

Form 990-T

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return

(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No 1545-0687

2017

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2017 or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

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Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3)

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A ☐ Check box if address changedName of organization (☐ Check box if name changed and see instructions)

D Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions)

B Exempt under section

Print or Type

THE ABELL FOUNDATION, INC.

52-6036106

☒ 501(c)(3)

Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.

E Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions)

☐ 408(e) ☐ 220(e)

111 S. CALVERT STREET, NO. 2300

☐ 408A ☐ 530(a)

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

900000

☐ 529(a)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

C Book value of all assets at end of year

F Group exemption number (See instructions.)

344,552,072.

G Check organization type ☒ 501(c) corporation ☐ 501(c) trust ☐ 401(a) trust ☐ Other trust

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity. INTEREST IN INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS AND AN S CORPORATION

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation.

J The books are in care of THE ABELL FOUNDATION, INC.

Telephone number 410-547-1300

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income

	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a Gross receipts or sales			
b Less returns and allowances			
c Balance	1c		
2 Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)	2		
3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3		
4a Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)	4a		
b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)	4b		
c Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c		
5 Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)	5	-364,099.	-364,099.
6 Rent income (Schedule C)	6		
7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)	7		
8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Sch. F)	8		
9 Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)	9		
10 Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)	10		
11 Advertising income (Schedule J)	11		
12 Other income (See instructions; attach schedule) STATEMENT 17	12	133,272.	133,272.
13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13	-230,827.	-230,827.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere

(See instructions for limitations on deductions)
(Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income)

14 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	14	
15 Salaries and wages	15	133,272.
16 Repairs and maintenance	16	
17 Bad debts	17	
18 Interest (attach schedule)	18	
19 Taxes and licenses	19	
20 Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules) STATEMENT 19	20	0.
21 Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	21	
22 Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	22a	22b
23 Depletion	23	
24 Contributions to deferred compensation plans	24	
25 Employee benefit programs	25	
26 Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	26	
27 Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	27	
28 Other deductions (attach schedule)	28	
29 Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28	29	133,272.
30 Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	30	-364,099.
31 Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30) SEE STATEMENT 20	31	
32 Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	32	-364,099.
33 Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	33	1,000.
34 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	34	-364,099.

Part III Tax Computation

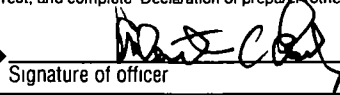
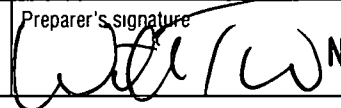
35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations See instructions for tax computation Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here ☐ See instructions and	
a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order): (1) \$ (2) \$ (3) \$	
b Enter organization's share of: (1) Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$ (2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$	
c Income tax on the amount on line 34	35c 0.
36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates See instructions for tax computation Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: ☐ Tax rate schedule or ☐ Schedule D (Form 1041)	36
37 Proxy tax See instructions	37
38 Alternative minimum tax	38
39 Tax on Non-Compliant Facility Income See instructions	39
40 Total. Add lines 37, 38 and 39 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies	40 0.

Part IV Tax and Payments

41a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)	41a	
b Other credits (see instructions)	41b	
c General business credit. Attach Form 3800	41c	
d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)	41d	
e Total credits Add lines 41a through 41d	41e	
42 Subtract line 41e from line 40	42	0.
43 Other taxes. Check if from: ☐ Form 4255 ☐ Form 8611 ☐ Form 8697 ☐ Form 8866 ☐ Other (attach schedule)	43	
44 Total tax Add lines 42 and 43	44	0.
45a Payments: A 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	45a	
b 2017 estimated tax payments	45b	
c Tax deposited with Form 8868	45c	
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	45d	
e Backup withholding (see instructions)	45e	
f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941)	45f	
g Other credits and payments: ☐ Form 2439 ☐ Form 4136 ☐ Other Total	45g	
46 Total payments. Add lines 45a through 45g	46	
47 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached ☐	47	
48 Tax due. If line 46 is less than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount owed	48	0.
49 Overpayment. If line 46 is larger than the total of lines 44 and 47, enter amount overpaid	49	0.
50 Enter the amount of line 49 you want: Credited to 2018 estimated tax Refunded	50	

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

51 At any time during the 2017 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here	Yes	No
		X
52 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		X
53 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$		

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
	Signature of officer 	Date 11/8/18	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature 	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P00369217
	Firm's name RSM US LLP	Date NOV 06 2018	Firm's EIN 42-0714325
	Firm's address 100 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE, SUITE 1400 BALTIMORE, MD 21202		Phone no. 410-246-9300

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation **N/A**

1	Inventory at beginning of year	1		6	Inventory at end of year	6	
2	Purchases	2		7	Cost of goods sold Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2		
3	Cost of labor	3		7			
4a	Additional section 263A costs (attach schedule)	4a		8	Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?	Yes	No
b	Other costs (attach schedule)	4b					X
5	Total. Add lines 1 through 4b	5					

Schedule C - Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

(see instructions)

1 Description of property

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

2 Rent received or accrued**(a)** From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)**(b)** From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)**3(a)** Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

Total 0.

