

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



#: 5896-09
Date: November 19, 2009
To: All Participants
Category: Dividends
From: International Services
Attention: Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject: Option for Payment in VEF (Venezuelan Bolivar Fuerte)
Mercantil Servicios Financieros, C.A. Series B Common Shares
CUSIP: 587339300 Record Dates:01/30/09, 04/14/09, 04/30/09, 07/14/09, 07/31/09,
10/30/09
Payable Date: TBA

The Depository Trust Company has received the attached information in regards to option to receive payment in a foreign currency.

The election period will be from November 19, 2009 to December 11, 2009.

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CUSIP # 587339300**

ADR R/Ds:

January 30, 2009, April 14, 2009, April 30, 2009, July 14, 2009, July 31, 2009, October 30, 2009

ADR P/D: To Be Determined

Mercantil Servicios Financieros, C.A., made dividend distributions to the holders of record on **the above referenced dates** (the "Past Dividend"). Such dividends were declared in Venezuelan Bolívar* (VEF). The ADR share has a 4:1 ratio. The ADR payment date is to be determined.

*Regarding Venezuelan currency redenomination, in force from January 1st, 2008, three zeroes were dropped from the Venezuelan currency which will be temporarily denominated "Bolívar Fuerte", reverting again to "Bolívar" once the Central Bank of Venezuela determines the transitional period has elapsed. Conversion rate is 1,000 Venezuelan Bolívar (VEB) to 1 Bolívar Venezuelan Fuerte (VEF).

At this time DTC participants may elect to receive all or a portion of the Past Dividend in Venezuelan Bolívar Fuerte. DTC participants may use the DTC's Elective Dividend Services (EDS) function under Foreign Currency Payments over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) to make such an election.

No action needs to be taken to receive the payment in USD. All positions that do not elect the VEF payment will be paid in USD when the currency may be converted into U.S. dollars.

Election information:

- The election period will be from **November 19, 2009 to December 11, 2009**.
- If a DTC participant does not elect to receive VEF on behalf of the individual beneficial holders by December 11, 2009, the dividend payment will be made through DTC in U. S. Dollars at such time as the currency may be converted into U.S. dollars and J. P. Morgan ("JPM") announces a payment date.
- In order to be paid in VEF a DTC participant must enter all the information required in the VEF PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS in the free format section of your EDS election screen.
 - To receive payment in VEF, each DTC participant must have a bank account in Venezuela, and must provide a single payment instruction to pay to such account on behalf of itself and all of its underlying beneficial holders, if any.
 - If a DTC participant fails to provide the proper "VEF Payment Instructions" or the payment is rejected by the institution listed on the EDS Election screen, J.P. Morgan will make an attempt to contact the DTC participant for better instructions.
 - JPM must receive revised instructions within 10 business days from the date that the participant is contacted. Should this second attempt fail the EDS VEF election will be reversed and the funds paid in USD when a future payment date is announced.

Please be advised that the Past Dividend corresponding to VEF will be paid net of any fees, expenses and taxes. DTC participants and beneficial holders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding any tax consequences associated with an election to receive all or a portion of the Past Dividend in Venezuelan Bolívar Fuerte. By making an election pursuant to the election procedure described herein the DTC participant certifies that it has performed all necessary due diligence to satisfy itself as to the accuracy of the information provided and that each beneficial holder electing to receive VEF renounces all rights to receive the Past Dividend in USD. Neither JPM nor any of its affiliated companies shall be liable for any loss or damage of any kind arising out of the use of the information contained herein, any errors or omissions in its content or the use of the election procedure described herein.

If you have any questions with regard to this distribution please contact J.P. Morgan at 1-800-929-5484.

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Annex – Dividend Rates

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R/D	VEF per Ord	VEF per DR
01/30/09	0.140	0.560
04/14/09	0.400	1.600
04/30/09	0.140	0.560
07/14/09	0.400	1.600
07/31/09	0.140	0.560
10/30/09	0.140	0.560