

B#:	0685-13
Date:	May 16, 2013
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
	****ONE DAY CUTOFF****
	<u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: Norway
Subject:	Statoil ASA CUSIP: 85771P102
	Record Date: 05/21/2013 Payable Date: TBD
	EDS Cut-Off: 05/22/2013 8:00 P.M.

Participants can use DTC's Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) or Tax Relief option on the Participant Browser System (PBS) web site to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Participants are urged to consult the PTS or PBS function TAXI or TaxInfo respectively before certifying their elections over PTS or PBS.

The ADR Depositaries and GlobeTax always endeavor to provide the marketplace with as much time as possible to file At-Source refunds in markets where this type of service is available.

In certain situations, short deadlines imposed by our agents in the local markets necessitates a one day EDS window, most notably in Norway. We continue to work with our local market agents and Issuers to provide the marketplace with the maximum amount of time to make EDS elections.

***Please note: The window period to make EDS elections will only be open for one day. ***

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

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PLEASE NOTE: ONE DAY EDS WINDOW

STATOIL ASA has announced a cash dividend. Deutsche Bank acts as the Depositary for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

Participants can use DTC's Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) or TaxRelief option on the Participant Browser System (PBS) web site to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate. Use of EDS will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC.

On ADR Pay Date, all holders will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty benefits as outlined in the "Eligibility Matrix."

DIVIDEND EVENT	DETAILS
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	NORWAY
ISSUE	STATOIL ASA
CUSIP#	85771P102
DEPOSITARY	DEUTSCHE BANK
ADR RECORD DATE	MAY 21, 2013
ADR PAY DATE	TBD
ADR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	TBD
ORD GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	NOK 6.75
RATIO	1 ORD : 1 ADR
STATUTORY WHT RATE	25%

		CHARGE	S & DEADLINE	S	
FILING METHOD	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT METHOD	DEPOSITARY SERVICE CHARGE	MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ALL TIMES EST)
AT SOURCE	EDS ELECTION	EDS	\$0.005 per ADR	N/A	MAY 22, 2013; 8:00 PM
QUICK REFUND	EDS REVISION	CHECK	\$0.01 per ADR	N/A	JUNE 21, 2013; 5:00 PM
LONG-FORM	POST-EDS PROCESS; ON- GOING	CHECK	\$0.01 per ADR	\$25	OCT 31, 2016; 5:00 PM

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE - 25%	0%	1) Any shareholder not domiciled in a jurisdiction listed as having a double taxation treaty with Norway. 2) Charities, Pensions, RICs, Trust funds, and similar entities must elect at the unfavorable rate as they do not meet eligibility requirements to claim a refund.	NONE
FAVORABLE - 15% (AT SOURCE)	10%	Please See: COUNTRIES WITH 15% WITHHOLDING TAX TREATIES (NOTE: SEE #2 ABOVE)	NONE
FAVORABLE - 15% (LONG-FORM)	10%	Please See: COUNTRIES WITH 15% WITHHOLDING TAX TREATIES	1) CLAIM COVERLETTER 2) NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER 3) CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT 4) IRS FORM 6166 / CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCY 5) PROOF OF SIGNING AUTHORIZATION (POA) 6) NON-INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE* 7) PLAN DOCUMENTS* 8) ATTESTATION 9) RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET 10) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION LETTER * - FOR NON-INDIVIDUALS ONLY
EXEMPT - 0% (EEA COMPANIES) POST-PAY DATE LONG-FORM ONLY	25%	Norwegian public limited companies and other companies of the same standing who are the real beneficial owner. The tax exemption model also applies to foreign companies etc, of the same standing as Norwegian companies as mentioned in the provision, domiciled in an EEA country.	ALL DOCUMENTATION USED FOR 25% CLAIMS ARE THE SAME AS THE DOCUMENTATION LISTED ABOVE FOR 10% CLAIMS, THE RECLAIM RATES SHOULD BE UPDATED TO 25% WHEREVER APPROPRIATE; ALL OTHER AMOUNTS RELATED TO THE RECLAIM RATE SHOULD LIKEWISE BE ADJUSTED.

