10205 - Renting videos

the question

I want to open a video store to sell and rent tapes, whilst adhering to the teachings (of Islam) and not going against anything in sharee’ah. Is this or the income I will take from it haraam? Knowing that I do not want to do anything that will earn the wrath of Allaah.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Videos, radios, TVs and other media equipment are in and of themselves neither halaal nor haraam, because they are merely machines. The ruling is based on whatever it is used for. If it is used mostly or solely for haraam purposes it is haraam, otherwise it is halaal. On this basis, if the video is to be used only for good purposes as you state, then it is good, otherwise it is bad. And Allaah knows best.