

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



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Date: July 29, 2010
To: All Participants
Category: Dividends
From: International Services
Attention: Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject: Tax Relief - Country: The Netherlands
Royal Dutch Shell PLC – “A” Shares CUSIP: 780259206
Record Date: 08/06/2010 Payable Date: 09/08/2010
EDS Cut-Off Date: 08/23/2010
Post Payable EDS Window will open 9/9/10 and close 9/15/10

Participants can use DTC’s Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) or Tax Relief option on the Participant Browser System (PBS) web site to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Participants are urged to consult the PTS or PBS function TAXI or Tax InfoSM respectively before certifying their elections over PTS or PBS.

Important: Prior to certifying tax withholding elections, participants are urged to read, understand and comply with the information in the Legal Conditions category found on TAXI or Tax Info in PTS or PBS respectively.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Globetax at (212) 747-9100.

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ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC - "A" SHARES has announced an interim cash dividend in respect to the second quarter of fiscal year 2010. BNY Mellon acts as Depository for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

Using DTC's Elective Dividend System ("EDS") function over the Participant Terminal System ("PTS"), Participants may certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rates. Use of EDS will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC.

On ADR Pay Date, all holders will receive this dividend net of the full Netherland statutory withholding tax of 15% with the possibility to reclaim as outlined in the below Eligibility Matrix:

DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	NETHERLANDS
ISSUE	ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC – "A" SHARES
CUSIP#	780259206
TRANSFER AGENT	BNY MELLON
ADR RECORD DATE	August 6, 2010
ADR PAY DATE	September 8, 2010
ADR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	\$0.84
ORD GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	€0.3227
RATIO	2 ORD : 1 ADR
STATUTORY WHT RATE	15%

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX			
RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE - 15%	0%	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES	NONE
FAVORABLE - 10% POST-PAY DATE	5%	CHINA, CZECH REPUBLIC, INDIA, INDONESIA, KUWAIT, PORTUGAL, SLOVAKIA, SOUTH AFRICA, TAIWAN, VENEZUELA	IB 92 UNIVERSEEL & CLIENT LISTING
EXEMPT - 0% POST PAY-DATE	15%	US ARTICLE 36—CHARITIES under 501(a), 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), 509(a)(3), 17-(b)	ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING
EXEMPT - 0% POST-PAY DATE	15%	US ARTICLE 35 - PENSIONS and IRAs under 401(a), 401(k), 457(b), 403(b), 408, 408(a), 501(a)	ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING
EXEMPT - 0% RELIEF AT SOURCE	15%	US ARTICLE 35 - PENSIONS and IRAs under 401(a), 401(k), 457(b), 403(b), 408, 408(a), 501(a)	IRS 6166 FORM (CURRENT TAX YEAR) OR DUTCH QUALIFICATION LETTER ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING
EXEMPT - 0% (EU TAX EXEMPT) POST-PAY DATE LONG-FORM ONLY	15%	ALL EUROPEAN UNION (EU) ENTITIES THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM TAX IN THEIR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	DIVIDEND TAX RETURN "REFUND FOR FOREIGN CORPORATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY TAX ON PROFITS"

CHARGES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	TRANSFER AGENT SERVICE CHARGE	MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ALL TIMES EST)
RELIEF AT SOURCE	PAYMENT ON PAY DATE	EDS	\$0.0035 per ADR	\$0	AUGUST 23, 2010
QUICK RECLAIM	PRIMARY LONG-FORM BATCH	EDS	\$0.005 per ADR	\$25	SEPTEMBER 15, 2010
LONG-FORM	POST-EDS PROCESS; ONGOING	CHECK	\$0.005 per ADR	\$25	NOVEMBER 1, 2013

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION

DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL / COPY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
IRS FORM 6166	ISSUED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATING THE NAME AND TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER. IT MUST BE FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR.	ORIGINAL PREFERRED / COPY ACCEPTED	IRS REPRESENTATIVE
IB 92 UNIVERSEEL	DUTCH TAX FORM REQUIRED FOR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER ATTEMPTING TO RECLAIM THE 5% ENTITLEMENT; THIS FORM MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER'S LOCAL TAX OFFICE.	ORIGINAL	BENEFICIAL OWNER
DUTCH QUALIFICATION LETTER	QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATION BY THE COMPETANT NEHTERLANDS TAX AUTHORITIES, STATING THAT THE TRUST IN QUESTION IS A U.S. RESIDENT TAX EXEMPT TRUST AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 35, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE TREATY	COPY	DUTCH TAX AUTHORITY (BELASTINGDIENST)
DIVIDEND TAX RETURN	"REFUND FOR FOREIGN CORPORATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY TAX ON PROFITS" IS A FORM USED TO CLAIM EXEMPTINO FOR EU PENSIONS AND EU CHARITABLE ENTITIES. THIS FORM MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER'S LOCAL TAX OFFICE.	ORIGINAL	BENEFICIAL OWNER
CLIENT LISTING	A LISTING OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS NAMES, TAXPAYER ID NUMBERS, NUMBER OF SHARES, AND ENTITY TYPE (CHARITY OR PENSION)	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT

ESP Electronic Submission Portal

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BNY MELLON, now offers ESP powered by GlobeTax, a paperless withholding tax reclaim process, for Exempt Organizations (qualified under Article 36 of the Tax Convention) and Exempt Pension Trusts (qualified under Article 35 of the Tax Convention) to participants holding ADRs and New York Shares.