Total 0.

(c) Total income Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A)**(b) Total deductions** Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B)

0.

Schedule E - Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property		2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6. Column 4 divided by column 5	7. Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
Totals			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B)
			0.	0.
Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8				0.

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Schedule F - Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1 Name of controlled organization	2 Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organizations			
		3 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4 Total of specified payments made	5 Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6 Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7 Taxable income	8 Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9 Total of specified payments made	10 Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11 Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
			Add columns 5 and 10 Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A)	Add columns 6 and 11 Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B)
Totals			0.	0.

Schedule G - Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3 Deductions directly connected (attach schedule)	4 Set-asides (attach schedule)	5 Total deductions and set-asides (col 3 plus col 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (B)	
Totals		0.	0.	

Schedule I - Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1. Description of exploited activity	2 Gross unrelated business income from trade or business	3 Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income	4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	6 Expenses attributable to column 5	7 Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
		Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col (A)	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col (B)	Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26		
Totals		0.	0.	0.		

Schedule J - Advertising Income (see instructions)**Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis**

1. Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals (carry to Part II, line (5))		0.	0.			0.

Part II **Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis** (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis)

1 Name of periodical	2 Gross advertising income	3 Direct advertising costs	4 Advertising gain or (loss) (col 2 minus col 3) If a gain, compute cols 5 through 7	5 Circulation income	6 Readership costs	7 Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4)
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
Totals from Part I	0.	0.				0.
Totals, Part II (lines 1-5)	0.	0.				0.

Schedule K - Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1 Name	2 Title	3 Percent of time devoted to business	4 Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14			0.

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FORM 990-T	OTHER INCOME	STATEMENT 17
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
GUARANTEED PAYMENTS		133,272.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-T, PAGE 1, LINE 12		133,272.

FORM 990-T	CONTRIBUTIONS	STATEMENT 18
DESCRIPTION/KIND OF PROPERTY	METHOD USED TO DETERMINE FMV	AMOUNT
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	N/A	12,839,415.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-T, PAGE 1, LINE 20		12,839,415.

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NET OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION

STATEMENT 20

TAX YEAR	LOSS SUSTAINED	LOSS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED	LOSS REMAINING	AVAILABLE THIS YEAR
12/31/08	1,035,967.	0.	1,035,967.	1,035,967.
12/31/09	711,374.	0.	711,374.	711,374.
12/31/10	449,001.	0.	449,001.	449,001.
12/31/11	1,523,150.	0.	1,523,150.	1,523,150.
12/31/12	739,466.	0.	739,466.	739,466.
12/31/13	273,622.	0.	273,622.	273,622.
12/31/14	536,656.	0.	536,656.	536,656.
12/31/15	1,034,462.	0.	1,034,462.	1,034,462.
12/31/16	875,803.	0.	875,803.	875,803.
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INCOME (LOSS) FROM PARTNERSHIPS

STATEMENT 21

PARTNERSHIP NAME	GROSS INCOME	DEDUCTIONS	NET INCOME OR (LOSS)
CHESAPEAKE INVESTMENTS II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	173,355.	336,685.	-163,330.
CHESAPEAKE INVESTMENTS III LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	240,016.	398,330.	-158,314.
GMO FORESTRY FUND	-7,298.	0.	-7,298.
GREENSPRING GLOBAL PARTNERS V-B, LP	-27.	0.	-27.
CHESAPEAKE INVESTMENTS IV LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	601,998.	629,087.	-27,089.
COOLTECH LLC	-7,761.	0.	-7,761.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-T, PAGE 1, LINE 5	1,000,283.	1,364,102.	-363,819.

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INCOME (LOSS) FROM S CORPORATIONS

STATEMENT 22

S CORPORATION NAME	GROSS INCOME	LOSSES	DEDUCTIONS	NET INCOME OR (LOSS)
SEA SOLAR POWER, INC.	-280.	0.	0.	-280.
TO FORM 990-T, LINE 5	-280.	0.	0.	-280.