



BE-15 Identification Number

## 2015 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES FORM BE-15C

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**Name and address of U.S. business enterprise**

1002	Name of U.S. affiliate		
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1010	c/o (care of)		
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1003	Street or P.O. Box		
0			
1004	City	0998	State
0			
1005	ZIP Code	OR	Foreign Postal Code
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**Include your BE-15 Identification Number with all requests.**

**Have you been notified that you must file a BE-15 Survey?**

If so, you must file a BE-15A, BE-15B, BE-15C, or BE-15 Claim for Exemption by the due date.

**Who must file BE-15C:**

Those U.S. affiliates with any one of the following items exceeding \$40 million, but with all items not exceeding \$120 million (positive or negative):

- Total assets
- Sales or gross operating revenues
- Net income

If you do not meet the filing criteria, see instruction I.A.1 on page 12 to determine which form to file.

**Mandatory, Confidentiality, Penalties**

This survey is being conducted under the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (P.L. 94-472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended). The filing of reports is mandatory and the Act provides that your report to this Bureau is confidential. Whoever fails to report may be subject to penalties. See page 11 for more details.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Provide information of person to consult about this report:**

Name			
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1009	Street 1		
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1029	Street 2		
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1030	City	State	Zip
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1031	Telephone Number		
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1001	Extension		
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0999	Fax Number		
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1028	E-mail Address		
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**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned official certifies that this report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable instructions, is complete, and is substantially accurate including estimates that may have been provided.

Signature of Authorized Official	Date
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## Part I - Identification of U.S. Affiliate

### IMPORTANT

Review the instructions starting on page 11 before completing this form. **Insurance and real estate companies** see special instructions on page 16.

- **Accounting principles** — If feasible use U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to complete Form BE-15 unless you are requested to do otherwise by a specific instruction. References in the instructions to Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topics are referred to as "FASB ASC".
- **U.S. affiliate's 2015 fiscal year** — The affiliate's financial reporting year that had an ending date in calendar year 2015.
- **Consolidated reporting** — A U.S. affiliate must file on a fully consolidated **domestic U.S.** basis, including in the consolidation ALL U.S. business enterprises proceeding down each ownership chain whose voting securities are more than 50 percent owned by the U.S. business enterprise above. The consolidation rules are found in instruction IV.2 on page 14.

• **Rounding** — Report currency amounts in U.S. dollars rounded to thousands (omitting 000). \$ Bil. Mil. Thous. Dols.  
 Do not enter amounts in the shaded portions of each item.  
 Example — If amount is \$1,334,891.00 report as: ..... 1 335 000

**1 Which financial reporting standards will you use to complete this BE-15 report?**

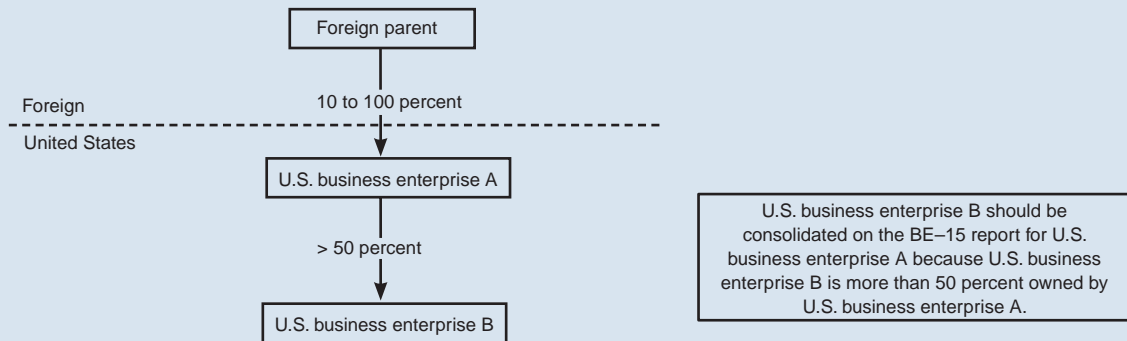
NOTE — The BE-15 report should be completed using U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP). If using U.S. GAAP to complete this report is highly burdensome, or otherwise not feasible, you may use other financial reporting standards, preferably with adjustments to correct for any material differences between U.S. GAAP and the reporting standards used.

- <sup>1399</sup> <sup>1</sup>  U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>  International Financial Reporting Standards (as promulgated by, or adapted from, the International Accounting Standards Board)  
 NOTE — Do not prepare your BE-15 report using the proportionate consolidation method.
- <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>  Other reporting standards — Specify the reporting standards used

**2 Is more than 50 percent of the voting interest in this U.S. business enterprise owned by another U.S. affiliate of the foreign parent (see the diagram below)?**

- <sup>1400</sup> <sup>1</sup>  Yes If "Yes" — Do not complete this report unless exception 2c described in the consolidation rules on page 14 applies. If this exception does not apply, forward this BE-15 survey packet to the U.S. business enterprise owning your company more than 50 percent, and notify BEA of the action taken by filing BE-15 Claim for Exemption with item 2(d) completed on page 3 of that form. The BE-15 Claim for Exemption can be downloaded from BEA's Web site at: [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi)
- <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>  No If "No" — Complete this report in accordance with the consolidation rules on page 14.

### CONSOLIDATION OF U.S. AFFILIATES



**3 Enter Employer Identification Number(s) used by the U.S. affiliate to file income and payroll taxes.**

<p>Primary</p> <p><sup>1006</sup> <sup>1</sup> <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Other</p> <p><sup>2</sup> <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>
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Part I - Identification of U.S. Affiliate – Continued

4 Reporting Period — Reporting period instructions are found in instruction for item 4 on page 14. If there was a change in fiscal year, review instruction 4.b. on page 14.

Month Day Year

This U.S. affiliate's fiscal year ended in calendar year 2015 on ..... 1007

Example — If the fiscal reporting year ended on March 31, report for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2015.

NOTE — Affiliates with a fiscal year that ended within the first week of January 2016 are considered to have a 2015 fiscal year and should report December 31, 2015 as their 2015 fiscal year end.

5 Did the U.S. business enterprise become a U.S. affiliate during its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

Month Day Year

1008 1 1 Yes If "Yes" — Enter the date the U.S. business enterprise became a U.S. affiliate and see instruction for item 5 on page 14 to determine how to report for the first time ..... 1009

2 No

NOTE — For a U.S. business enterprise that became a U.S. affiliate during its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015, leave the close FY 2014 data columns blank.

6 U.S. business enterprises fully consolidated in this report — U.S. business enterprises that are more than 50-percent owned based on voting interest should be fully consolidated in this report, except as noted in the consolidation rules starting on page 14. Banks, see instruction I.C. on page 13 for aggregated reporting rules.

Enter the number of U.S. business enterprises consolidated in this report in the box below. Hereinafter they are considered to be one U.S. affiliate. If the report is for a single U.S. business enterprise, enter "1" in the box below. Exclude from the consolidation all foreign business enterprises or operations owned by this U.S. affiliate.

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If the number is greater than one, complete the Supplement A on page 8.

7 U.S. affiliates NOT fully consolidated — See instruction 7 starting on page 14.

Number of U.S. affiliates, in which this U.S. affiliate has an ownership interest, that are NOT fully consolidated in this report.

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If number is not zero, complete the Supplement B on page 9.

The U.S. affiliate named on page 1 must include data for unconsolidated U.S. affiliates on an equity basis or, if less than 20 percent owned, in accordance with FASB ASC 320 (formerly FAS 115) or the cost method of accounting. The U.S. affiliate named on page 1 also must notify the unconsolidated U.S. affiliates of their obligation to file a BE-15 in their own names (see page 12 to determine the appropriate form for these affiliates to file).

## Part I - Identification of U.S. Affiliate – Continued

**OWNERSHIP** — Enter percent of ownership in this U.S. affiliate, to a tenth of one percent, based on voting interest (or an equivalent interest if an unincorporated affiliate). "Voting interest" is defined in instruction 8.a(1) on page 15.

**Foreign parent** — A foreign parent is the **FIRST** person or entity outside the U.S. in a chain of ownership that has a 10 percent or more **voting** interest (direct or indirect) in this U.S. affiliate. The country of foreign parent is the country of incorporation or organization if the parent is a business enterprise, or of residence if the parent is an individual or government. For individuals, see instruction 8.b on page 15.

Name of each direct owner

Country of foreign parent	Voting interest		BEA USE ONLY
	Close FY 2015 (1)	Close FY 2014 (2)	

**Ownership held directly by foreign parent(s) of this affiliate**—see example 1 below.

Enter name and country of each foreign parent with direct ownership and the country of the foreign parent—if more than 2, continue on separate sheet.

