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Date:	April 23, 2024
То:	All Participants
Category:	Tax Relief, Distributions
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	Tax Relief_— Country: Belgium Security: AB INBEV CUSIP: 03524A108 Record Date: 05/06/2024 Payable Date: 06/07/2024 Relief at Source CA Web Deadline: 05/13/2024 8:00 PM. ET Quick Refund CA Web Deadline: 06/18/2024 8:00 PM. ET

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 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 over the CA Web.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Globe tax 212-747-9100.

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**AB INBEV** has announced a cash dividend and BNY Mellon acts as Depositary for the company's Depositary Receipt ("DR") program.

Participants may use DTC's Corporate Actions Web ("CA Web") instructions tab to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to each applicable withholding tax rate. Use of this instruction method will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC. By making submissions of such certifications the submitter warrants that it has the required authority to make them, that the party for which the submission is made is eligible therefore, and will indemnify, as applicable, Globe Tax Services, Inc., the applicable depositary, the applicable custodian, and other acting, directly or indirectly, in reliance thereon, including for any inaccuracy therein. By electing, Participants agree to the Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification from Participants and Beneficial Owners below.

DR pay date, all record date holders will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty benefits as outlined in the "Eligibility Matrix." All other holders will receive this dividend net of the full Belgian statutory withholding tax of 30% with the possibility to reclaim.

### **IMPORTANT MARKET NOTICE:**

TRANSPARENT ENTITIES ARE NO LONGER
ACCEPTED; ONLY THE UNDERLYING HOLDER OF A
TRANSPARENT ENTITY MAY SUBMIT THE CLAIM
WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE UNDERLYING
HOLDER SHOULD BE A NON-TRANSPARENT ENTITY
OR A NATURAL PERSON. PLEASE REFER TO THE
ELIGIBILITY MATRICES AND "DESCRIPTION OF
VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION" FOR MORE DETAILS.

DIVIDEND EVENT MATRIX							
ISSUE	CUSIP#	UNDERLYING ISIN	DR RECORD DATE	ORD PAY DATE	DR PAY DATE	RATIO (DR to ORD)	ORD RATE
AB INBEV	03524A108	BE0974293251	MAY 06, 2024	MAY 07, 2024	JUNE 07, 2024	1:1	0.82 EUR

*FEES & DEADLINES*							
FILING METHOD	ВАТСН	PAYMENT METHOD	SHARE MINIMUM (DRs)	CUSTODIAL FEE	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP)
RELIEF AT SOURCE	PAYMENT ON PAY DATE	DTC	N/A	N/A	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	\$0.00	MAY 13, 2024 8:00 P.M. EST
QUICK REFUND	ONGOING THROUGH DEADLINE	DTC	N/A	N/A	UP TO \$0.01 PER DR	\$0.00	JUNE 18, 2024 8:00 P.M. EST
LONG FORM	ONGOING	CHECK OR ACH	N/A	N/A	UP TO \$0.01 PER DR	\$25.00	OCTOBER 31, 2028

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

This tax relief assistance service is wholly voluntary and discretionary and outside the terms and conditions of any applicable deposit agreement. BNY Mellon 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 BNY Mellon disclosed in the DTC Important Notice posted for this event and type of claim we are submitting (Relief-at-Source, Quick Refund, or Long Form) and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to BNY Mellon or its agents, including the (respective) 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 BNY Mellon'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 BNY Mellon may be shared with its agents and affiliates.

We hereby agree 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 applicable tax regulators, and that BNY Mellon 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 to the best of our knowledge that 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. Furthermore, in the event of an audit we agree to provide any and all documentation required by the respective Tax Authority.

We will be fully liable for any and all claims, penalties and / or interest, including without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuations associated therewith. BNY Mellon shall not be liable for the failure to secure any tax relief. We expressly agree that BNY Mellon and its agents or affiliates shall not have any liability for, and we shall indemnify, defend and hold each of BNY Mellon and its agents and affiliates harmless from and against, any and all loss, liability, damage, judgment, 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.

By using this tax relief assistance service, you are authorizing and directing the disclosure of your personal information to the tax agent, the custodian, the tax authority and their respective agents. You acknowledge and agree that such disclosure may involve your personal data being sent to a tax agent, custodian, tax authority and their respective agents located in a country outside of that in which you reside.

In the event that the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) or similar laws apply with regard to this tax relief assistance service, we certify that each of the beneficial owners identified, in providing this information and as indicated by Owner's signature below, expressly consents to the processing and transfer of their personal data outside of their country of residence. BNY Mellon will retain personal data in accordance with the GDPR and for further information about our data protection policies and procedures please refer to our Data Protection Policy, which can be found at https://www.bnymellon.com/emea/en/privacy-policy.html.

# **ELIGIBILITY MATRIX**

Note: All information related to eligibility and documentation requirements can be found on the <a href="ESP">ESP</a> site by visiting the relevant event and viewing the Eligibility Matrix. If you need access to ESP, please complete the <a href="New User Registration">New User Registration</a> form, and our team of market experts would be pleased to help you get set up.

For each Country's general Eligibility Matrix, please see ESP's Reference Guide.

## NOTE ON QUALIFYING NON-U.S. PENSIONS

According to Belgian Statutory law, all foreign pension funds are exempt as long as certain conditions are met. The Exempt 0% rate applies on dividends paid to pension funds if they comply with the following cumulative conditions:

- They must hold shares for an uninterrupted period of 60 days:
- They are non-resident,
- They are the Beneficial Owners of the income,
- They are tax exempt,
- They must have legal personality of which the only purpose is managing and investing funds for the purpose of paying pensions AND with a non-profit purpose in activities
- They must not be under a contractual arrangement to pay the income to another entity.

