



Important Notice
The Depository Trust Company

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Date:	June 27, 2024
To:	All Participants
Category:	Tax Relief, Distributions
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<p><u>Tax Relief Country:</u> JAPAN</p> <p><u>Depository for Sponsored DR Program:</u> J.P. Morgan</p> <p><u>Security:</u> See Below</p> <p><u>CUSIP (s):</u> 501173207, 75102W108</p> <p><u>Record Date:</u> 06/28/2024 <u>Payable Date:</u> TBA</p> <p><u>CA Web Instruction Deadline:</u> 07/17/2024 8:00 PM E.T.</p>

ISSUER	CUSIP
KUBOTA CORP	501173207
RAKUTEN GROUP, INC	75102W108

Participants can use DTC’s Corporate Actions Web (CA Web) service to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Participants are urged to consult TaxInfo respectively, before certifying their instructions over the CA Web.

Important: Prior to certifying tax withholding instructions, participants are urged to read, understand and comply with the information in the Legal Conditions category found on TaxInfo on the CA Web.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Goal Global Recoveries Inc. (212) 248 - 9130.

Important Legal Information: *The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) does not represent or warrant the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, completeness, or fitness for any particular purpose of the information contained in this communication, which is based in part on information obtained from third parties and not independently verified by DTC and which is provided as is. The information contained in this communication is not intended to be a substitute for obtaining tax advice from an appropriate professional advisor. In providing this communication, DTC shall not be liable for (1) any loss resulting directly or indirectly from mistakes, errors, omissions, interruptions, delays, or defects in such communication, unless caused directly by gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of DTC, and (2) any special, consequential, exemplary, incidental, or punitive damages.*

To ensure compliance with Internal Revenue Service Circular 230, you are hereby notified that: (a) any discussion of federal tax issues contained or referred to herein is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed under the Internal Revenue Code; and (b) as a matter of policy, DTC does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice and accordingly, you should consult your own tax, legal and accounting advisor before engaging in any transaction.

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JPMorgan Chase, as DR depository gives notice with respect to an upcoming cash dividend payment for Japanese issuers with **JUNE 2024** Record Dates. DR holders as at DR Record Date are eligible to receive the dividend payment and may be entitled to a reduced rate of withholding tax as described in the below notice. Qualifying shareholders who reside in a country where a Double Taxation Agreement exists between their country of residence and Japan may apply for a refund by either the Relief at Source method or the Long Form Reclaim process.

JPMorgan Chase has appointed Goal Global Recoveries Inc. (as tax agent) to support holders of the DR by providing assistance in obtaining tax relief services.

Participants are able to certify all or a percentage of their total position in accordance with the relevant withholding tax rate through the DTC Corporate Actions Web (“CA Web”). The CA Web election also requires a submission via ADRoit. This will enable entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC. As such eligible holders will have the possibility to receive their full treaty entitlements on DR pay date. Holders not qualifying for a reduced or exempt tax rate through CA Web will receive the dividend payment net of the default Japanese statutory withholding tax rate of 15.315%. Eligible holders will have the opportunity to make a reclaim utilizing the standard long form process.

Participants utilizing this service agree to the Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification as stated below.

RELIEF AT SOURCE

CA WEB OPENS	01 JULY 2024 – 6:00 AM (EST)
CA WEB DEADLINE	17 JULY 2024 – 8:00 PM (EST)
GOAL ADRoit OPENS	01 JULY 2024 – 6:00 AM (EST)*
GOAL ADRoit DEADLINE	17 JULY 2024 – 8:00 PM (EST)*

LONG FORM RECLAIMS

GOAL ADRoit OPENS FOR LONG FORM RECLAIM	18 JULY 2024 – 9:00 AM (EST)
GOAL ADRoit DEADLINE FOR LONG FORM RECLAIM	30 JUNE 2029 – 5:00 PM (EST)*

DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS

ISSUER	CUSIP	DR RECORD DATE	DR PAYMENT DATE	DR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE	RATIO (ORD:DR)
Kubota Corp	501173207	06/28/24	TBA	TBA	5:1
Rakuten Group, Inc	75102W108	06/28/24	TBA	TBA	1:1

DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

RELIEF AT SOURCE	ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW TO BE HELD ON FILE BY PARTICIPANT
LONG FORM RECLAIM	30 JUNE 2029 – 5:00 PM (EST)

FEES AND PAYMENT METHOD

FILING METHOD	PAYMENT METHOD	CUSTODIAL FEE	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE
RELIEF AT SOURCE	DTC	\$0.00	UP TO \$0.0080/DR	\$0.00
LONG FORM RECLAIM	ACH	UP TO 40,000 JPY	UP TO \$0.0105/DR	\$25.00/BENEFICIAL OWNER

Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification from Participants and Beneficial Owners

We hereby agree that this tax relief assistance service is wholly voluntary and discretionary and outside the terms and conditions of any applicable deposit agreement. JPMorgan Chase undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service, and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. We hereby accept and agree to pay the fees of JPMorgan Chase of up to \$0.008 per Depository Receipt for Relief at Source, or up to \$0.0105 per Depository Receipt for Long Form (with a minimum of \$25), and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to JPMorgan Chase or its agents, including any custodian, in connection with the tax reclaim process, or to tax authorities or regulators (which fees, charges or expenses may be deducted from the dividend or any other distribution or by billing or otherwise in JPMorgan Chase's discretion). We hereby agree that any such fees, charges or expenses may be due and payable whether or not a successful reduction in rate or reclamation is obtained. We hereby acknowledge that fees paid to JPMorgan Chase may be shared with its agents and affiliates. We hereby confirm that we have the applicable Form W-9 or Form W-8 beneficial owner series (W-8BEN, W-BENE, W-8EXP, or W-8ECI) on file and agree to obtain and retain all underlying documentation required to support the tax relief benefits, including without limitation all IRS Forms W-9 and IRS Form W-8 for a period of at least seven years and to provide such documentation to you and/or the Japanese Tax Office upon your or the Japanese Tax Office's request.

We hereby agree that in addition to statutory and documentation requirements and the deduction of fees, tax relief benefits will be subject to review and approval, and potential audits by the applicable custodian and the applicable tax regulators, and that JPMorgan Chase is not providing any legal, tax, accounting or other professional advice on these matters and has expressly disclaimed any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance hereto. Participants and/or investors should seek advice based upon their own particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

We certify that to the best of our knowledge each of the beneficial owners identified are eligible for the preferential rates as stated and we declare that we have performed all the necessary due diligence to satisfy ourselves as to the accuracy of the information submitted to us by these beneficial owners.

We will be fully liable for any and all claims, penalties and/or interest, including without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuations associated therewith. JPMorgan Chase shall not be liable for the failure to secure any tax relief. We expressly agree that JPMorgan Chase and its agents or affiliates shall not have any liability for, and we shall indemnify, defend and hold each of JPMorgan Chase and its agents and affiliates harmless from and against, any and all loss, liability, damage, judgement, settlement, fine, penalty, demand, claim, cost or expense (including without limitation fees and expenses of defending itself or enforcing this agreement) arising out of or in connection herewith.

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

RATE DESCRIPTION	FILING METHOD	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION
EXEMPT 0%	Relief at Source	20.42%	Pensions – Austria, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-9 Form** IRS W-8BEN Form**
			Latvia, Lithuania – all entities except Individuals	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-8BEN Form**
			Zambia	
			World exempts	
FAVORABLE 5%	Relief at Source	15.42%	Croatia, Ecuador, Georgia, Slovenia, Spain	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-8BEN Form**
FAVORABLE 7%	Relief at Source	13.42%	Azerbaijan	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-8BEN Form**
FAVORABLE 10%	Relief at Source	10.42%	Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, China, Colombia, Estonia, France, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Kuwait, Latvia (Individuals only), Lithuania (Individuals only), Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vietnam	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-9 Form** IRS W-8BEN Form**
			United Arab Emirates - Select Entities only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Bank of the UAE • Abu Dhabi Investment Authority • International Petroleum Investment Company • Abu Dhabi Investment Council • Investment Corporation of Dubai • Mubadala Development Company • Eligible pension funds established in the UAE 	
FAVORABLE 12.5%	Relief at Source	7.92%	Brazil	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W-8BEN Form**
FAVORABLE 15%	Relief at Source	5.42%	Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea (Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine	1. Appendix A* 2. IRS W8-BEN Form**
STATUTORY RATE 15.315%	Relief at Source	5.105%	All Beneficiaries Except Japanese Individual Residents, Large Shareholders, Treaty Eligible Pensions & Treaty Eligible Holders	No documentation or ADROit submission required

