here is not required to be included if the taxpayer can demonstrate that the transaction has a nontax business purpose other than avoidance of this tax, is conducted with arm's-length pricing and rates and terms as applied in accordance with IRC § 482 and § 1274(d), and satisfies one of the following:

• Is a pass through of another transaction between a third party and the related person with comparable rates and terms.

• Results in double taxation. For this purpose, double taxation exists if the transaction is subject to tax in another jurisdiction.

• Is unreasonable as determined by the Treasurer, and the taxpayer agrees that the addition would be unreasonable based on the taxpayer's facts and circumstances.

• The related person (recipient of the transaction) is organized under the laws of a foreign nation which has in force a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States.

<u>UBGs</u>: add Form 4897, line 30 of all members and enter sum here.

Line 23: Enter on this line the expenses included on line 12 that resulted from the production of oil and gas if that production of oil and gas is subject to the Severance Tax on Oil or Gas, 1929 PA 48. Also enter expenses related to the income derived from a mineral to the extent that income is included on line 30 and that expense was deducted in arriving at federal taxable income.

<u>UBGs</u>: add the amount on Form 4897, line 31 off all members and enter the sum here.

Line 24: There are currently no miscellaneous items to be entered on this line. Leave this line blank.

Subtractions from Business Income

Subtractions are generally available to the extent included in arriving at federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes).

Line 27: Enter on this line the sum of all entries in Column C of *Non-Unitary Relationships with Flow-Through Entities* (Form 4898). FTEs include partnerships and S corporations as well as limited liability companies that are not taxed as a C corporation. If an amount is entered on this line, Form 4898 must be completed and included with the filing of this form.

<u>UBGs</u>: The amount entered on line 27 must equal the sum of all entries in Column C of all Forms 4898 that were filed by the UBG. The amount also will equal the sum of all group members' Form 4897, line 32

Line 28: Enter, to the extent included in federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes), any dividends and royalties received from persons other than United States persons and foreign operating entities, including, but not limited to, amounts determined under IRC § 78 or IRC § § 951 to 964.

UBGs: Enter here the sum of Form 4897, line 33 of all members.

Line 29: To the extent included in federal taxable income (as defined for CIT purposes), deduct interest income derived from United States obligations.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter here the sum of Form 4897, line 34 of all members.

Line 30: Enter on this line income from the production of oil and gas if that production of oil and gas is subject to the severance tax on oil and gas, 1929 PA 48, to the extent that income was included in federal taxable income. Also enter, income derived from a mineral to the extent included in federal taxable income.

<u>UBGs</u>: Enter here the sum of Form 4897, line 35 of all members.

Line 31: There are no miscellaneous subtractions that can be entered on this line; leave this line blank.

Line 35: Enter on this line the sum of entries from Column E of form 4898. Exclude entries for FTEs that have elected MBT for the current tax year. FTEs include partnerships and S corporations as well as limited liability companies that are not taxed as a C corporation. If an amount is entered on this line, Form 4898 must be completed and included with the filing of this form.

<u>UBGs</u>: The amount entered on Line 35 must equal the sum of all entries in Column E of all Forms 4898 that were filed by the UBG, excluding entries for FTEs that have elected the MBT for the current tax year.

Line 37a: Deduct any available CIT business loss incurred after December 31, 2011. Enter as a positive number.

A taxpayer that acquires the assets of another corporation in a transaction described under section 381(a)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code may deduct any CIT business loss carryforward attributable to that other corporation. Include any such amounts on this line. Attach a list of all loss corporations acquired in this manner during the filing period, providing name, FEIN, and loss amount for each one. For a UBG, attach a single list of all loss corporations acquired by this UBG in this manner during the filing period, providing name and FEIN of acquiring member, name and FEIN of acquired corporation, and loss amount for each acquired corporation.

Business loss means a negative business income, after apportionment, if applicable.