These claims should be submitted through the following web site. (Requires a one-time registration)

<https://www.globetaxesp.com>

Please contact Mr. Brendan Jordan or Mr. Daniel Kurtter at 1-800-985-3536 or via email at DutchESP@GLOBETAX.COM if you have any questions about this process.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A SPLIT-LETTER?	NO. YOUR EDS ELECTIONS WILL BE USED IN PLACE OF THE TRADITIONAL "SPLIT-LETTER."
WILL I RECEIVE A DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTE ("DLD" or "CERT") FOR MY ARTICLE 35 OR ARTICLE 36 POSITIONS?	NO, GOING FORWARD, ALL DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTES WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE TRANSFER AGENT, TO BE RELEASED ONLY UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE PARTICIPANT.
AM I REQUIRED TO FILE THROUGH ESP?	NO, YOU MAY SUBMIT A TRADITIONAL CLAIM THROUGH THE MAIL IF YOU CANNOT SUBMIT CLIENT DATA THROUGH ESP. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST LOGGING IN TO ESP TO DOWNLOAD THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED WHEN PREPARING YOUR CLAIM, REGARDLESS OF YOUR ULTIMATE SUBMISSION METHOD.
IS THERE ANY CASE IN WHICH A U.S. RESIDENT 401(a), 401(K), 457(b), 403(b), IRA, ROTH IRA, EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS OR SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY?	THESE ACCOUNT TYPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR IF LESS THAN 70% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WITHDRAWALS FROM SUCH U.S. TRUST DURING THAT YEAR IS USED TO PROVIDE PENSION, RETIREMENT OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AS MEANT IN ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY.

RELIEF AT SOURCE QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO BNY MELLON / GLOBETAX IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RELIEF AT SOURCE PROCESS?	YES, IN ADDITION TO SUBMISSION OF THE CLIENT LISTING, YOU MUST PROVIDE AN IRS FORM 6166 (CURRENT TAX YEAR) OR DUTCH QUALIFICATION LETTER FOR EACH BENEFICIAL OWNER.
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE RELIEF AT SOURCE PROC-	YES.
MY CLIENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION BY THE RELIEF AT SOURCE DEADLINE. MAY I STILL SUBMIT THE CLAIM	YES, YOU MAY EITHER PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK RECLAIM OR ON-GOING LONG-FORM PROCESSES, WITHIN THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.
ONCE I SUBMIT A RELIEF AT SOURCE CLAIM, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BE PAID?	RELIEF AT SOURCE CLAIMS ARE PAID ON THE ADR PAY DATE, THROUGH DTC.

QUICK RECLAIM QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO BNY MELLON / GLOBETAX IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK RECLAIM PROCESS?	NO, YOU MUST ONLY PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP.
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE QUICK RECLAIM PROCESS?	YES.
ONCE I SUBMIT A QUICK REFUND CLAIM VIA ESP, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BE PAID?	WE ESTIMATE PAYMENT WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 6 WEEKS OF PAY DATE.
DOES THE QUICK RECLAIM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION PER BENEFICIAL OWNER REQUIREMENT?	ANY CLAIM FOR BENEFICIAL OWNERS HOLDING LESS THAN 5,000 ADRS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY HELD AND SUBSEQUENTLY FILED VIA THE TRADITIONAL LONG-FORM PROCESS.

LONG-FORM QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR PAYMENT ON LONG-FORM CLAIMS?	APPROXIMATELY 4-6 MONTHS.
DOES THE LONG-FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION REQUIREMENT PER BENEFICIAL OWNER?	NO, ALL CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSED THOUGH THERE IS A MINIMUM FEE OF \$25 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER.
WHAT WILL THE FEE BE IF A BENEFICIAL OWNER'S CLAIM IS FOR LESS THAN \$50?	BNY MELLON / GLOBETAX IS WILLING TO WAIVE THE \$25 MINIMUM ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS IN FAVOR OF A SPLIT OF THE RECLAIMED FUNDS OF 50/50 FOR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER RECLAIMING LESS
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE LONG-FORM PROCESS?	NO, YOU WILL BE PAID BY CHECK.

All Post-Electronic Reclaims filing Long-Form:

U.S. residents and non-U.S. residents who have missed the Relief at Source and Quick Reclaim Process deadlines may file for a "long-form" refund by submitting a claim via either ESP or traditional methods to BNY MELLON / GlobeTax prior to the expiry of the right to claim. Based on their county, that period generally expires three (3) years from the end of the year in which the dividend was paid in the local market. Claims received after the long form deadline will be filed on a best effort basis at the discretion of BNY MELLON / GlobeTax.

All tax information contained in this Important Notice is based on a good faith compilation of information obtained from multiple sources. The information is subject to change. Actual deadlines frequently vary from the statutory deadlines because of local market conditions and advanced deadlines set by local agents. To mitigate risk it is strongly advised that DTC Participants file their claims as soon as possible as the depository and/or their agents will not be liable for claims filed less than six months before the specified deadline. In the event that local market rules, whether implemented by a local agent or a Tax Authority, conflict with the information provided in the important notice, either prior to or after publication, the local market rules will prevail.