



Important Notice
The Depository Trust Company

B #:	10597-19
Date:	February 14, 2019
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	Tax Relief - Country: The Netherlands Security: Royal Dutch Shell PLC – “A” Shares CUSIP: 780259206 Record Date: 02/15/2019 Payable Date: 03/25/2019 CA-WEB Cut-Off Date: 02/25/2019 8:00 PM (ET) Quick Refund Cut-off Date: 05/02/2019 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 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 GlobeTax 212-747-9100.

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ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC – “A” SHARES has announced a cash dividend. J.P. Morgan acts as the Depositary for the company's Depositary Receipt (“DR”) program.

Participants can use DTC's Corporate Actions Web (CA Web) instructions tab to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Use of these instruction methods will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC.

On DR pay date, all U.S. Pensions and IRAs will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty benefits as outlined in the “ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – RELIEF AT SOURCE”. All non-U.S. holders and uncertified holders will receive this dividend net of the full Dutch statutory withholding tax of 15% with the possibility to reclaim as outlined in the “ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – QUICK REFUND/LONG FORM”.

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DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	NETHERLANDS
ISSUE	ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC – “A” SHARES
CUSIP#	780259206
UNDERLYING ISIN	GB00B03MLX29
DEPOSITARY	J.P. MORGAN
DR RECORD DATE	FEBRUARY 15, 2019
ORD PAY DATE	MARCH 25, 2019
DR PAY DATE	MARCH 25, 2019
RATIO (DR to ORD)	1 DR : 2 ORD
ORD RATE	\$0.47*
STATUTORY WITHHOLDING RATE	15%
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***THE OFFICIAL EURO RATE EQUIVALENT HAS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

IMPORTANT MARKET NOTE: PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT CHANGES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

VALID SCANS OF DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SENT TO DUTCHESP@GLOBETAX.COM BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 5PM EST IF ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RECEIVED BY THEN.

QUICK REFUND CHANGES

BENEFICIARIES CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE ARE THOSE WITH SHARE POSITIONS OF 5,000 SHARES OR MORE AND ASSIGNED DUTCH TAX ID #s AT THE TIME OF ESP SUBMISSION. UPON QUICK REFUND SUBMISSION, ESP WILL ADVISE BROKERS WHICH BENEFICIARIES WILL BE FILED VIA QUICK REFUND AND WHICH WILL BE MOVED TO LONG FORM.

BROKERS SHOULD MAKE OR REVISE THEIR CA WEB ELECTION BY THE CA WEB QUICK REFUND DEADLINE TO REFLECT THE CONFIRMED ESP QUICK REFUND SUBMISSION. THE CA WEB QUICK REFUND DEADLINE WILL BE THE ESP QUICK REFUND DEADLINE + 1 WEEK.

FEES & DEADLINES (CASH OPTION ONLY)					
FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP, CA WEB, & DOCUMENTATION)
RELIEF AT SOURCE	PAYMENT ON DR PAY DATE	VIA DTC	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	\$0	CA WEB/ESP ELECTION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019 8:00 P.M. EST
					DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019 5:00 P.M. EST
QUICK REFUND	PRIMARY LONG FORM BATCH	VIA DTC	UP TO \$0.008 PER DR	\$25.00	ESP ELECTION DEADLINE: APRIL 25, 2019 8:00 P.M. EST
					CA WEB ELECTION DEADLINE: MAY 2, 2019 8:00 P.M. EST
LONG FORM	POST-CA WEB PROCESS; ONGOING	VIA CHECK OR ACH	UP TO \$0.008 PER DR	\$25.00	OCTOBER 31, 2024 8:00 P.M. EST

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – RELIEF AT SOURCE

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	SIGNATURE REQUIRED
EXEMPT - 0%	15%	U.S. ARTICLE 35 - PENSIONS and IRAs under 401(a), 401(k), 457(b), 403(b), 408, 408(a)	1. APPENDIX A 2. ORIGINAL 2019 TAX YEAR 6166	1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 2. N/A

*NOTE: All documents listed in [BLUE font](#) are generated by GlobeTax's ESP website after submission of beneficial owner data

PARTICIPATING IN RELIEF AT SOURCE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY, HOWEVER, IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO OBTAIN THE REDUCED WITHHOLDING TAX RATE ON THE PAYABLE DATE.

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – QUICK REFUND/LONG FORM


RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	SIGNATURE REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE 15%	0%	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES	1. NONE	1. N/A
FAVORABLE 10%	5%	AZERBAIJAN, BAHRAIN, CZECH REPUBLIC, CHINA, GHANA, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KUWAIT, OMAN, PORTUGAL, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SOUTH AFRICA, TAIWAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED KINGDOM, VENEZUELA	2. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 1. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR)^	2. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 1. N/A
EXEMPT 0%	15%	U.S. ARTICLE 36 - CHARITIES under 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), 509(a)(3), 17-(b)	1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A)	1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT 0%	15%	U.S. ARTICLE 35 - PENSIONS and IRAs under 401(a), 401(k), 457(b), 403(b), 408, 408(a)	1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A)	1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT 0% (FOREIGN TAX EXEMPT)	15%	ANY ENTITY DOMICILED IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX ON PROFITS, AS LONG AS THAT STATE HAS AN EXCHANGE OF TAX INFORMATION AGREEMENT IN PLACE WITH THE NETHERLANDS, & THAT ENTITY WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO PROFITS TAX IN THE NETHERLANDS IF IT WERE BASED THEREIN.	1. ESP SUBMISSION OR COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT A) 2. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR)^ 3. ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, TRUST DEED, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN^	1. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT 2. N/A 3. N/A

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^NOTE: These documents are to be **kept on file** in case of DTA request. They are not required to be sent to GlobeTax upon ESP submission or filing. GlobeTax will request these documents from you if they are requested by the DTA. Scans will suffice. COR is valid within 2 years from tax year.

