



## Exit Planning in uncertain times

**OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS** the majority of business owners have focused on internal fire fighting and dealing with issues arising from operational restructurings. With depressed trading performance and funding markets which were unable to support aspirational valuations, it is no surprise that succession and exit planning has been on the backburner for some time.

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## Rapala acquires Dynamite Baits in multi-million pound deal

**RAPALA VMC GROUP** has finalised the acquisition of 100 % of the share capital of Dynamite Baits Ltd in a transaction originated and led by Cooper Parry Corporate Finance and Geldards law firm.

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## iXBRL and electronic filing - How will it affect me?

**FROM 1ST APRIL 2011** company statutory accounts and corporation tax returns must be delivered electronically to HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in Inline Extensible Reporting Language (iXBRL) format.

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## Finance Act 2010 - Changes to Charities Definition

**THE FIRST FINANCE ACT 2010** included a new definition of 'charity' for the purposes of the reliefs from income and corporation taxes. The definition now requires, amongst other things, that charities exist solely for 'charitable purposes', as defined by Charities Act 2006, and that a charity's 'managers' are 'fit and proper' persons. >> [READ MORE](#)



## Add value now before VAT increase 4 January 2011

**SINCE MOST BUSINESSES** can recover the VAT they incur on business expenditure, they may be forgiven for doing nothing before the increase to 20% from 17.5% on 4 January 2011. However, consider the checklist of items below to see whether you may be able to take positive action for your benefit now.

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## Improvements to R&D Tax Relief for SMEs

**THE PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT THAT SMEs** had to own the intellectual property was difficult to apply, especially where the intellectual property was not formally protected. HM Revenue & Customs issued guidance stating that ownership of intellectual property would be evidenced by the claimant company having a 'real and material interest' in the intellectual property, usually involving the ability to freely exploit the intellectual property without the consent of another party. >> [READ MORE](#)



## Turnaround Restructuring & Insolvency

**What are some common mistakes that bring businesses to the point where they need outside help?**

**"I GUESS THE MOST COMMON MISTAKE** and it is understandable, is the belief that many business owners can do it themselves or that they cannot afford the assistance. As a consequence, by the time they are really forced to take specialist help it's to talk about Insolvency options rather than their turnaround options."

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## VAT Update

**OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS** we have seen some interesting rulings and actions from the EC which will have implications for many UK businesses >> [READ MORE](#)

## Cooper Parry Corporate Challenge 2010

**THIRTY-SEVEN** teams took part in this year's corporate relay event organised by business advisers, Cooper Parry and raised £15,000. The overall winner of the 2010 event was **MMD Mining Machinery Developments Ltd** in a time of 01:30:58. In second place was **Coba** with a time of 01:35:55 and in third place, **Adamson Jones** in a time of 01:41:59. >> [READ MORE](#)



## Cooper Parry Business Team Challenge 2011

**THE DATE HAS BEEN SET** as **3 April 2011** for the Cooper Parry Business Team Challenge - part of the Derby 10k run - so get your teams pre-registered now! Teams of up to 10 runners are invited to take part and enjoy Cooper Parry's hospitality and prize-giving in Pride Park stadium. Each team sets off from Pride Park stadium Derby and all will run the full 10k distance finishing on pitchside. The first 4 quickest times in your team count.

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