JAPAN INDIVIDUALS 20.315%	Relief at Source	0.105%	This tax rate is comprised of the statutory tax rate of 15.315% plus an additional 5% local tax which is applicable to Japanese Individual Residents only	Appendix A*
UNFAVORABLE 20.42%	Relief at Source	0%	This tax rate applies only to Individual Large shareholders that hold 3% or more of the outstanding shares excluding foreign/(Japanese) & domestic corporate large shareholders	Appendix A*

* Generated by the Goal ADRoit system - to be kept on file by Participants

**To be kept on file by the DTCC Participant for audit purposes

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – INVESTOR TYPE				
INVESTOR	RESIDENCY	TYPE	CONDITIONS	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
INDIVIDUAL	U.S.	Certified Person	Must have a complete and valid address in the United States	W-9 Form
	NON-U.S.	Certified Person	Must reside outside of the United States Must reside in a territory that has a double taxation treaty with Japan Must not have a permanent residence in Japan	W-8BEN Form W-8BEN-E Form W-8EXP Form W-8ECI Form
CORPORATION	U.S.	S-Corp/C-Corp	Must have a complete and valid address in the United States	W-9 Form
		LLC	Disregarded entity, disregarded into a U.S. Individual or other body of persons that are entitled to claim treaty benefits and elected to be treated as an S-Corp or C-Corp and has a complete and valid address in the United States	W-9 Form
	NON-U.S.	Certified Corp	Must reside outside of the United States Must reside in a territory that has a double taxation agreement with Japan Must not have a permanent residence in Japan	W-8BEN Form W-8BEN-E Form W-8EXP Form W-8IMY Form
TRUST	U.S.	Complex	A Complex Trust is comprised of U.S. Individuals or other body of persons that are entitled to claim treaty benefits	W-9 Form
		Grantor	A Grantor Trust is a U.S. Individual or other body of persons that are entitled to claim treaty benefits	
		Simple	A Simple Trust is comprised of U.S. beneficiaries or other body of persons that are entitled to claim treaty benefit	
RIC REIT REMIC	U.S.	N/A	Must have a complete and valid address in the United States	W-9 Form, Prospectus or any Legal Supplementary Document
NON-PROFIT	U.S.	Charity/Foundation	Non-profit organizations must meet 501 (c) requirements	W-9 Form or any Legal Supplementary Document

GOVERNMENT	U.S.	Government, State and any Political Subdivision or Local Authority	Must have a complete and valid address in the United States	W-9 Form
PENSION	Refer to Treaty Eligible Pensions Matrix on Page 5			
TRANSPARENT ENTITY	U.S.	Partnership and similar vehicles	If underlying members of fiscally transparent entity are U.S. residents, then all of the interest income would be eligible for the benefits of the convention. Alternatively, the portion attributable to eligible U.S. residents would be eligible to claim treaty benefits	W-9 Form

