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1. Transfer Pricing

a. Case law - Nortel Networks India International Tax Tribunal (Delhi - Trib.)

Profits attributed on estimation basis to the assessee on the transactions between associated enterprises.

Facts of the case:

Nortel Networks India Pvt. Ltd, an Indian company entered into a contract with Reliance Infocom for supply and commissioning of hardware equipment. Immediately after the contract, an Indian company assigned the supply part of the contract to a USA company, without any consideration. The equipment's to be supplied from another entity, but the price was the same to Reliance Infocom at a loss.

The AO took the view that the assessee did not have any trading infrastructure or financial or technical resources of its own and that it was only a paper company incorporated in the USA for the purpose of evading taxes in India. He accordingly held that the company constituted a PE of the assessee as defined under Rule 10 by recasting the global profits to the extent of profit likely to have accrued from the Indian company. He determined the global gross profit margin percentage as 42.6% on the turnover as deduction pertaining to other expenses and marketing expenses. The CIT(A) upheld the AO's view on the principle but held that only 50% of such profits likely to be attributable to the PE. He adopted the global gross profit margin percentage as 42.6% and allowed 5% of the

