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BOI Amends Skills, Technology & Innovation Incentive Package

Bangkok – BOI has amended its Skills, Technology & Innovation (STI) incentive package for projects with components investing in research or design or developing Thai staff or supporting educational or research institutions.

The amendments allow companies greater flexibility in making qualifying investments in STI. Previously, corporate income tax exemptions were capped at 1 year for each qualifying category. With the amendment, privileges will instead be based on the project's total STI expenditures in any of the three following STI categories:

- 1) R&D or design;
- 2) Advanced technological training; or
- 3) Support for educational or research institutions.

The number of years of corporate income tax exemptions is calculated based on the table below. For example, a maximum of 3 years income tax exemption is granted for STI expenditures of at least 450 million baht or 3% of total sales for the first 3 years of operations, whichever is lower.

STI Expenditure	Corporate Income Tax Exemption
1% of total sales for the first 3 years of operations or at least 150 million baht	1 year (uncapped)
2% of total sales for the first 3 years of operations or at least 300 million baht	2 years (uncapped)
3% of total sales for the first 3 years of operations or at least 450 million baht	3 years (uncapped)

The BOI reaffirmed that STI corporate income tax exemptions are uncapped and are in addition to other privileges granted separately.