TREATY ELIGIBLE PENSIONS

COUNTRY OF PENSION FUND	DESCRIPTION	QUALIFYING PLANS
UNITED STATES	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the U.S. double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying "Pension Fund" as defined as on page 11 of the technical explanation of the new tax treaty between the U.S. and Japan, published by the U.S. Department of Treasury 3) Is able to certify that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of the U.S. or Japan as of the prior taxable period 	<p>Qualified Plans Under Section 401 (A) Individual Retirement Plans (Including those that are a part of a Simplified Employee Pension Plan that satisfies Section 408 (K)) Individual Retirement Accounts, Individual Retirement Annuities, Section 408 (P) Accounts Roth IRAS under Section 408 (A) Section 457 Governmental Plans Section 403 (A) Qualified Annuity Plans Section 403 (B) Plans Section 401 (K) Plans Qualify as Pension Funds because a 401 (K) is a type of 401 (A) Plan Any other fund identical or substantially similar to the foregoing schemes that are established pursuant to legislation introduced after the date of signature of the convention</p>
UNITED KINGDOM	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the United Kingdom double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying "Pension Fund" as defined by article 22, paragraph 2 (e) of the income tax convention between Japan and the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland published by the ministry of finance Japan 3) Is able to certify that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of the United Kingdom or Japan as of the prior taxable period 	

SWITZERLAND	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the Switzerland double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying “Pension Fund” as defined by article 22a, paragraph 2 (e) of the income tax convention between Japan and Switzerland published by the ministry of finance Japan 3) Is able to certify that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of Switzerland or Japan as of the prior taxable period 	
NETHERLANDS	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the Netherlands double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying “Pension Fund” as defined by article 21, paragraph 2 (d) of the income tax convention between Japan and the Netherlands published by the ministry of finance Japan 3) Is able to certify that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of the Netherlands or Japan as of the prior taxable period 	
CHILE	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the Chilean double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying “Pension Fund” as defined in subparagraph (J) of paragraph 1 of article 3 of the tax treaty between Chile and Japan 	<p>Was constituted and is operated in a Contracting State exclusively or almost exclusively to administer or provide pension or other similar remuneration under the social security legislation of that Contracting State recognised as such for tax purposes in that Contracting State, primarily for the benefit of residents of that Contracting State; or</p> <p>Was constituted and is operated to invest funds for the benefit of persons referred to in clause (I), provided that substantially all the income of that person is derived from investments made for the benefit of these persons</p>
LATVIA	<p>Applies to a beneficial owner of the DRs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is not engaged in a trade or business in Japan through a permanent establishment situated in Japan, within the meaning of the Latvian double taxation treaty with Japan 2) Is a qualifying “Pension Fund” as defined in subparagraph (L) of paragraph 1 of article 3 of the tax treaty between Latvia and Japan 3) Is able to certify that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of Latvia or Japan as of the prior taxable period 	<p>Is established under the laws of a Contracting State;</p> <p>Is operated principally to administer or provide pensions, retirement benefits or other similar remuneration or to earn income for the benefit of other pension funds; and</p> <p>Is exempt from tax in that Contracting State with respect to income derived from the activities described in clause (II).</p>

TAX DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIEF AT SOURCE

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT	REQUIRED SIGNATURES	DOCUMENT GENERATION	INVESTOR TYPES
Signed Cover Letter Appendix A – COPY	This document notifies the depository of the relevant beneficial owners and claim details – required for Audit purposes	DTC Participant	Generated by the Goal ADROit system	ALL beneficiaries claiming under a Double Taxation Treaty
Signed W-9 Form – COPY	This document certifies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The beneficial owner is a resident of the United States b. The TIN or Social Security number is correct c. The beneficial owner is not subject to backup withholding d. The FATCA code entered on the form is correct 	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by DTC Participant	ALL residents of the U.S. who fall under the following entity type categories: Individual Corporation – S-Corp / C- Corp/LLC Trust – Complex/Grantor/Simple Government– State and any Political Subdivision or Local Authority Pension Transparent Entity – Partnership and Similar Vehicles Non-Profit – Charity/Foundation RIC/ REIT/ REMIC
Signed W-8BEN Form – COPY	This document certifies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the beneficial owner is not a U.S. resident b. that the beneficial owner is entitled to the income for which the W-8BEN is being provided 	Beneficial owner	To be provided by DTC Participant	ALL non-U.S. resident Individuals
Signed W-8BEN-E Form – COPY	This document is to be used by non-U.S. entities who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. reside in a territory that has a Double Taxation Treaty with Japan b. does not have a permanent establishment in Japan c. is entitled to the income for which the W-BEN-E is provided d. may be entitled to a reduction or exemption in tax. 	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by DTC Participant	ALL non-U.S. resident entities
Signed W-8EXP Form – COPY	The document certifies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the beneficial owner is a non-U.S. resident b. that the beneficial owner is entitled to the income for which the W-EXP is being provided 	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by DTC Participant	Non-U.S. entities that fall under the following entity types: Foreign Governments International Organizations Foreign Central Banks Foreign tax-exempt Organizations Foreign Private Foundations Governments of U.S. possessions
Signed W-8ECI Form – COPY	This document certifies that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The beneficial owner is a non-U.S. resident b. The beneficial owner is entitled to the income c. The income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade of business in the United States d. The beneficial owner may be entitled to a withholding exemption 	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by DTC Participant	Non-U.S. residents that are Foreign persons who are beneficial owners of U.S. source income that is (or deemed to be) connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States