<b>8</b>		--Select Country--	1017	%	<sup>2</sup>	%	<sup>3</sup>
<b>9</b>		--Select Country--	1018	%	<sup>2</sup>	%	<sup>3</sup>

**Ownership held directly by all U.S. affiliates of the foreign parent(s)** — see example 2 below.

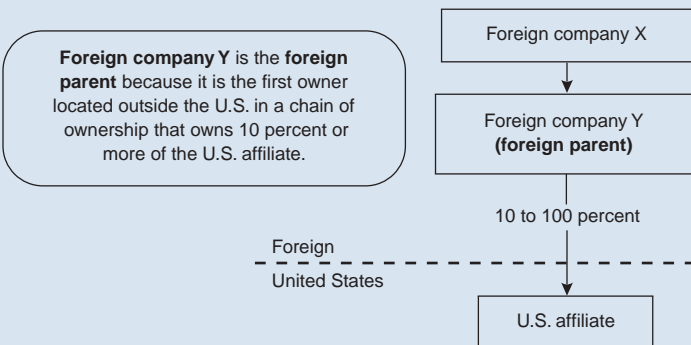
Enter name of each U.S. affiliate that owns this affiliate and the country of the foreign parent — if more than 2, continue on separate sheet.

<b>10</b>		--Select Country--	1063	%	<sup>2</sup>	%	<sup>3</sup>
<b>11</b>		--Select Country--	1064	%	<sup>2</sup>	%	<sup>3</sup>
<b>12</b>	<b>Direct ownership held by all other persons or entities</b> (do not list names) .....		1061	%	<sup>2</sup>	%	<sup>3</sup>

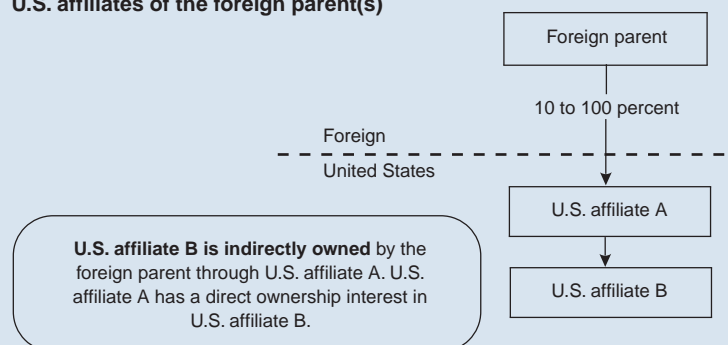
**TOTAL** — Sum of items **8** through **12** ..... **100.0%**      **100.0%**

### EXAMPLES OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

#### Example 1 – Ownership held directly by a foreign parent



#### Example 2 – Ownership held directly by all U.S. affiliates of the foreign parent(s)



## Part I - Identification of U.S. Affiliate – Continued

**13** Enter the name and industry code of the foreign parent. If there is more than one foreign parent, list each and its industry code on a separate sheet.

**13a** Enter name of foreign parent. If the foreign parent is an individual enter "individual."

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**13b** Enter the industry code of the foreign parent from the list of codes on page 6 that best describes the PRIMARY activity of the SINGLE entity named as the foreign parent. DO NOT base the code on the worldwide sales of all consolidated subsidiaries of the foreign parent. If the foreign parent is an individual, enter code "05."

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--Select Industry--

Ownership Type:  Direct  Indirect

**14** For each foreign parent, furnish the name, country and industry code of the ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) – see examples on page 6. If there is more than one foreign parent, list each on a separate sheet and give the name of its UBO, and the UBO's country and industry codes.

The UBO is that person, proceeding up the ownership chain beginning with and including the foreign parent, that is not more than 50 percent owned or controlled by another person or entity. **Note:** Stockholders of a closely or privately held corporation are normally considered to be an associated group and may be a UBO.

**14a** Is the foreign parent also the UBO? If the foreign parent is owned or controlled more than 50 percent by another person or entity, then the foreign parent is NOT the UBO.

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- 1  Yes (example 1 on page 6) – Skip to **14d**.
- 2  No (examples 2A and 2B on page 6) – Continue with **14b**.

**14b** Enter the name of the UBO of the foreign parent. If the UBO is an individual, or an associated group of individuals, enter "individual." See instruction II.D. on page 13 for the definition of associated group. Identifying the UBO as "bearer shares" is not an acceptable response.

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**14c** Enter country in which the UBO is incorporated or organized, if a business enterprise, or is resident, if an individual or government. For individuals, see instruction 8.b. on page 15.

--Select Country--

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**14d** Enter the industry code of the UBO from the list of codes on page 6. Select the industry code that best reflects the consolidated worldwide sales of the UBO, including all of its majority-owned subsidiaries.

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(Do not use code 14 for the UBO)

--Select Industry--

**15** Intentionally left blank

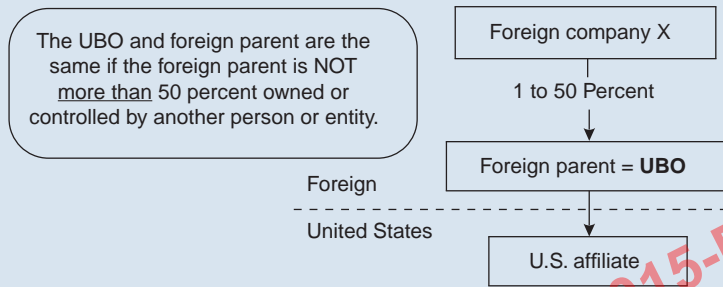
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## Part I - Identification of U.S. Affiliate – Continued

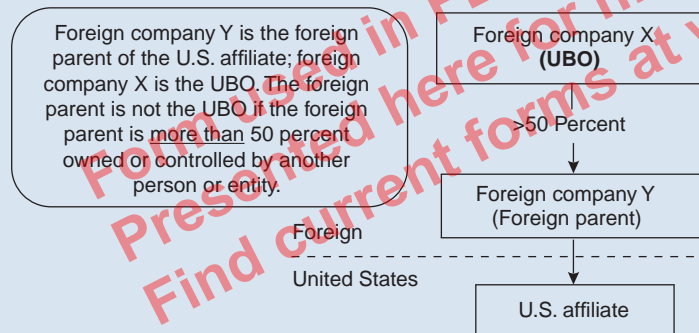
### EXAMPLES OF THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL OWNER (UBO)

