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The interest expenses are disclosed net of US\$ 48 million capitalized interest (2014: US\$ 54 million) related to FPSO projects under construction.

In 2014, the US\$ 29 million impairment of financial asset was related to a dispute with a US-based client on a joint venture (Note 6.3.2 Operating segments). The financial asset remains impaired.

6.3.8 Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist of US\$ 43 million (2014: US\$ 40 million).

The amortization of development costs recognized in the statement of financial position is allocated to the "cost of sales".

6.3.9 Income Tax

The relationship between the Company's income tax expense and profit before income tax (referred to as 'Effective tax rate') can vary significantly from period to period considering, among other factors, (a) changes in the blend of income that is taxed based on gross revenues versus profit before taxes and (b) the different statutory tax rates in the location of the Company's operations (c) the possibility to recognize deferred tax assets on tax losses to the extent that suitable future taxable profits will be available. Consequently, income tax expense does not change proportionally with income before income taxes. Significant decreases in profit before income tax typically lead to a higher effective tax rate, while significant increases in profit before income taxes can lead to a lower effective tax rate, subject to the other factors impacting income tax expense noted above. Additionally, where a deferred tax asset is not recognized on a loss carry forward, the Effective Tax Rate is impacted by the unrecognized tax loss.

The components of the Company's (provision) benefit for income taxes were as follows:

Income tax recognised in the consolidated Income Statement

	<i>Note</i>	2015	2014
Corporation tax on profits for the year		(31)	(47)
Adjustments in respect of prior years		(1)	(3)
Total current income tax		(32)	(50)
Deferred tax	6.3.16	6	24
Total		(26)	(26)

The Company's operational activities are subject to taxation at rates which range up to 35% (2014: 35%).