TAX DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LONG FORM RECLAIM

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT	REQUIRED SIGNATURE	DOCUMENT GENERATION	INVESTOR TYPES
Signed Cover Letter Appendix A – COPY	This document notifies the depository of the relevant details of the claim – required for Audit purposes	DTC Participant	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	ALL beneficiaries claiming under a Double Taxation Treaty
Power of Attorney Appendix B – ORIGINAL	This document is given by the Beneficial Owner appointing the Depository to act on their behalf. A Trust Agreement may be submitted as an alternative document but in such cases a Limited Power of Attorney will also be required	Beneficial Owner	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	ALL
Japan Form 16 – ORIGINAL	This document is the list of the Members or Partners of the Transparent Entity.	Beneficial Owner	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	Transparent Entities
Japan Form 17 – ORIGINAL	This document is the Attachment for Limitation of Benefits Article, to ensure that benefits under the Treaty are available only to a “qualified person”. Additional documentation such as a Prospectus or Brochure may be required as supporting documentation	Beneficial Owner	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	ALL
IRS Form 6166 – ORIGINAL	This document is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) confirmation of the beneficial owner’s country of residence and tax identification number. The 6166 Form must be specific to Japan and dated within 8 months of the Long Form reclaim	Internal Revenue Service (IRS) representative	To be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	U.S. residents only
Limited Power of Attorney – COPY	If the Power of Attorney is signed by a third party such as a Broker, a notarized Limited Power of Attorney is required	DTC Participant	To be provided by the DTC Participant	ALL (where applicable)
Proof of Payment (Dividend Credit Advice) – ORIGINAL	This document certifies that the payment has been credited to the Pension Fund’s account	DTC Participant	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	ALL
Any Legal Supplementary document - COPY	This document can be used as an alternative to the W-9 form	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by the Beneficial Owner	U.S. Non-profit organizations that fall under the following entity types: Charity Foundation
Prospectus/ any Legal Supplementary document, for example: Trust Deed Plan document Articles of Incorporation – COPY	Any of these documents can be used as an alternative to the W-9 form	Beneficial Owner	To be provided by the Beneficial Owner	RIC REIT REMIC
Summary of Claim Form	This document summarizes the claim in its entirety, including details of the gross dividend, tax deducted and net amount paid	Participant	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	ALL
Pension Declaration Letter	This letter acts as a disclosure confirming the total number participants, treaty eligible participants and their fiscal year end date	Participant	Generated by the Goal ADRoit system	Exempt Pension Funds only