COUNTRIES WITH 15% W	ITHHOLDING TAX RATES	(10% RECLAIM AMOUNT)
ALBANIA	GERMANY	PAKISTAN
ARGENTINA	GREENLAND	POLAND
AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC	ICELAND	PORTUGAL
AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA	SERBIA
AUSTRIA	IRELAND	SINGAPORE
BANGLADESH	ISRAEL	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
BARBADOS	ITALY	SLOVENIA
BELGIUM	IVORY COAST	SOUTH AFRICA
BULGARIA	JAMAICA	SOUTH KOREA
CANADA	JAPAN	SPAIN
CHILE	KAZAKHSTAN	SRI LANKA
CHINA	LATVIA	SWEDEN
CROATIA	LITHUANIA	SWITZERLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	LUXEMBOURG	THAILAND
DENMARK	MALTA	UGANDA
EGYPT	MEXICO	UKRAINE
ESTONIA	MOROCCO	UNITED KINGDOM
FAEROE ISLANDS	NEPAL	UNITED STATES
FINLAND	NETHERLAND ANTILLES	VIETNAM
FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	ZAMBIA
GAMBIA	NEW ZEALAND	

	CONTACT DETAILS
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CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004
ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	CANDICE MEDENICA
	KASEY HARBES

D	ESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCU	MENTATION	
DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL / COPY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
EDS ADJUST LETTER	ONLY FOR QUICK FILING: THIS LETTER LISTS BOTH THE ORIGINAL EDS ELECTION, AND THE REQUESTED POST EDS WINDOW ADJUSTED NUMBERS FOR THE QUICK REFUND. (EXHIBIT A)	ORIGINAL	PARTICIPANT
FORMAT COVER LETTER	COVERLETTER ON PARTICIPANT LETTERHEAD SUMMARIZING ENTIRE CLAIM: BENEFICIAL OWNERS, ADDRESSES, TAX IDs, & ADR AMOUNTS, ETC. (EXHIBIT B)	ORIGINAL	PARTICIPANT
NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER	LETTER TRANSFERRING INDIVIDUAL CLAIM TO DEUTSCHE BANK / GLOBETAX (EXHIBIT C)	ORIGINAL	PARTICIPANT
CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT	DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THE DIVIDEND WAS PAID TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNER, LESS WITHHOLDING TAX. (EXHIBIT D)	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT
IRS FORM 6166 (U.S. ONLY)	ISSUED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATING THE NAME AND TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER. IT MUST BE ISSUED FOR THE TAX YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND EVENT.	ORIGINAL	IRS REPRESENTATIVE
CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (NON-U.S. TREATY COUNTRIES)	A DOCUMENT CONFIRMING RESIDENCY OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER DOMICILED WITHIN A TREATY COUNTRY. THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY AND BEAR THE STAMP OR SEAL OF THE LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY	ORIGINAL	TAX AUTHORITY
PROOF OF SIGNING AUTHORIZATION (POA)	SIGNING AUTHORIZATION (OR POWER OF ATTORNEY) AUTHORIZING THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S ABILITY TO SIGN FOR THEIR BENEFICIAL OWNERS (EXHIBIT E)	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT
NON-INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER (EXHIBIT F)	COPY	N/A
PLAN DOCUMENTS	ANY DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD AID IN DEFINING THE LEGAL NATURE OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER IN THEIR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE.	COPY	N/A
ATTESTATION	BENEFICIAL OWNER CONFIRMATION AUTHORIZING A RECLAIM FOR THE SPECIFIC DIVIDEND (EXHIBIT G)	ORIGINAL	BENEFICIAL OWNER
RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET	SPREADSHEET LISTING ALL DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC RECLAIM (EXIBIT H)	ORIGINAL	BENEFICIAL OWNER
ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION LETTER	AUTHORIZATION LETTER FROM BENEFICIAL OWNER AUTHORIZING DEUTHSCHE BANK / GLOBETAX TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT ON THEIR BEHALF. (EXHIBIT I)	ORIGINAL	BENEFICIAL OWNER

EXHIBIT A – EDS ADJUST LETTER (QUICK REFUND ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