#### Example 1 – The UBO and foreign parent are the same

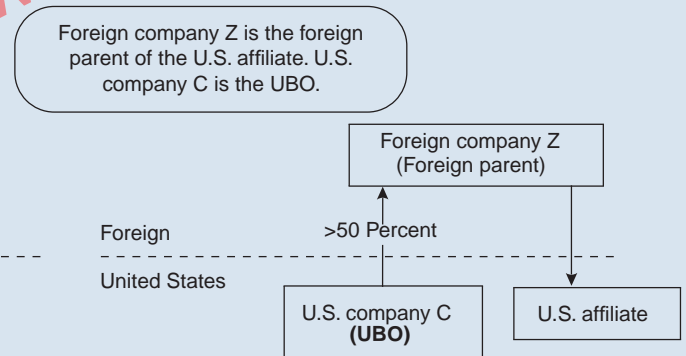


#### Examples 2A and 2B – The foreign parent is NOT the UBO

##### A. The UBO is a foreign person or entity



##### B. The UBO is a U.S. person or entity



### FOREIGN PARENT AND UBO INDUSTRY CODES

Note: "ISI codes" are International Surveys Industry codes, as given in the *Guide to Industry Classifications for International Surveys, 2012*. See the Summary of Industry Classifications on page 10.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Government and government-owned or -sponsored enterprise, or quasi-government organization or agency</li> <li>02 Pension fund — Government run</li> <li>03 Pension fund — Privately run</li> <li>04 Estate, trust, or nonprofit organization</li> <li>05 Individual</li> <li><b>Private business enterprise, investment organization, or group engaged in:</b></li> <li>06 Insurance (ISI codes 5242, 5243, 5249)</li> <li>07 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (ISI codes 1110–1140)</li> <li>08 Mining (ISI codes 2111–2127)</li> <li>09 Construction (ISI codes 2360–2380)</li> <li>10 Transportation and warehousing (ISI codes 4810–4939)</li> <li>11 Utilities (ISI codes 2211–2213)</li> <li>12 Wholesale and retail trade (ISI codes 4231–4540)</li> <li>13 Banking, including bank holding companies (ISI codes 5221 and 5229)</li> <li>14 Holding companies, excluding bank holding companies (ISI codes 5512 and 5513)</li> <li>15 Other finance (ISI codes 5223, 5224, 5231, 5238, that part of ISI code 5252 that is not estates and trusts, and ISI code 5331)</li> <li>16 Real estate (ISI code 5310)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 Information (ISI codes 5111–5191)</li> <li>18 Professional, scientific, and technical services (ISI codes 5411–5419)</li> <li>19 Other services (ISI codes 1150, 2132, 2133, 5321, 5329, and 5611–8130)</li> <li><b>Manufacturing, including fabricating, assembling, and processing of goods:</b></li> <li>20 Food (ISI codes 3111–3119)</li> <li>21 Beverages and tobacco products (ISI codes 3121 and 3122)</li> <li>22 Pharmaceuticals and medicine (ISI code 3254)</li> <li>23 Other chemicals (ISI codes 3251–3259, except 3254)</li> <li>24 Nonmetallic mineral products (ISI codes 3271–3279)</li> <li>25 Primary and fabricated metal products (ISI codes 3311–3329)</li> <li>26 Computer and electronic products (ISI codes 3341–3346)</li> <li>27 Machinery (ISI codes 3331–3339)</li> <li>28 Electrical equipment, appliances and components (ISI codes 3351–3359)</li> <li>29 Motor vehicles and parts (ISI codes 3361–3363)</li> <li>30 Other transportation equipment (ISI codes 3364–3369)</li> <li>31 Other manufacturing (ISI codes 3130–3231, 3261, 3262, 3370–3399)</li> <li>32 Petroleum manufacturing, including integrated petroleum and petroleum refining without extraction (ISI codes 3242–3244)</li> </ul> |
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## Part II - Financial and Operating Data of U.S. Affiliate

**16 What is (are) the major product(s) and/or service(s) of the fully consolidated U.S. affiliate?** If a product, also state what is done to it, i.e., whether it is mined, manufactured, sold at wholesale, transported, packaged, etc. (For example, "manufactured widgets.")

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**17 Industry of this affiliate** – Enter the 4-digit International Surveys Industry (ISI) code of the industry in which the U.S. affiliate had the largest sales or gross operating revenues.

See the Summary of Industry Classifications on page 10; for a full explanation of each code see the *Guide to Industry Classifications for International Surveys, 2012* located at [www.bea.gov/naics2012](http://www.bea.gov/naics2012) ..... 1164

ISI Code

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--Select ISI CODE--

**18 Sales or gross operating revenues, excluding sales taxes** – Report gross sales minus returns, allowances, and discounts. **Exclude** sales or consumption taxes levied directly on the consumer and excise taxes levied directly on manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. **Include** revenues generated during the year from the OPERATIONS of a discontinued business segment, but **exclude** gains or losses from DISPOSALS of discontinued operations..... 2149

	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thous.	Dols.
1				000

**NOTE - Holding Companies (ISI code 5512)** should report total income in this item including income (loss) from equity investments in unconsolidated U.S. and foreign entities, other income, plus sales and gross operating revenues, if any. Zero normally is NOT a correct entry for this item.

### BALANCE SHEET

**NOTE** – Foreign operations of the U.S. affiliate, including those in which it has a majority interest, are to be unconsolidated. Include all unconsolidated foreign operations using the equity method.

	Close FY 2015			
	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thous.	Dols.
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<b>19 Total assets</b> .....	2109			000
1				
<b>20 Total liabilities</b> .....	2114			000

Check box if total liabilities are zero.

### INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT

**21 Net income (loss)** – After provision for U.S. Federal, state, and local income taxes ..... 2159

	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thous.	Dols.
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**22 Number of employees at close of FY 2015** – See instructions for item 22 on page 15 for information on reporting employment (including how to report when employment is subject to unusual variations) ..... 2700

Number of employees

3

**23 Employee compensation** – Employee compensation is defined in instruction 23 on page 15 ..... 2253

	\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thous.	Dols.
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**24 Gross book value of all land and other property, plant, and equipment, at the close of FY 2015** ..... 2397

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**25 Research and development (R&D) expenditures for R&D performed BY the U.S. affiliate** – R&D is defined in instruction 25 on page 15 ..... 2403

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<b>BE-15 Supplement B (2015)</b> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS		<b>BEA USE ONLY</b> Name of U.S. affiliate as shown on page 1		Page number	
<b>LIST OF ALL U.S. AFFILIATES IN WHICH THE REPORTING AFFILIATE (AS CONSOLIDATED) HAS A DIRECT OWNERSHIP INTEREST BUT WHICH ARE NOT FULLY CONSOLIDATED</b> NOTE – If you filed a Supplement B or a computer printout of Supplement B with your 2014 BE-15 report, in lieu of completing a new Supplement B, you may substitute a copy of that Supplement B or computer printout that has been updated to show any additions, deletions, or other changes. Supplement B must be completed by a reporting affiliate which files a BE-15C and has a direct ownership interest in a U.S. affiliate(s) which is (are) not fully consolidated. The number of U.S. affiliates listed below must agree with item 7, on page 3. Continue listing onto as many additional copied pages as necessary.		Address Provide number, street, city, state and ZIP Code (2)		Employer Identification Number used to file income and payroll taxes (4)	
Name of each U.S. affiliate in which a direct interest is held but that is not listed in Supplement A (1)				Percent of direct voting ownership interest that the fully consolidated U.S. business enterprise named on page 1, holds in the entity named in column 1. – Enter percent to nearest tenth. (5)	
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Form used in FDIUS 2015-Revised data collection. Presented here for historical record. Find current forms at www.bea.gov/fdi.

## Summary of Industry Classifications—For a full explanation of each code see [www.bea.gov/naics2012](http://www.bea.gov/naics2012)