# NOTE ON REDUCED WITHHOLDING TAX FOR DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN MINORITY CORPORATE SHAREHOLDERS

Reduced rate for participations of at least 2.5 million EUR: Belgian domestic law provides for a reduced withholding tax rate of 1.6995% for dividends distributed to qualifying non-resident companies (i) which are resident in the European Economic Area (EEA) or in a state with which Belgium concluded a DTT that includes an exchange of information clause, and (ii) which hold (or will hold) a participation of less than 10% with an acquisition value of at least 2.5 million EUR for at least one year. The reduced rate does not apply to the extent that the non-resident shareholder can credit or obtain a reimbursement of the Belgian withholding tax.

Please contact your tax advisor or GlobeTax for specific details.

# **ESP**



BNY Mellon offers <u>ESP</u> powered by GlobeTax, an electronic withholding tax submission system. This system allows for the secure and simplified transfer of beneficial owner level data from the Participant to GlobeTax and creates applicable documentation on the Participants' behalf.

Review eligibility, document requirements, submit disclosure, print out the documents on letterhead, sign them, and mail the necessary documents to GlobeTax.

Please contact us via the <u>ESP Service Desk</u> at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.

CONTACT DETAILS				
DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	1-800-915-3536			
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	1-800-985-3536			
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100			
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029			
GROUP EMAIL	BELGIUMESP@GLOBETAX.COM			
COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.			
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA, 34TH FLOOR			
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004			

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BNY Mellon will not be responsible for the truth or accuracy of any submissions received by it and all Participants and holders, whether or not following the procedures set forth herein or otherwise submitting any information, agree to indemnify and hold harmless BNY Mellon and their agents for any and all losses, liabilities and fees (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by any of them in connection herewith or arising here from. BNY Mellon and their agents will be relying upon the truth and accuracy of any and all submissions received by them in connection with the tax relief process and shall hold all participants and DR holders liable and responsible for any losses incurred in connection therewith or arising there from. There is no guarantee that the applicable tax authorities will accept submissions for relief. Neither BNY Mellon nor their agents shall be responsible or liable to any holders of DRs in connection with any matters related to, arising from, or in connection with the tax relief process described herein. See also "Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification" above.

All tax information contained in this Important Notice is based on a good faith compilation of information obtained and received 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 depositary 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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)					
RELIEF AT SOURCE / QUICK REFUND QUESTIONS					
DOES THE RELIEF AT SOURCE AND QUICK REFUND HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION PER BENEFICIAL OWNER REQUIREMENT?	NO.				
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE RELIEF AT SOURCE AND QUICK REFUND PROCESSES?	YES.				
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PARTICIPANT MAKES EXEMPT ELECTIONS THROUGH DTC BUT FAILS TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO GLOBETAX?	ALL UNSUPPORTED SHARES WILL BE MOVED TO THE 30% UNFAVORABLE RATE. YOU WILL STILL BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM EXEMPTION THROUGH THE LONG FORM PROCESS.				
AM I REQUIRED TO FILE THROUGH ESP?	<b>NO</b> , YOU MAY SUBMIT A TRADITIONAL CLAIM THROUGH STANDARD MAIL IF YOU CANNOT SUBMIT CLIENT DATA THROUGH ESP.				
LONG FORM QUESTIONS					
WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE LONG FORM PROCESS?	NO, YOU WILL BE PAID BY CHECK OR ACH.				
DOES THE LONG FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION PER BENEFICIAL OWNER REQUIREMENT?	YES, LONG FORM CLAIMS MUST RECLAIM AT LEAST \$25.00.				
IS THIS LONG FORM PROCESS FREE OF CHARGE?	NO. THIS TAX RELIEF AT SOURCE ASSISTANCE SERVICE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY AND OUTSIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT. BNY MELLON 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. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.01 PER DR WITH A \$25 MINIMUM AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO BNY MELLON OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE CUSTODIAN OR TO TAX AUTHORITIES OR REGULATORS. FEES PAID TO BNY MELLON MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS.				
GENERAL QUESTIONS					
ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?	YES. IF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER IS ENGAGED IN A TRADE OR BUSINESS IN BELGIUM THROUGH A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN BELGIUM, THEY ARE INELIGIBLE TO CLAIM THROUGH THIS PROCESS.				
DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO GLOBETAX?	YES. ALONG WITH THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION, GLOBETAX REQUIRES ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IN HARDCOPY FORM.				
CAN I SIGN THE AUTHORIZATION LETTER ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS?	YES. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORIZATION LETTER, YOU MUST PROVIDE A POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE BENEFICIAL OWNER GIVING YOU AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ON THEIR BEHALF.				
CAN I OBTAIN TREATY BENEFITS FOR A PENSION FUND THAT HELD SHARES LESS THAN 60 DAYS?	YES, PENSION FUNDS WHO HELD SHARES FOR LESS THAN 60 DAYS MAY FILE A STANDARD LONG FORM RECLAIM WITH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION. PLEASE CONTACT GLOBETAX FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.ONLY SHARES THAT SATISFY THE 60 DAYS HOLDING PERIOD ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RELIEF AT SOURCE OR QUICK REFUND PROCESS.				