(Date)			
Deutsche Bank / GlobeTax 90 Broad Street - 16th Floor New York, New York 10004 Attn: Brendan Jordan			
Mr. Jordan:			
	ver the Record Date of MAY 21, 2013, are e	ertify that the below indicated shares of STATOIL entitled to the Favorable rate of 15% tax withheld at sunder the provisions of the United States – Norway II	source
By certifying for the applica	able withholding tax rate, we certify that the	he criteria listed below have been met.	
The Participant has determine another country that is eligible	ed that the beneficial owner of the shares (in e for the 15% Norwegian withholding tax rate	ndividual or legal entity) is a resident of the United Sta e as specified in the Important Notice.	ates o
result of reliance upon inform	ation provided by such Participant in connec requested by the Norwegian Tax Authorities	its agents) for any liability Deutsche Bank may incur action with a withholding tax election, a claim for refunds. Deutsche Bank shall not be liable for failure to secu	d, or a
	that Deutsche Bank shall not be liable for an ce the value of any refund claimed.	ny loss resulting from fluctuations in the foreign curren	тсу
		s erroneously received as a result of an improper es to pay any interest, additions to tax or penalties the	ereon.
the following information/doc names, complete addresses, social security numbers), as v	numentation respecting each beneficial owner, the countries of residence for tax purposes well as the number of depositary receipts for	e Participant agrees to provide Deutsche Bank with er for whom a reduced tax rate has been elected: t s, dates of birth, taxpayer identification numbers (inc r which the reduced rate of withholding tax was certific y requested, including possibly an IRS certification of	the fu cluding ed, the
Security Name: STATOII	L ASA (CUSIP 85771P102)		
-	ORIGINAL EDS ELECTIONS	REVISED ELECTIONS	
FAVORABLE (85%):	ADRs	ADRs	
UNFAVORABLE (75%):	ADRs	ADRs	
- PAYMENT ADDRESS		_	
loss due to foreign exchange	fluctuation. Any funds erroneously received	r failure to secure the refund and shall not be liable fo d shall be immediately returned to DEUTSCHE BANK alties imposed thereon. This is not tax advice. Pleas	(
Certified By Authorized Signature		Date:	
7.Ganonzoa Oignaturo	NAME		
_	TITLE	Phone:	
-	DTC PARTICIPANT NUMBER	_	

EXHIBIT B – FORMAT COVER LETTER (LONG-FORM ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

(Date)

Deutsche Bank / GlobeTax 90 Broad Street - 16th Floor New York, New York 10004 Attn: Brendan Jordan

Mr. Jordan:

Enclosed are tax reclamation documents, which we have submitted on behalf of our clients who have had excess Norwegian tax withheld from dividends paid on Norwegian ADRs. We, [NAME OF DTC PARTICIPANT], also known under DTC participant number [DTC PARTICIPANT NUMBER], hereby state that each beneficial owner cited below held the respective amount of shares on the record date of MAY 21, 2013 for the security STATOIL ASA.

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their respective holdings, which total <u>TOTAL NUMBER OF ADRS CITED BELOW</u>] ADRs. As required the following documents are attached for each beneficial owner: claim repayment letter, certification of payment, certification of residency, and signing authorization. The ratio for STATOIL ASA is 1 ADR to 1 Ordinary share. The beneficial owner information is as follows:

Beneficial Owner Name Address Taxpayer I.D. Number # of ADRs # of ORDs

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4) etc.

We authorize the DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS to present this documentation on the behalf of the beneficial owners listed above. Please contact the undersigned at [Signatory's Telephone Number] should you have any questions.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS shall not be liable for failure to secure the refund and shall not be liable for any loss due to foreign exchange fluctuation. Any funds erroneously received shall be immediately returned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS plus any interest, additions to tax or penalties imposed thereon. This is not tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

[SIGNATORY'S ADDRESS/DTC PARTICIPANT ADDRESS]

EXHIBIT C – NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER (LONG-FORM ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