<b>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting</b>			
1110	Crop production	3334	Ventilation, heating, air-conditioning, and commercial refrigeration equipment
1120	Animal production and aquaculture	3335	Metalworking machinery
1130	Forestry and logging	3336	Engines, turbines, and power transmission equipment
1140	Fishing, hunting, and trapping	3339	Other general purpose machinery
1150	Support activities for agriculture and forestry	3341	Computer and peripheral equipment
<b>Mining</b>			
2111	Oil and gas extraction	3342	Communications equipment
2121	Coal	3343	Audio and video equipment
2123	Nonmetallic minerals	3344	Semiconductors and other electronic components
2124	Iron ores	3345	Navigational, measuring, electromedical, and control instruments
2125	Gold and silver ores	3346	Manufacturing and reproducing magnetic and optical media
2126	Copper, nickel, lead, and zinc ores	3351	Electric lighting equipment
2127	Other metal ores	3352	Household appliances
2132	Support activities for oil and gas operations	3353	Electrical equipment
2133	Support activities for mining, except for oil and gas operations	3359	Other electrical equipment and components
<b>Utilities</b>			
2211	Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution	3361	Motor vehicles
2212	Natural gas distribution	3362	Motor vehicle bodies and trailers
2213	Water, sewage, and other systems	3363	Motor vehicle parts
<b>Construction</b>			
2360	Construction of buildings	3364	Aerospace products and parts
2370	Heavy and civil engineering construction	3365	Railroad rolling stock
2380	Specialty trade contractors	3366	Ship and boat building
<b>Manufacturing</b>			
3111	Animal foods	3369	Other transportation equipment
3112	Grain and oilseed milling	3370	Furniture and related products
3113	Sugar and confectionery products	3391	Medical equipment and supplies
3114	Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty foods	3399	Other miscellaneous manufacturing
3115	Dairy products	<b>Wholesale Trade, Durable Goods</b>	
3116	Meat products	4231	Motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and supplies
3117	Seafood product preparation and packaging	4232	Furniture and home furnishing
3118	Bakeries and tortillas	4233	Lumber and other construction materials
3119	Other food products	4234	Professional and commercial equipment and supplies
3121	Beverages	4235	Metal and mineral (except petroleum)
3122	Tobacco	4236	Household appliances and electrical and electronic goods
3130	Textile mills	4237	Hardware, and plumbing and heating equipment and supplies
3140	Textile product mills	4238	Machinery, equipment, and supplies
3150	Apparel	4239	Miscellaneous durable goods
3160	Leather and allied products	<b>Wholesale Trade, Non-Durable Goods</b>	
3210	Wood products	4241	Paper and paper product
3221	Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills	4242	Drugs and druggists' sundries
3222	Converted paper products	4243	Apparel, piece goods, and notions
3231	Printing and related support activities	4244	Grocery and related product
3242	Integrated petroleum refining and extraction	4245	Farm product raw material
3243	Petroleum refining without extraction	4246	Chemical and allied products
3244	Asphalt and other petroleum and coal products	4247	Petroleum and petroleum products
3251	Basic chemicals	4248	Beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverage
3252	Resins, synthetic rubbers, and artificial and synthetic fibers and filaments	4249	Miscellaneous nondurable goods
3253	Pesticides, fertilizers, and other agricultural chemicals	<b>Wholesale Trade, Electronic Markets and Agents And Brokers</b>	
3254	Pharmaceuticals and medicines	4251	Wholesale electronic markets and agents and brokers
3255	Paints, coatings, and adhesives	<b>Retail Trade</b>	
3256	Soap, cleaning compounds, and toilet preparations	4410	Motor vehicle and parts dealers
3259	Other chemical products and preparations	4420	Furniture and home furnishings
3261	Plastics products	4431	Electronics and appliance
3262	Rubber products	4440	Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers
3271	Clay products and refractories	4450	Food and beverage
3272	Glass and glass products	4461	Health and personal care
3273	Cement and concrete products	4471	Gasoline stations
3274	Lime and gypsum products	4480	Clothing and clothing accessories
3279	Other nonmetallic mineral products	4510	Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music
3311	Iron and steel mills and ferroalloys	4520	General merchandise
3312	Steel products from purchased steel	4530	Miscellaneous store retailers
3313	Alumina and aluminum production and processing	4540	Non-store retailers
3314	Nonferrous metal (except aluminum) production and processing	<b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>	
3315	Foundries	4810	Air transportation
3321	Forging and stamping	4821	Rail transportation
3322	Cutlery and handtools	4833	Petroleum tanker operations
3323	Architectural and structural metals	4839	Other water transportation
3324	Boilers, tanks, and shipping containers	4840	Truck transportation
3325	Hardware	4850	Transit and ground passenger transportation
3326	Spring and wire products	4863	Pipeline transportation of crude oil, refined petroleum products, and natural gas
3327	Machine shops; turned products; and screws, nuts, and bolts	4868	Other pipeline transportation
3328	Coating, engraving, heat treating, and allied activities	4870	Scenic and sightseeing transportation
3329	Other fabricated metal products	4880	Support activities for transportation
3331	Agriculture, construction, and mining machinery	4920	Couriers and messengers
3332	Industrial machinery	4932	Petroleum storage for hire
3333	Commercial and service industry machinery	4939	Other warehousing and storage
<b>Information</b>			
5111	Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	5112	Software publishers
5121	Motion picture and video industries	5122	Sound recording industries
5151	Radio and television broadcasting	5152	Cable and other subscription programming
5171	Wired telecommunications carriers	5172	Wireless telecommunications carriers, except satellite
5174	Satellite telecommunications	5179	Other telecommunications
5182	Data processing, hosting, and related services	5191	Other information services
<b>Finance and Insurance</b>			
5221	Depository credit intermediation (Banking)	5223	Activities related to credit intermediation
5224	Nondepository credit intermediation	5229	Nondepository branches and agencies
5231	Securities and commodity contracts intermediation and brokerage	5238	Other financial investment activities and exchanges
5242	Agencies, brokerages, and other insurance related activities	5243	Insurance carriers, except life insurance carriers
5249	Life insurance carriers	5252	Funds, trusts, and other finance vehicles
<b>Real Estate and Rental and Leasing</b>			
5310	Real estate	5321	Automotive equipment rental and leasing
5329	Other rental and leasing services	5331	Lessors of nonfinancial intangible assets, except copyrighted works
<b>Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services</b>			
5411	Legal services	5412	Accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services
5413	Architectural, engineering, and related services	5414	Specialized design services
5415	Computer systems design and related services	5416	Management, scientific, and technical consulting services
5417	Scientific research and development services	5418	Advertising, public relations, and related services
5419	Other professional, scientific, and technical services	<b>Management of Companies and Enterprises</b>	
5512	Holding companies, except bank holding companies	5513	Corporate, subsidiary, and regional management offices
<b>Administrative and Support, Waste Management, and Remediation Services</b>			
5611	Office administrative services	5612	Facilities support services
5613	Employment services	5614	Business support services
5615	Travel arrangement and reservation services	5616	Investigation and security services
5617	Services to buildings and dwellings	5619	Other support services
5620	Waste management and remediation services	<b>Educational Services</b>	
6110	Educational services	<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	
6210	Ambulatory health care services	6220	Hospitals
6230	Nursing and residential care facilities	6240	Social assistance services
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>			
7110	Performing arts, spectator sports, and related industries	7121	Museums, historical sites, and similar institutions
7130	Amusement, gambling, and recreation industries	<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	
7210	Accommodation	7220	Food services and drinking places
<b>Other Services</b>			
8110	Repair and maintenance	8120	Personal and laundry services
8130	Religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and similar organizations	<b>Public Administration</b>	
9200	Public administration		

## 2015 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES BE-15C INSTRUCTIONS

**NOTE:** Instructions in section IV are cross-referenced by number to the items located on pages 2 to 9.

**Authority** – This survey is being conducted pursuant to the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (P.L. 94-472., 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended, hereinafter “the Act”), and the filing of reports is MANDATORY pursuant to Section 5(b)(2) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 3104).

A response is required from persons (in the broad sense, including companies) subject to the reporting requirements of the BE-15 survey. Also, persons contacted by BEA concerning their being subject to reporting, either by sending them a report form or by written inquiry, must respond pursuant to section 801.3 of 15 CFR, pt. 801 and the survey instructions. This may be accomplished by completing and submitting Form BE-15A, BE-15B, BE-15C, or the BE-15 Claim For Exemption, whichever is applicable, **by May 31, 2016.**

**Penalties** – Whoever fails to report shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500, and not more than \$32,500, and to injunctive relief commanding such person to comply, or both. These civil penalties are subject to inflationary adjustments. Those adjustments are found in 15 CFR 6.4. Whoever willfully fails to report shall be fined not more than \$10,000 and, if an individual, may be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Any officer, director, employee, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violations, upon conviction, may be punished by a like fine, imprisonment or both (22 U.S.C. 3105).

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The control number for this survey is at the top of page 1.

**Respondent Burden** – Public reporting burden for this BE-15C form is estimated to vary from 1 to 3 hours per response, with an average of 1.75 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S. Department of Commerce, 4600 Silver Hill Rd, Washington, DC 20233; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0042, Washington, DC 20503.

**Confidentiality** – The Act provides that your report to this Bureau is CONFIDENTIAL and may be used only for analytical or statistical purposes. Without your prior written permission, the information filed in your report CANNOT be presented in a manner that allows it to be individually identified. Your report CANNOT be used for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation. Copies retained in your files are immune from legal process.

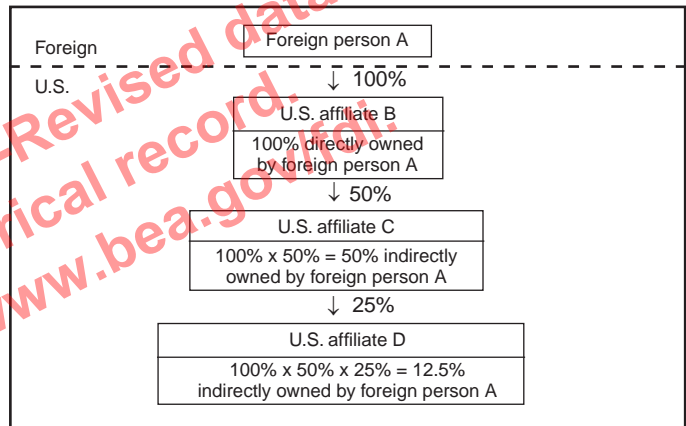
### I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**A. Who must report** – A BE-15 report is required for each U.S. affiliate, i.e., for each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person or entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, 10 percent or more of the voting securities if an incorporated U.S. business enterprise, or an equivalent interest if an unincorporated U.S. business enterprise, at the end of the business enterprise's fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015.

**Foreign ownership interest** – All direct and indirect lines of ownership held by a foreign person in a given U.S. business enterprise must be summed to determine if the enterprise is a U.S. affiliate of the foreign person for purposes of reporting.

**Indirect ownership interest in a U.S. business enterprise** is the product of the direct ownership percentage of the foreign parent in the first U.S. business enterprise in the ownership chain multiplied by that first enterprise's direct ownership percentage in the second U.S. business enterprise multiplied by each succeeding direct ownership percentage of each other intervening U.S. business enterprise in the ownership chain between the foreign parent and the given U.S. business enterprise.

**Example:** In the diagram below, foreign person A owns 100% of the voting stock of U.S. affiliate B; U.S. affiliate B owns 50% of the voting stock of U.S. affiliate C; and U.S. affiliate C owns 25% of the voting stock of U.S. affiliate D. Therefore, U.S. affiliate B is 100% directly owned by foreign person A; U.S. affiliate C is 50% indirectly owned by foreign person A; and U.S. affiliate D is 12.5% indirectly owned by foreign person A.



A report is required even if the foreign person's voting interest in the U.S. business enterprise was established or acquired during the reporting period.