The Japanese Tax Authorities reserve the right to Audit Participants/Beneficiaries at their discretion. Should an Audit review be undertaken the Japanese Tax Authority may request supporting documentation to the claim. As such, Appendix A - Cover Letters, W-8 and W-9 forms must be held by the DTC Participant for a period of seven years. It is the DTC Participant's responsibility to ensure that the document retention policies for U.S. withholding tax documentation are adequate to support any potential audits from the Japanese Tax Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Any claims that are submitted to Goal Global Recoveries Inc. as agent for JPMorgan Chase outside of the specified deadline will be undertaken on a best efforts basis only. JPMorgan Chase/Goal Global Recoveries Inc. will not be held responsible should a late claim be denied by the Japanese Tax Authorities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undisclosed Shareholders will be taxed at the statutory withholding tax rate of 15.315%. There is NO documentation required in this instance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shareholders applying for a withholding rate of 0%, 5%, 10%, 12.5%, 15%, 20.315% or 20.42% are required to disclose information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the Long Form Reclaim process there is a minimum position prerequisite which is variable. Please contact Goal Global Recoveries Inc. for more information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Documentation is held on file by the DTC Participant for a period of seven years, for Audit purposes only.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Audit purposes the Japanese Ministry of Finance may request additional documentation to substantiate the eligibility of underlying investors. As such an original 6166 Form for the year of payment may be required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a 6166 form is provided containing the IRS Code ruling 81-100 a Pension Declaration Letter and Determination Letter will also be required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "Large Shareholder" classification relates to Individual Investors (Non-Corporate) who hold 3% or more of the number of outstanding shares for Dividend Income from listed shares. These "Shareholders" are not entitled to preferential tax rates. As such, any dividends that are paid after 30 MARCH 2011 will be taxed at a rate of 20.42%. It is a mandatory requirement that the Participant discloses the name and Address of each "large Shareholder" to the Depository by the deadline date of 17 JULY 2024. Preferential withholding rates will still apply to corporate entities (both Japanese and non-Japanese) who hold 3% or more of the number of outstanding shares for dividend income from listed shares. "Large Shareholders" will be entitled to receive income at a tax rate of 15.315% or a more favourable rate based on the Double Taxation Agreement between Japan and the Investor's country of residence. The Japan National tax rate of 20.42% will be withheld on dividend income for unlisted shares.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a signed Power of Attorney forms part of the documentation requirements, and for whatever reason is not available, a Trust Agreement can be submitted as an alternative document. Please note however that in this situation a Limited Power of Attorney signed by the Participant and duly notarized would also be required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Statute of Limitations for filing Japanese reclaims is currently 5 years from ordinary payment date. In order to facilitate claims that are requested in the final year prior to the expiration date Goal Global Recoveries Inc. have set a deadline of 3 months preceding the Statute date. Any reclaims that are requested after the date set by Goal Global Recoveries Inc. will be submitted to the Tax Authority on a best efforts basis only.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The indicative timeframe for tax reclaim proceeds to be refunded by the Japanese Tax Authority utilising the Long Form Reclaim method is between 6 – 12 months (approximately) from submission.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All original documentation for Long Form Reclaims should be received prior to 30 JUNE 2029 by 5:00pm (EST). For this reason and for the avoidance of documentation being lost in transit we strongly recommend that the documents are sent via a secure method such as FedEx, UPS, DHL (for example) to our New York office at 5 Hanover Square, Suite 2300 New York, NY 10004, USA and that the tracking number of the package is recorded.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Beneficial Owner name on all documents must be identical. However, if there are inconsistencies in names and/or addresses the Participant should send a Discrepancy Letter explaining the reason for these differences. The letter must be on the Participant's letterhead and the beneficiaries' tax identification number should be quoted. The Japanese Tax Authority will reject documents that do not adhere to this principle.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With respect to address and residency information on documentation for U.S. beneficial owners please note as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) U.S. addresses must not contain a P.O. Box b) Must not be in a U.S. Territory or Protectorate State c) W-9 forms should be checked to ensure that there has been no change to the beneficial owners' tax residency since the document was produced d) The DTC Participant must not be aware of any additional residence in Japan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With respect to residents of Japan please note the following address format: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) #-#-# Street name (ii) Territory (iii) City (iv) Seven-digit postal code
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The term 'Category' represents the tax rate that is applicable to each beneficial owner, i.e. 0% exempt, 10% favourable etc
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The expression 'Entity type' symbolizes the structure of the beneficial owner, i.e. Pension, Individual, IRA, LLC for example

IMPORTANT NOTICE – INVENTORY OF APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Cover Letter
Appendix B	Power of Attorney

ADRoit by Goal Global Recoveries Inc.