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION	
DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION
APPENDIX A (COVER LETTER)	A listing of the beneficial owner's details, taxpayer ID numbers, number of DRs, and entity type (charity or pension). The cover letter is provided to J.P. MORGAN by the participant, either through ESP submission or through traditional hard copy reclaim cover letter.
IRS FORM 6166	https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/form-6166-certification-of-u-s-tax-residency
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	A document specifying the regulations for the operations of a legal entity. The articles of association define the entity's purpose, organizational structure, and how financial records are maintained.
CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (COR)	Issued by the Beneficial Owner's local tax office, stating the name, taxpayer identification number, and the address of the Beneficial Owner.

CONTACT DETAILS	
PRIMARY CONTACT	JOFFIE SAM
DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	1-800-929-5484
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	1-800-929-9986
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
GROUP EMAIL	DUTCHESP@GLOBETAX.COM
COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA, 34 TH FLOOR
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004
ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	SHERELLE ISAACS



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J.P. MORGAN offers ESP 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 J.P. MORGAN and creates applicable documentation on the Participants behalf. Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the document on letterhead, sign, and mail to J.P. MORGAN / GlobeTax.

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

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

Please contact support@globetax.com at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

WILL I RECEIVE A DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTE (“DLD” or “CERT”) FOR MY ARTICLE 35 PENSIONS OR ARTICLE 36 CHARITIES?	NO , ALL DECLARATION IN LIEU OF DIVIDEND NOTES ARE MAINTAINED BY THE DEPOSITARY, 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 STANDARD 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 PLAN OR SIMPLE RETIREMENT ACCOUNT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION?	YES , FOR INSTANCE, THESE ACCOUNT TYPES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR TREATY BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLE 35 OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION 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 ABOVE MENTIONED TREATY.
WILL J.P. MORGAN ACCEPT CLAIMS FILED DIRECTLY TO THEM BY BENEFICIAL OWNERS?	J.P. MORGAN ONLY ACCEPTS CLAIMS FILED BY THE DTC PARTICIPANT WHO HELD THE SECURITIES THROUGH DTC AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT DTC HAS REPORTED THESE HOLDINGS TO US AS VALID.
IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF AUDIT BY THE LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY?	YES , THE DTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REGARDING SUBMITTED CLAIMS.

QUICK REFUND QUESTIONS

WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?	YES.
DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO J.P. MORGAN IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?	<p>ARTICLE 35 U.S. PENSION & IRAS AND ARTICLE 36 U.S. CHARITABLE ENTITIES MUST ONLY PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP.</p> <p>NON-U.S. EXEMPT ENTITIES MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND COR, TRUST DEED, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN UPON REQUEST.</p> <p>NON-US ENTITIES CLAIMING THE FAVORABLE RATE MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND THE COR UPON REQUEST.</p>

DOES THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION PER BENEFICIAL OWNER REQUIREMENT?	YES. ANY CLAIM FOR BENEFICIAL OWNERS HOLDING LESS THAN 5,000 DRS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY HELD AND SUBSEQUENTLY FILED VIA THE TRADITIONAL LONG FORM PROCESS.
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.
DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO J.P. MORGAN IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LONG FORM PROCESS?	<p>ARTICLE 35 U.S. PENSION & IRAS AND ARTICLE 36 U.S. CHARITABLE ENTITIES MUST ONLY PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP.</p> <p>NON-U.S. EXEMPT ENTITIES MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND COR, TRUST DEED, ANNUAL ACCOUNT, AND/OR PENSION PLAN UPON REQUEST.</p> <p>NON-US ENTITIES CLAIMING THE FAVORABLE RATE MUST PROVIDE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER BREAKDOWN VIA ESP AND THE COR UPON REQUEST.</p>
DOES THE LONG FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION REQUIREMENT PER BENEFICIAL OWNER? WHAT WILL THE FEE BE IF A BENEFICIAL OWNER'S CLAIM IS FOR LESS THAN \$50?	NO, ALL CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSED THOUGH THERE IS A MINIMUM FEE OF \$25 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER. J.P. MORGAN WAIVES THE \$25 MINIMUM ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS IN FAVOR OF A SPLIT OF THE RECLAIMED FUNDS (50/50) FOR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER RECLAIMING LESS THAN \$50.

FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

**Double click on respective icon to view attachment.*

APPENDIX A – COVER LETTER

***For Non-ESP users ONLY*



EXHIBIT A.pdf

APPENDIX A – EXCEL BREAKDOWN

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BREAKDOWN.xls