Beneficial, not record, ownership is the basis of the reporting criteria. Voting securities, voting stock, and voting interest all have the same general meaning and are used interchangeably throughout these instructions and the report forms.

**Airline and ship operators** – U.S. stations, ticket offices, and terminal and port facilities of foreign airlines and ship operators that provide services ONLY to the foreign airlines' and ship operators' own operation are not required to report. Reports are required when such enterprises produce significant revenues from services provided to unaffiliated persons.

**Agencies and representative offices** – U.S. representative offices, agents and employees of a foreign person or entity that meet the criteria outlined below are not considered to be U.S. affiliates, and therefore, they should not be reported on Forms BE-15A, BE-15B, or BE-15C. However, a foreign person's or entity's disbursements to maintain U.S. sales and representative offices must be reported on Form BE-125, Quarterly Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets with Foreign Persons. Copies of Form BE-125 are available on BEA's Web site at: [www.bea.gov/surveys/iussurv.htm](http://www.bea.gov/surveys/iussurv.htm)

A U.S. presence of a foreign person or entity (or their representative(s)) is considered a U.S. sales promotion or representative office if:

1. It is engaged only in sales promotion, representational activities, public relations activities, or the gathering of market information, on behalf of the foreign person or entity;
2. It does not produce revenue (other than funds from the foreign person or entity to cover its expenses); and
3. It has minimal assets held either in its own name or the name of the foreign person or entity.

A U.S. presence of a foreign person or entity (or their representative(s)) that produces revenue for its own account from goods or services it provides to others is considered a U.S. affiliate and is subject to the BE-15 reporting requirements.

**I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Continued**

**1. Which form to file** – Review the questions below and the flow chart on this page to determine if your U.S. business is required to file the BE-15 survey. Blank forms can be found at: [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi)

**a.** Were at least 10 percent of the voting rights in your business enterprise directly or indirectly owned by a foreign person or entity at the end of your fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

- Yes — Continue with question b.
- No — File Form BE-15 Claim for Exemption by May 31, 2016.

**b.** Were more than 50 percent of the voting rights in this U.S. business enterprise owned by another U.S. affiliate at the end of this U.S. business enterprise's fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

- Yes — Continue with question c.
- No — Skip to question d. NOTE: Your business is hereafter referred to as a "U.S. affiliate."

**c.** Do different foreign persons hold a direct and an indirect ownership interest in this U.S. business enterprise (exception c to the consolidation rules)? (The consolidation rules are found in instruction IV.2. on page 14.)

- Yes — Continue with question d. NOTE: Your business is hereafter referred to as a "U.S. affiliate."
- No — This U.S. business enterprise must be consolidated on the BE-15 report of the U.S. affiliate that owns it more than 50 percent. File Form BE-15 Claim for Exemption with page 1 and item (d) on page 3 completed by May 31, 2016.

Notify the U.S. affiliate that owns this affiliate more than 50 percent, and have them consolidate your data into their report.

**d.** Did **any one** of the items – Total assets, Sales or gross operating revenues, or Net income (loss) – for the U.S. affiliate (not just the foreign parent's share) exceed \$40 million at the end of, or for, its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

- Yes — Continue with question e.
- No — File Form BE-15 Claim for Exemption by May 31, 2016.

**e.** Did **any one** of the items – Total assets, Sales or gross operating revenues, or Net income (loss) – for the U.S. affiliate (not just the foreign parent's share) exceed \$120 million at the end of, or for, its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

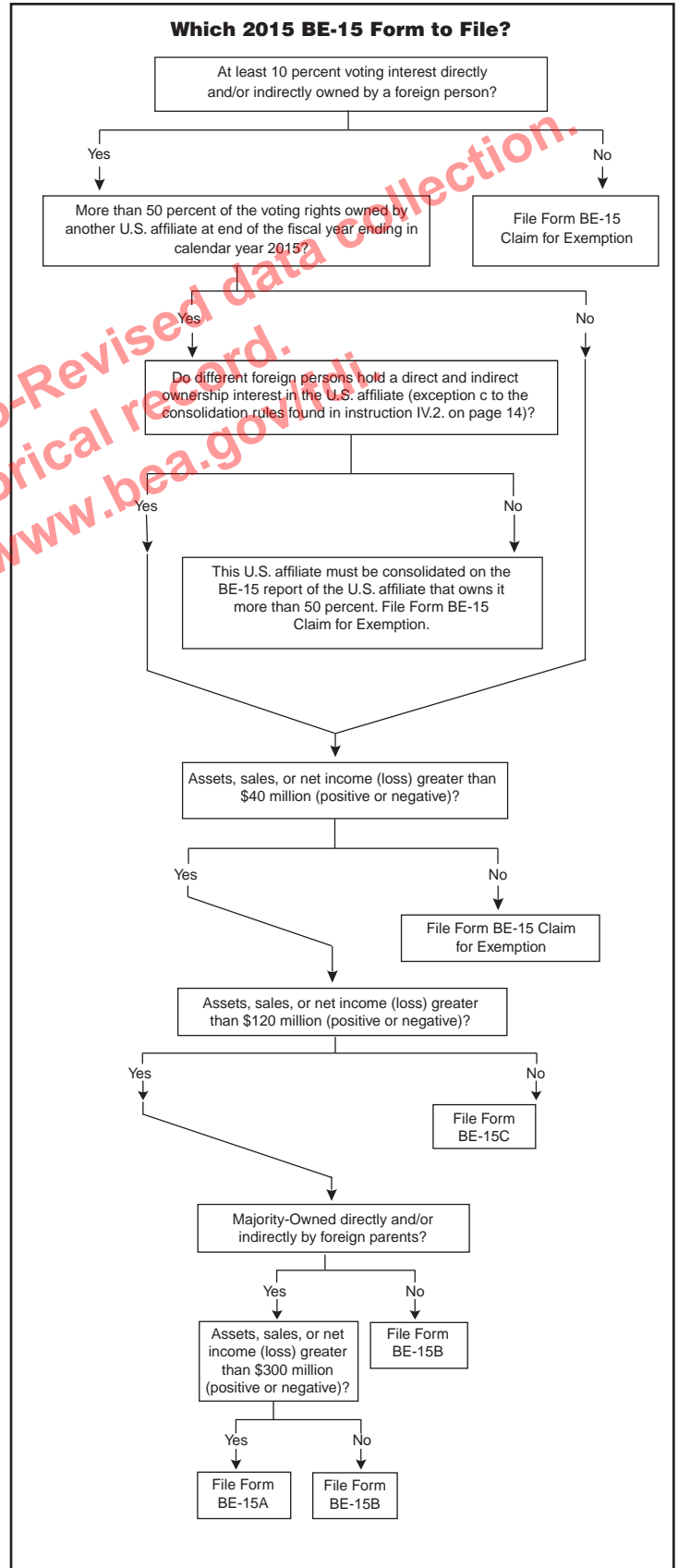
- Yes — Continue with question f.
- No — File Form BE-15C by May 31, 2016.

**f.** Was the U.S. affiliate **majority-owned** by its foreign parent(s) at the end of its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015? (A U.S. affiliate is "majority-owned" if the combined direct and indirect ownership interests of **all** foreign parents of the U.S. affiliate exceed 50 percent.)

- Yes — Continue with question g.
- No — File Form BE-15B by May 31, 2016.

**g.** Did **any one** of the items – Total assets, Sales or gross operating revenues, or Net income (loss) – for the U.S. affiliate (not just the foreign parent's share) exceed \$300 million at the end of, or for, its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015?

- Yes — File Form BE-15A by May 31, 2016.
- No — File Form BE-15B by May 31, 2016.





**I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – Continued**

**2. Who must file Form BE-15C – 2015 Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States?**

Form BE-15C must be filed for a U.S. affiliate with total assets, sales or gross operating revenues, or net income greater than \$40 million (positive or negative) but not greater than \$120 million (positive or negative) if:

- (a) the affiliate has NOT filed a BE-12 or BE-15 for a fiscal year that ended BEFORE January 1, 2015; OR
- (b) the affiliate has been instructed in writing by BEA to file a BE-15 for the fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015.