JPMorgan Chase offers the ADRoit system as a secure platform for the submission of the beneficial owner data and the creation of the requisite documentation.

The system will automatically generate the necessary documentation which the participant can easily access, complete, sign and submit to JPMorgan Chase/Goal Global Recoveries Inc. The system also contains a bulk upload feature which allows for multiple relief at source events to be submitted within a single file.

*A one-time registration process is required in order to use ADRoit. For registration purposes **only** please contact adroitregistration@goalgroup.com. For all other ADR related enquiries please contact adroit@goalgroup.com or call Goal Global Recoveries Inc. on +1 (212) 248- 9130*

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City, State, ZIP Code	New York, NY 10004

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APPENDIX A – COVER LETTER

(DTC Participant’s Letterhead)

To: JPMorgan Chase as Depositary
 C/O Goal Global Recoveries Inc.
 5 Hanover Square, Ste 2300
 New York, NY 10004
 Phone: 1 (212) 248-9130

Attn: Japan

Re: Withholding Certification for _____; CUSIP# _____

I/we the undersigned (insert Contact Name) authorized representative of (insert DTC Participant Name) holding shares at Cede & Co. under DTC# (insert DTC PTS Number) of _____; CUSIP# _____ request that the upcoming cash dividend payable to holders as of **28 JUNE 2024** receive their entitled tax reclaim.

Name of Beneficiary	Complete Address of Beneficiary	Country of Residence	Tax Payer ID# (U.S. & Japan residents only)	# of DRs held

Note: For more than 3 Beneficial Owners, please provide an excel breakdown of shareholder information.

I/We certify that to the best of my knowledge the above beneficial owners are eligible for the preferential rates as stated herein and I declare that I have performed all the necessary due diligence to satisfy myself as to the accuracy of the information submitted to me by these beneficial owners.

JPMorgan Chase Bank is not liable for failure to secure the refund and any funds erroneously received shall be immediately returned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon. This is not tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor.

Incorrect claims and/or elections and failure to retain documentation could result in fines and/or penalties.

CONTACT INFO	
----- TELEPHONE -----	----- PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY -----
----- FAX -----	----- POSITION OF SIGNATORY -----

APPENDIX B – POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Pension Fund’s Letterhead)

Power of Attorney

(Name of Pension Fund/IRA = the Undersigned), with address in **(City, State, Country)**

hereby appoints JPMorgan Chase (“Bank”) and /or the Bank’s designated standing proxy(ies) as its true and lawful attorney with full Power of Attorney to do all or any of the following acts with respect to the American Depository Shares representing shares in _____, that the Bank holds in its safe custody on behalf of the Undersigned through a Participant in the Depository Trust Company.

- i) To sign and file required forms with competent tax authorities in order to secure any tax privileges and benefits such as tax reduction or tax-exemption at source.
- ii) To receive on behalf of the Undersigned tax repayments made by competent tax authorities as a result of lodging reclaims forms.
- iii) To perform any other act as may be necessary to execute the acts mentioned herein.

The Undersigned also authorizes the Bank and/or the Bank’s designated standing proxy(ies) to submit this Power of Attorney or a photocopy of it to competent tax authorities.

(Name of the Pension Fund/IRA)

<Place and Date>

Place and Date

<Signature of Officer of Beneficiary>

Authorized Signature(s)/Title(s)

In addition, the authorized representative:

Confirms that more than 50% of the beneficiaries, members or participants of the eligible pension fund were individual residents of the _____ or Japan as of the prior taxable period.

(Name of the Pension Fund/IRA)

<Place and Date>

Place and Date

<Signature of Officer of Beneficiary>

Authorized Signature(s)/Title(s)