

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



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Date: March 1, 2010
To: All Participants
Category: Compliance
From: General Counsel's Office
Attention: Managing Partner/Officer Cashier/Operations Management
Subject: DTC Rule Change SR-DTC-2009-17 was approved

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") recently received approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission to provide EuroCCP¹ with settlement services for transactions in US securities. DTC will notify its Participants via a separate Important Notice of the effective date of this service.

For more information regarding this service, see DTC Important Notice B#6008-09.

The full text of the rule change is available at our website, www.dtcc.com. Questions or inquiries regarding this proposed rule change may be directed to Candice Fordin, Associate Counsel at email cfordin@dtcc.com or (212) 855-7632; any such comments will be forwarded to the SEC. Written comments may also be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. We request that you provide DTC with a copy of your comments.

¹ EuroCCP is a U.K. Recognized Clearing House regulated by the Financial Services Authority, which provides central counterparty clearance and settlement services to its participants in respect of transactions executed on or via European trading venues. EuroCCP is a subsidiary of DTCC.

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