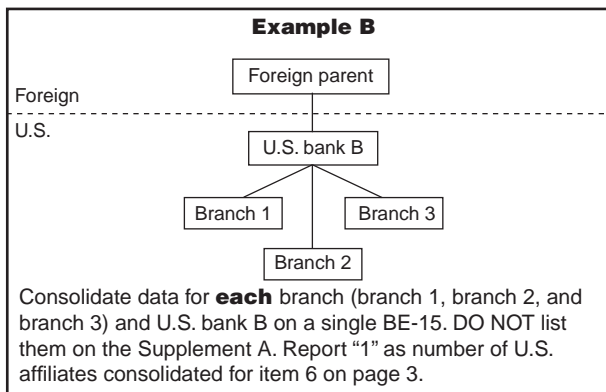
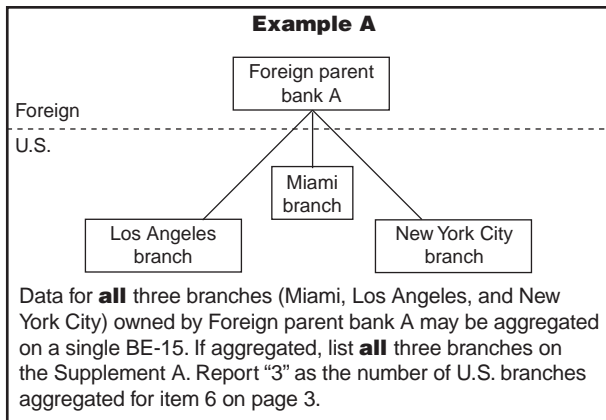
**B. Aggregation of real estate investments** – Aggregate all real estate investments of a foreign person for the purpose of applying the reporting criteria. Use a single report form to report the aggregate holdings, unless BEA has granted permission to do otherwise. Those holdings not aggregated must be reported separately. Real estate is discussed more fully in instruction V.B. on page 16.

**C. Aggregated reporting for banks** – All U.S. branches and agencies (including International Banking Facilities) directly owned by a foreign bank may be aggregated on a single BE-15.

U.S. branches and agencies, directly owned by the foreign parent, that are aggregated on this report should be counted separately and listed separately on the Supplement A to this form. See Example A below.

U.S. branches and agencies, owned by a U.S. bank affiliate, should be consolidated on this report but **not** counted separately and **not** listed separately on the Supplement A to this form. See Example B below.

Note that subsequent filings of form BE-15 annual reports and Form BE-605 quarterly reports with BEA, if required, must be on the same aggregated basis. If all U.S. branches and agencies directly owned by a foreign bank are not aggregated on a single report, then each branch or agency must file a separate BE-15.



**II. DEFINITIONS**

**A. United States**, when used in a geographic sense, means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

**B. Foreign**, when used in a geographic sense, means that which is situated outside the United States or which belongs to or is characteristic of a country other than the United States.

**C. Person**, means any individual, branch, partnership, association, associated group, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any state), and any government (including a foreign government, the U.S. Government, a state or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government sponsored agency).

**D. Associated group** means two or more persons who, by the appearance of their actions, by agreement, or by an understanding, exercise their voting privileges in a concerted manner to influence the management of a business enterprise. The following are deemed to be associated groups:

1. Members of the same family.
2. A business enterprise and one or more of its officers or directors.
3. Members of a syndicate or joint venture.
4. A corporation and its domestic subsidiaries.

**E. Foreign person** means any person resident outside the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of a country other than the United States.

**F. Direct investment** means the ownership or control, directly or indirectly, by one person of 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated business enterprise or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated business enterprise.

**G. Foreign direct investment in the United States** means the ownership or control, directly or indirectly, by one foreign person of 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated U.S. business enterprise or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated U.S. business enterprise, including a branch.

**H. Business enterprise** means any organization, association, branch, or venture that exists for profit-making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage, and any ownership of any real estate.

**I. Branch** means the operations or activities conducted by a person in a different location in its own name rather than through an incorporated entity.

**J. Affiliate** means a business enterprise located in one country that is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a person of another country to the extent of 10 percent or more of its voting securities for an incorporated business enterprise or an equivalent interest for an unincorporated business enterprise, including a branch.

**K. U.S. affiliate** means an affiliate located in the United States in which a foreign person has a direct investment.

**1. Majority-owned U.S. affiliate** means a U.S. affiliate in which the combined direct and indirect voting interest of all foreign parents of the U.S. affiliate exceeds 50 percent.

**2. Minority-owned U.S. affiliate** means a U.S. affiliate in which the combined direct and indirect voting interest of all foreign parents of the U.S. affiliate is 50 percent or less.

**L. Foreign parent** is a foreign person that directly or indirectly holds a voting interest of 10 percent or more in the U.S. affiliate. It is the first person outside the United States in a foreign chain of ownership, which has direct investment in a U.S. business enterprise, including a branch.

**M. U.S. corporation** means a business enterprise incorporated in the United States.

**N. Intermediary** means any agent, nominee, manager, custodian, trust, or any person acting in a similar capacity.

**O. Ultimate beneficial owner (UBO)** is that person, proceeding up the ownership chain beginning with and including the foreign parent, that is not more than 50 percent owned or controlled by another person. Note: Stockholders of a closely or privately held corporation are normally considered to be an associated group and may be a UBO.

### III. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Required information not available** – Make all reasonable efforts to obtain the information required for reporting. Answer every item except where specifically exempt. Indicate when only partial information is available.
- B. Estimates** – If actual figures are not available, provide estimates and label them as such. When items cannot be fully subdivided as required, provide totals and an estimated breakdown of the totals. Information necessary to complete some of the items on Form BE-15C may not be available from a company's customary accounting records. Precise answers for these items may present the respondent with a substantial burden beyond what is intended by BEA. Therefore, the answers may be reasonable estimates based upon the informed judgment of persons in the responding organization, sampling techniques, prorations based on related data, etc. However, the estimating procedures used should be consistently applied on all BEA surveys.
- C. Space on form insufficient** – When space on a form is insufficient to permit a full answer to any item, provide the required information on supplementary sheets, appropriately labeled and referenced to the item number on the form.

### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE REPORT FORM

**NOTE:** Instructions in section IV. are cross-referenced by number to the items located on pages 2 to 9.

#### 2 Consolidation Rules

**Consolidated reporting by the U.S. affiliate** – A U.S. affiliate must file on a fully consolidated **domestic** U.S. basis, including in the full consolidation all U.S. business enterprises proceeding down each ownership chain whose voting securities are more than 50 percent owned by the U.S. business enterprise above. The fully consolidated entity is considered one U.S. affiliate.

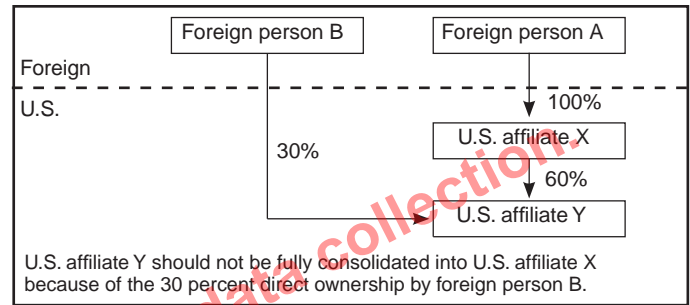
A foreign person holding real estate investments that are reportable on the BE-15 must aggregate all such holdings. See Instruction V.B. on page 16 for details.

Do not prepare your BE-15 report using the proportionate consolidation method. Except as noted in IV.2.b. and c. below, consolidate all majority-owned U.S. business enterprises into your BE-15 report.

**Exceptions to the consolidation rules are detailed in the next paragraph. Other exceptions are not permitted except in rare circumstances. Contact BEA if you need to discuss such a request.** If you file deconsolidated reports, you must file the same type of reports (BE-15A, BE-15B or BE-15C) that would have been required if a consolidated report was filed. Report majority-owned subsidiaries, if not consolidated, using the equity method of accounting. DO NOT eliminate intercompany accounts (e.g., receivables or liabilities) for affiliates not consolidated.

**Exceptions to consolidated reporting** – Note: If a U.S. business enterprise is not consolidated into another U.S. affiliate's BE-15 report, then it **must** be listed on the Supplement B of the other U.S. affiliate's BE-15 report and each U.S. affiliate not consolidated **must** file its own Form BE-15.

- a. Do not consolidate foreign subsidiaries, branches, operations, or investments no matter what the percentage ownership.** Include foreign holdings owned 20 percent or more using the equity method. DO NOT report employment, land, and other property, plant, and equipment and DO NOT eliminate intercompany accounts for holdings reported using the equity method. DO NOT list any foreign holdings of the U.S. affiliate on the Supplement B.
- b. Special consolidation rules apply to U.S. affiliates that are limited partnerships or that have an ownership interest in a U.S. limited partnership.** These rules can be found on BEA's Web site at: [www.bea.gov/ltdpartner15](http://www.bea.gov/ltdpartner15)
- c.** A U.S. affiliate in which a direct ownership interest and an indirect ownership interest are held by **different** foreign persons should not be fully consolidated into another U.S. affiliate, but must complete and file its own BE-15 report. (See diagram.)



If this exception applies, reflect the indirect ownership interest, even if more than 50 percent, on the owning U.S. affiliate's BE-15 report on an equity basis. For example, using the situation shown in the diagram above, U.S. affiliate X must treat its 60 percent ownership interest in U.S. affiliate Y as an equity investment.