NOTE: CIT business loss carryforward is not the same as the federal net operating loss carryforward or carryback. It also is not the same as the Single Business Tax (SBT) or Michigan Business Tax business loss carryforward. You may not claim any SBT or MBT business loss carryforward on this return. A taxpayer may deduct only a business loss created in a previous CIT tax year from the business income tax base.

UBGs: If the group created a business loss carryforward in a preceding CIT tax period, Treasury will have maintained that carryforward on the DM's account. Enter unused carryforwards of this type from line 11 of the DM's copy of Form 4897.

If a member created a CIT business loss carryforward from a CIT tax period prior to joining the UBG, Treasury will maintain that carryforward on that member's account, subject to use by the group, until it is fully consumed or that member leaves the group. Enter unused carryforwards of this type on the copy of Form 4897 filed for the member that brought the carryforward to the group. Available carryforwards, regardless of whether they arose within the group or outside of it, are applied against the UBG's tax liability on the basis of age (oldest first). If two members each created a carryforward that are the same age,

and together they exceed the amount allowable in this filing period, those members' respective carryforwards are used in proportion to the amount they contributed to the group. If a member that generated a carryforward in a prior period leaves the group, that member will take with it an amount equal to the group's remaining carryforward from that period multiplied by the amount that member contributed relative to the total amount contributed by all group members for the carryforward in that same period. It is important to review a carryforward for the possibility that some or all of it has expired, or that some or all of it was withdrawn from the group by a departing member.

Line 37a is the amount of the business loss carryforward that may be claimed in this filing period. See the "Supplemental Instructions for Standard Members in UBGs" in Form 4890 for more information on the effects of members leaving or joining a UBG.

Line 37b: Check this box if any of the business loss reported on line 37a was acquired by the taxpayer in an IRC 381(a) transaction during this filing period. Attach to the return a statement of the name, FEIN, and business loss amount of each such acquired corporation.

Line 38: Subtract line 37 from line 36. Any negative amount on line 36 is a CIT business loss which may be carried forward to the next filing period, except to the extent that all or some portion of this business loss has exceeded its usable life of ten tax years.

PART 2: TOTAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX

Line 41: IMPORTANT: If apportioned or allocated gross receipts are less than \$350,000, enter a zero on this line. If a business operated less than 12 months, annualize gross receipts to determine if a filing requirement exists. For instructions on how to calculate the taxpayer's allocated or apportioned gross receipts, see the instructions to Line 11.

NOTE: If calculated annual liability is less than or equal to \$100, enter zero.

<u>UBGs</u>: If apportioned or allocated gross receipts <u>after</u> intercompany eliminations are less than \$350,000, enter a zero on this line. For guidance on how to calculate the taxpayer's allocated or apportioned gross receipts, see the instructions to Line 11.

Line 42: Enter the amount of recapture from line 20 of Form 4902. A taxpayer subject to recapture is required to report and pay the amount of recapture due regardless of whether the taxpayer has \$350,000 or more of apportioned or allocated gross receipts.

PART 3: PAYMENTS AND TAX DUE

Line 45: Enter the total estimated CIT tax paid with the *CIT Quarterly Tax Return* (Form 4913), the estimated CIT paid with the *Combined Return for Michigan Taxes* (Form 160), or the amount of estimated CIT tax paid through Electronic Funds Transfer. Include all payments made on returns that apply to the tax year included in this return. For example, calendar year filers include money paid with the above listed returns for return periods January through December.

<u>UBGs</u>: Include all applicable estimated payments made by the members of the UBG for the tax year included in this return. The amount entered on this line will equal the sum of Form 4897, line 37, for all members.

Line 46: Enter the total withholding payments made on your behalf by Flow-Through Withholding entities. Include all withholding payments made on returns that apply to the tax year included in this return. Included on this line would be Flow-Through Withholding payments made by FTEs whose tax years ended with or within the tax year included in this return. For example, a calendar year filer would include Flow-Through Withholding payments made by an FTE whose tax year ended on or after January 1, 2014, and on or before December 31, 2014. Any FTE that has withheld on behalf of the taxpayer should have provided the taxpayer with the amount for its records.

