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Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Dispute

SP AusNet successfully appeals Intellectual Property assessments

The Federal Court of Australia today delivered judgment in favour of SP AusNet on appeals against the Commissioner of Taxation. The dispute relates to intellectual property deductions claimed in the 1998 to 2011 years, inclusive. The disputed taxes amount to $90.8 million (representing $27.4 million of primary tax, $23.3 million of interest penalties and $40.1 million of future tax benefits).

In October 2011, SP AusNet paid $17.2 million to the ATO in relation to the dispute as part of a 50/50 payment arrangement. This amount has been recorded as a non-current receivable in SP AusNet's financial statements since that time. The timing of the part-payment refund is dependent on whether the ATO seeks to appeal the Federal Court's decision. The ATO has 21 days to file any such appeal.

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