**4 Reporting period** – The report covers the U.S. affiliate's 2015 fiscal year. The affiliate's 2015 fiscal year is defined as the affiliate's financial reporting year that had an ending date in calendar year 2015.

#### Special Circumstances:

**a. U.S. affiliates without a financial reporting year** – If a U.S. affiliate does not have a financial reporting year, its fiscal year is deemed to be the same as calendar year 2015.

#### b. Change in fiscal year

**(1) New fiscal year ends in calendar year 2015** – A U.S. affiliate that changed the ending date of its financial reporting year should file a 2015 BE-15 report that covers the 12-month period prior to the new fiscal year end date. The following example illustrates the reporting requirements.

**Example 1:** U.S. affiliate A had a June 30, 2014 fiscal year end date but changed its 2015 fiscal year end date to March 31. Affiliate A should file a 2015 BE-15 report covering the 12-month period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

**(2) No fiscal year ending in calendar year 2015** – If a change in fiscal year results in a U.S. affiliate not having a fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015, the affiliate **should file a 2015 BE-15 report that covers 12 months.** The following example illustrates the reporting requirements.

**Example 2:** U.S. affiliate B had a December 31, 2014 fiscal year end date but changed its next fiscal year end date to March 31. Instead of having a short fiscal year ending in 2015, affiliate B decides to have a 15-month fiscal year running from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Affiliate B should file a 2015 BE-15 report covering a 12-month period ending in calendar year 2015, such as the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

#### 5 Reporting for a U.S. business that became a U.S. affiliate during fiscal year 2015 –

- a.** A U.S. business enterprise that was newly established in fiscal year 2015 should file a report for the period starting with the establishment date up to and ending on the last day of its fiscal year that ended in calendar year 2015. DO NOT estimate amounts for a full year of operations if the first fiscal year is less than 12 months.
- b.** A U.S. business enterprise existing before fiscal year 2015 that became a U.S. affiliate in fiscal year 2015 should file a report covering a full 12 months of operations.

**7 U.S. affiliates NOT consolidated** – Report investments in U.S. business enterprises that are not fully consolidated and that are owned 20 percent or more using the equity method of accounting. DO NOT report employment, land, and other property, plant, and equipment and DO NOT eliminate intercompany accounts (e.g., receivables or liabilities) for holdings reported using the equity method.

#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE REPORT FORM—Continued

You may report immaterial investments using the cost method of accounting if this treatment is consistent with your normal reporting practice. Report investments owned less than 20 percent in accordance with FASB ASC 320 (formerly FAS 115) or the cost basis of accounting.

List all U.S. affiliates in which this U.S. affiliate has a voting interest of at least 10 percent and that are not consolidated in this Form BE-15C on the Supplement B.

#### 8 – 12 Ownership

##### a. Voting interest and equity interest

**(1) Voting interest** – is the percent of ownership in the voting equity of the U.S. affiliate. Voting equity consists of ownership interests that have a say in the management of the company. Examples of voting equity include capital stock that has voting rights, and a general partner's interest in a partnership.

**(2) Equity interest** – is the percent of ownership in the total equity (voting and nonvoting) of the U.S. affiliate. Nonvoting equity consists of ownership interests that do not have a say in the management of the company. An example of nonvoting equity is preferred stock that has no voting rights.

**Voting interest and equity interest are not always equal.** For example, an owner can have a 100 percent voting interest in a U.S. affiliate but own less than 100 percent of the affiliate's total equity. This situation is illustrated in the following example.

**Example:** U.S. affiliate A has two classes of stock, common and preferred. There are 50 shares of common stock outstanding. Each common share is entitled to one vote and has an ownership interest in 1 percent of the total owners' equity amount. There are 50 shares of preferred stock outstanding. Each preferred share has an ownership interest in 1 percent of the total owners' equity amount but has no voting rights. Foreign parent B owns all 50 shares of the common stock. U.S. investors own all 50 shares of the preferred stock. Because foreign parent B owns all of the voting stock, foreign parent B has a 100 percent voting interest in U.S. affiliate A. However, because all 50 of the nonvoting preferred shares are owned by U.S. investors, foreign parent B has only a 50 percent interest in the owners' equity amount of U.S. affiliate A.

**b. Determining place of residence and country of jurisdiction of individuals** – An individual is considered a resident of, and subject to the jurisdiction of, the country in which he or she is physically located. The following guidelines apply to individuals who do not reside in their country of citizenship.

- (1)** Individuals who reside, or expect to reside, outside their country of citizenship for less than one year are considered to be residents of their country of citizenship.
- (2)** Individuals who reside, or expect to reside, outside their country of citizenship for one year or more are considered to be residents of the country in which they are residing, except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) below.
- (3)** If an owner or employee of a business enterprise resides outside the country of location of the enterprise for one year or more for the purpose of furthering the business of the enterprise, and the country of the business enterprise is the country of citizenship of the owner or employee, then the owner or employee is considered a resident of the country of citizenship, provided there is the intent to return to the country of citizenship within a reasonable period of time.

- (4)** Individuals and members of their immediate family who are residing outside their country of citizenship as a result of employment by the government of that country - diplomats, consular officials, members of the armed forces, etc. - are considered to be residents of their country of citizenship.

#### 22 Number of employees at close of FY 2015 –

Employment is the number of full-time and part-time employees on the payroll at the end of FY 2015, excluding contract workers and other workers not carried on the payroll of the U.S. affiliate. A count taken during, rather than at the end of, FY 2015 may be used provided it is a reasonable estimate for the end of FY 2015 number. If employment at the end of FY 2015, or the count taken at some other time during FY 2015, was unusually high or low because of temporary factors (e.g., a strike), give the number of employees that reflects normal operations. If the business enterprise's activity involves large seasonal variations, give the average number of employees for FY 2015. If given, the average should be the average for FY 2015 of the number of persons on the payroll at the end of each payroll period, month, or quarter. If precise figures are not available, give your best estimate.

**23 Total employee compensation** – Base compensation on payroll records. Employee compensation must cover compensation charged as an expense on the income statement, charged to inventories, or capitalized during the reporting period. Exclude employee compensation related to activities of a prior period, such as compensation capitalized or charged to inventories in prior periods. Employee compensation consists of:

**Wages and salaries** – are the gross earnings of all employees before deduction of employees' payroll withholding taxes, social insurance contributions, group insurance premiums, union dues, etc. Include time and piece rate payments, cost of living adjustments, overtime pay and shift differentials, bonuses, profit sharing amounts, and commissions. Exclude commissions paid to persons who are not employees.

**Employee benefit plans** – are employer expenditures for all employee benefit plans, including those required by government statute, those resulting from a collective-bargaining contract, or those that are voluntary. Employee benefit plans include Social Security and other retirement plans, life and disability insurance, guaranteed sick pay programs, workers' compensation insurance, medical insurance, family allowances, unemployment insurance, severance pay funds, etc. If plans are financed jointly by the employer and the employee, include only the contributions of the employer.

**25 Research and development (R&D) performed BY the U.S. affiliate**—R&D is planned, creative work aimed at discovering new knowledge or developing new or significantly improved goods and services. This includes a) activities aimed at acquiring new knowledge or understanding without specific immediate commercial application or use (basic research); b) activities aimed at solving a specific problem or meeting a specific commercial objective (applied research); and c) systematic use of research and practical experience to produce new or significantly improved goods, services, or processes (development).

R&D does **NOT** include expenditures for:

- Costs for routine product testing, quality control, and technical services unless they are an integral part of an R&D project
- Market research
- Efficiency surveys or management studies
- Literary, artistic, or historical projects, such as films, music, or books and other publications
- Prospecting or exploration for natural resources

Basic research is the pursuit of new scientific knowledge or understanding that does not have specific immediate commercial objectives, although it may be in fields of present or potential commercial interest.

Applied research applies the findings of basic research or other existing knowledge toward discovering new scientific knowledge that has specific commercial objectives with respect to new products, services, processes, or methods.



#### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE REPORT FORM—Continued

Development is the systematic use of the knowledge or understanding gained from research or practical experience directed toward the production or significant improvement of useful products, services, processes, or methods, including the design and development of prototypes, materials, devices, and systems.

R&D includes the activities described above whether assigned to separate R&D organizational units of the company or carried out by company laboratories and technical groups not a part of an R&D organization.

INCLUDE all costs incurred to support R&D performed by the affiliate. INCLUDE wages, salaries, and related costs; materials and supplies consumed; depreciation on R&D property and equipment, cost of computer software used in R&D activities; utilities, such as telephone, electricity, water, and gas; travel costs and professional dues; property taxes and other taxes (except income taxes) incurred on account of the R&D organization or the facilities they use; insurance expenses; maintenance and repair, including maintenance of buildings and grounds; company overhead including: personnel, accounting, procurement and inventory, and salaries of research executives not on the payroll of the R&D organization. EXCLUDE capital expenditures, expenditures for tests and evaluations once a prototype becomes a production model, patent expenses, and income taxes and interest.