If an amount is entered on this line, complete the *CIT Schedule* of *Flow-Through Withholding* (Form 4911) to account for the Flow-Through Withholding payments received. The amount entered on this line must equal the sum of the combined amount from Form 4911, column E. For UBGs, this amount also equals the sum of all member's Form 4897, line 38.

Line 50: If penalty and/or interest are owed for not filing estimated returns or for underestimating tax, complete the *CIT Penalty and Interest Computation for Underpaid Estimated Tax* (Form 4899), to compute penalty and interest due. If a taxpayer chooses not to file Form 4899, Treasury will compute penalty and interest and bill for payment.

Line 51: Enter the overdue tax penalty. Use the following "Overdue Tax Penalty" worksheet. Refer to the "Computing Penalty and Interest" section in Form 4890 to determine the appropriate penalty percentage.

WORKSHEET - OVERDUE TAX PENALTY

A.	Tax due from Form 4891, line 49	00
B.	Late/extension or insufficient	
	payment penalty percentage	%
C.	Multiply line A by line B	00

Carry amount from line C to Form 4891, line 51.

Line 52: Enter the overdue tax interest. Use the following "Overdue Tax Interest" worksheet. Refer to the "Computing Penalty and Interest" section in Form 4890 to determine the appropriate penalty percentage.

WORKSHEET - OVERDUE TAX INTEREST

А.	Tax due from Form 4891, line 49	00
В.	Applicable daily interest percentage	%
C.	Number of days return was past due	
D.	Multiply line B by line C	%
	Multiply line A by line D	00
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Carry amount from line E to Form 4891, line 52.

Line 52 NOTE: If the late period spans more than one interest rate period, divide the late period into the number of days in each of the interest rate periods identified in the "Computing Penalty and Interest" section in Form 4890, and apply the calculations in the "Overdue Tax Interest" worksheet separately to each portion of the late period. Combine these interest subtotals and carry the total to line 52.

PART 4: REFUND OR CREDIT FORWARD

Line 54: If the amount of the tax overpayment, less any penalty and interest due on lines 50, 51 and 52 is less than zero, enter the difference (as a positive number) on line 53. If the amount is greater than zero, enter on this line.

NOTE: If an overpayment exists, a taxpayer may elect a refund of all or a portion of the amount and/or designate all or a portion of the overpayment to be used as an estimate for the next CIT tax year. Complete lines 55 and 56 as applicable.

Line 55: If the taxpayer anticipates a CIT liability in the filing period subsequent to this return, some or all of any overpayment from line 54 may be credited forward to the next tax year as an estimated payment. Enter on this line the desired amount to use as an estimate for the next CIT tax year.

Line 56: Enter the amount of refund requested.

Reminder: Taxpayers must sign and date returns. Preparers must provide a Preparer Taxpayer Identification Number (PTIN), FEIN or Social Security number (SSN), a well as a business name, business address and phone number.

Other Supporting Forms and Schedules

Federal Forms: Include copies of these forms with the return.

• C Corporations: U.S. Form *1120* (pages 1 through 5), *Schedule D*, Form *851*, Form *4562*, and Form *4797*. If filing as part of a consolidated federal return, attach a pro forma or consolidated schedule.

• **Limited Liability Companies:** Attach appropriate schedules listed above if you have elected to be taxed as a C corporation.

• **Federally Exempt Entities:** In certain circumstances, a federally tax exempt entity must file a CIT return. In those cases, attach U.S. Form 990-T (pages 1 through 4).

<u>UBGs</u>: See the instructions for Form 4897 for information regarding federal attachments for members of UBGs.

* Do not send copies of Federal K-1s. Treasury will request them if necessary.