#### V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**A. Insurance companies** – Reporting should be in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles not Statutory Accounting Practices (SAP). For example, the BE-15 report should include the following assets even though they are not acceptable under SAP: **1.** non-trusted or free account assets, and **2.** nonadmitted assets such as furniture and equipment, agents' debit balances, and all receivables deemed to be collectible.

**B. Real Estate** – The ownership of real estate is defined to be a business enterprise, and if the real estate is foreign owned, it is a U.S. affiliate of a foreign person. A BE-15 report is required unless the enterprise is otherwise exempt.

Residential real estate held exclusively for personal use and not for profit making purposes is not subject to the reporting requirements. A residence that is an owner's primary residence that is then leased by the owner while outside the United States, but which the owner intends to reoccupy, is considered real estate held for personal use and therefore not subject to the reporting requirements. Ownership of U.S. residential real estate by a corporation whose sole purpose is to hold the real estate for the personal use of the owner(s) of the corporation is considered to be real estate held for personal use and therefore not subject to the reporting requirements.

**Aggregation of real estate investments** – A foreign person holding real estate investments that are reportable on the BE-15 must aggregate all such holdings for the purpose of applying the reporting criteria. If the aggregate of such holdings exceeds one or more of the exemption levels, then the holdings must be reported even if individually they would be exempt. In such a case, file a single Form BE-15C to report the aggregated holdings. If permission has been received in writing from BEA to file on a non-aggregated basis, the reports should be filed as a group and you should inform BEA that they are all for one owner.

On page 1, name and address of U.S. business enterprise, BEA is not seeking a legal description of the property, nor necessarily the address of the property itself. Because there may be no operating business enterprise for a real estate investment, what BEA seeks is a consistently identifiable name for the investment (i.e., the U.S. affiliate) together with an address to which report forms can be mailed so that the investment (affiliate) can be reported on a consistent basis for each reporting period and for the various BEA surveys.

Thus, on page 1 of the BE-15 survey forms the "name and address" of the U.S. affiliate might be:

XYZ Corp. N.V., Real Estate Investments  
c/o B&K Inc., Accountants  
120 Major Street  
Miami, FL XXXXX

If the investment property has a name, such as Sunrise Apartments, the name and address on page 1 of the BE-15 survey forms might be:

Sunrise Apartments  
c/o ABC Real Estate  
120 Major Street  
Miami, FL XXXXX

There are items throughout the Form BE-15C that may not be applicable to certain types of real estate investments, such as the employer identification number and the number of employees. In such cases, mark the items "none".

**C. Joint ventures and partnerships** – If a foreign person has a direct or indirect voting ownership interest of 10 percent or more in a joint venture, partnership, etc., that is formed to own and hold, develop, or operate real estate, the joint venture, partnership, etc., in its entirety, not just the foreign person's share, is a U.S. affiliate and must be reported as follows:

1. If the foreign interest in the U.S. affiliate is directly held by the foreign person then a BE-15 report must be filed by the affiliate (subject to the aggregation rules discussed above).
2. If a voting interest of more than 50 percent in the U.S. affiliate is owned by another U.S. affiliate, the owned affiliate must be fully consolidated in the BE-15 report of the owning affiliate.
3. If a voting interest of 50 percent or less in the U.S. affiliate is owned by another U.S. affiliate, and no U.S. affiliate owns a voting interest of more than 50 percent, then a separate BE-15 report must be filed by the owned affiliate. The BE-15 report(s) of the owning affiliate(s) must show an equity investment in the owned affiliate.

**D. Farms** – For farms that are not operated by their foreign owners, the income statement and related items should be prepared based on the extent to which the income from the farm accrues to, and the expenses of the farm are borne by, the owner. Generally, this means that income, expenses, and gain (loss) assignable to the owner should reflect the extent to which the risk of the operation falls on the owner. For example, even though the operator and other workers on the farm are hired by a management firm, if their wages and salaries are assigned to, and borne by, the farm operation being reported, then the operator and other workers should be reported as employees of that farm operation and the wages and salaries should be treated as an expense.

#### E. Estates, trusts, and intermediaries

**A Foreign Estate** is a person and therefore may have direct investment, and the estate, not the beneficiary, is considered to be the owner.

**A Trust** is a person but it is not a business enterprise. The trust is considered to be the same as an intermediary, and reporting should be as outlined below. For reporting purposes, the beneficiary(ies) of the trust, is (are) considered to be the owner(s) for purposes of determining the existence of direct investment, except in two cases: **(1)** if there is, or may be, a reversionary interest, and **(2)** if a corporation or other organization creates a trust, designating its shareholders or members as beneficiaries. In these two cases, the creator(s) of the trust is (are) deemed to be the owner(s) of the investments of the trust (or succeeding trusts where the presently existing trust had evolved out of a prior trust), for the purposes of determining the existence and reporting of direct investment.

This procedure is adopted in order to fulfill the statistical purposes of this survey and does not imply that control over an enterprise owned or controlled by a trust is, or can be, exercised by the beneficiary(ies) or creator(s).

#### For An Intermediary:

1. If a U.S. intermediary holds, exercises, administers, or manages a particular foreign direct investment in the United States for the beneficial owner, such intermediary is responsible for reporting the required information for, and in the name of, the U.S. affiliate. Alternatively, the U.S. intermediary can instruct the U.S. affiliate to submit the required information. Upon so doing, the intermediary is released from further liability to report, provided it has informed BEA of the date such instructions were given and provides BEA the name and address of the U.S. affiliate, and has supplied the U.S. affiliate with any information in the possession of, or which can be secured by, the intermediary that is necessary to permit the U.S. affiliate to complete the required reports.

## V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS – Continued

When acting in the capacity of an intermediary, the accounts or transactions of the U.S. intermediary with a UBO are considered as accounts or transactions of the U.S. affiliate with the UBO. To the extent such transactions or accounts are unavailable to the U.S. affiliate, BEA may require the intermediary to report them.

2. If a UBO holds a U.S. affiliate through a foreign intermediary, the U.S. affiliate may report the intermediary as its foreign parent but, when requested, must also identify and furnish information concerning the UBO. Accounts or transactions of the U.S. affiliate with the foreign intermediary are considered as accounts or transactions of the U.S. affiliate with the UBO.

## VI. FILING THE BE-15

- A. **Due date** – A completed report, or Claim for Exemption from filing, covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending in calendar year 2015 is due no later than May 31, 2016 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system). Go to [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile) for details about using eFile.
- B. **Mailing report forms to a foreign address** – BEA will accommodate foreign owners that wish to have forms sent directly to them. However, the extra time consumed in mailing to and from a foreign place may make meeting filing deadlines difficult. In such cases, consider using BEA's electronic filing option. Go to [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile) for details about this option. To obtain forms online go to: [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi)

- C. **Extensions** – For the efficient processing of the survey and timely dissemination of the results, it is important that your report is filed by the due date. Nevertheless, reasonable requests for extension of the filing deadline will be granted.

For extension requests of 30 days or less, you may call BEA at (301) 278-9247. Note: If submitting through eFile see due date information above. Requests for extensions of more than 30 days **MUST be in writing** and should explain the basis for the request. You may request an extension via secure message through eFile system at [www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile). Requests for extensions must be received **NO LATER THAN** May 31, 2016.

- CI. **Assistance** – For assistance, telephone (301) 278-9247 or send e-mail to [be12/15@bea.gov](mailto:be12/15@bea.gov). Forms can be obtained from BEA's Web site at: [www.bea.gov/fdi](http://www.bea.gov/fdi)

- CII. **Annual stockholders' report or other financial statements** – Furnish a copy of your FY 2015 annual stockholders' report or Form 10-K when filing the BE-15 report. If you do not publish an annual stockholders' report or file Form 10K, provide any financial statements that may be prepared, including the accompanying notes. Information contained in these statements is useful in reviewing your report and may reduce the need for further contact. Section 5(c) of the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, Public Law 94-472, 90 Stat. 2059, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended, provides that this information can be used for analytical and statistical purposes only and that it must be held strictly confidential.

- CIII. **Number of copies** – File a single original copy of the form. If you are not filing electronically, this should be the copy with the address label on page 1, if such a copy has been pre-printed by BEA. (Make corrections directly to the address, if necessary.) You should also retain a file copy of each report for three years to facilitate resolution of any questions that BEA may have concerning your report. (Both copies are protected by law; see the statement on confidentiality on page 11.)