([Date)	
90 Bro New Y	che Bank / GlobeTax oad Street - 16th Floor 'ork, New York 10004 Brendan Jordan	
Mr. Jo	rdan:	
RE:	Issue: STATOIL ASA	CUSIP #: <u>85771P102</u>
	ADR Record Date: MAY 21, 2013	ADR Payable Date: <u>TBD</u>
	DTC Participant #:	Total ADR Shares on Record Date:
	Beneficial Owner Name:	
	Beneficial Owner Address:	
	Type of Account:	ADR Shares held:
	Gross Dividend Paid (NOK):6.75_	Ordinary Shares held:
	W/H Tax Amount (NOK):	Ratio: <u>1 ADR = 1 ORD</u>
	10% Amount Claimed (NOK):	
	Beneficial Owner Type (i.e.: individual, tr	ust, investment fund, corporation, etc):
E	Enclosed are the following documents re	quired to file a Norwegian tax reclaim (please check):
	Copy of relevant portion(s) of the trustee. Participant to sign on behalf of the benef	custodial agreement or Power of Attorney allowing DTC icial owner.
	IRS Form 6166 or a Treasury Determina	tion Letter or Foreign Tax Authority Certificate
	Certification (Proof of Payment)	
	Norway Non-Individual Questionnaire (co	ompleted by Beneficial Owner)
	Documentation (such as a Plan Docume their home country.	nt) which spells out the legal nature of the Beneficial Owner in
	Attestation	
	Reclaim Detail Spreadsheet	
not be immed or pen	liable for any loss due to foreign exchange diately returned to DEUTSCHE BANK TRUS alties imposed thereon. This is not tax adv	AS shall not be liable for failure to secure the refund and shall fluctuation. Any funds erroneously received shall be ST COMPANY AMERICAS plus any interest, additions to tax rice. Please consult your tax advisor.
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(Renef	ficial Owner/ Trustee/Custodian)	Telephone Number:
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(Benef	ficial Owner/ Trustee/Custodian Address)	

EXHIBIT D – CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT (LONG-FORM ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

ALL AMOUNTS MUST BE IN NORWEGIAN KRONER (NOK)

CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT

[DTC Participant Name] hereby certifies that the following beneficial owner (holding the security STATOIL ASA ADRs (CUSIP #85771P102) was a holder of record on May 21, 2013. The beneficial owner was paid the dividend less the 25% withholding tax at source and is entitled to the [Refund] % tax refund stipulated under the provisions of the [Country of Residency of the Beneficial Owner] – Norway Income Tax Treaty Convention

We hereby certify that we have paid the dividend to the beneficial owner of the following securities on TBA

Agent:	[DTC Participant Name] [DTC Participant Number]
Beneficial Owner:	[Beneficial Owner Name] [B/O Address] [B/O City State Zip Code] [B/O Country of Residence]
Security:	STATOIL ASA
Ordinary Pay date:	TBD
Shares held:	[Number of Ordinary Shares Held]
Dividend Rate:	6.75 NOK per share
Gross Dividend:	[Gross Dividend]
Amount of Tax Withheld (25%):	[Amount of Tax Withheld]
Refund Amount Due ([Reclaim]%):	[Amount of Refund]
Certified By Authorized Signature [Sign Here] NAME TITLE INSTITUTION	

EXHIBIT E – PROOF OF SIGNING AUTHORIZATION (POA) - (LONG-FORM ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON THE DTC PARTICIPANT'S LETTERHEAD

Date:	Power of Attorney
sign on behalf of our clie declaration is being mad excess Norwegian tax w	of legal representative) is hereby authorized by the (DTC Participant name) to not (Beneficial Owner Name) in processing Norwegian Tax Reclaims. This are for the purpose of requesting that the Norwegian Tax Administration refund the thheld at its source on income. In all remain in effect until terminated upon five days prior written notice of its
	(Stamp with Company stamp or seal)
Depository #: DTC #	_
Signature of legal repres	entative
Name: (of legal rep.) Title: Date: Place:	

EXHIBIT F – NON-INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE (LONG-FORM, NON-INDIVIDUALS ONLY)

NORWAY NON-INDIVIDUAL CLAIM QUESTIONNAIRE

Fax ID #:
Does the entity invest its own capital or does it invest capital belonging to other persons or entities, on their behalf?
2) Can the investors individually decide how or where the capital is invested?
3) If yes, does their decision influence the size of a possible future pension or investment income?
4) Are the dividends from Norway redistributed to the investors, are they distributed as dividends or as any other type of income?
5) If they are distributed as dividends, are they regarded as Norwegian dividends or as dividends from a <country for="" of="" purposes="" residence="" tax=""> company?</country>
6) We would also like to know who the investors are, i.e. are they private persons, companies or institutions?
7) Is the entity open to for instance to <country for="" of="" purposes="" residence="" tax=""> investors only or may other investors resident for tax purposes outside the <country for="" of="" purposes="" residence="" tax=""> invest?</country></country>
8) Whereas taxation is concerned, we need information on who is actually taxed on the dividends from Norway as such?
9) Who is entitled to the entity's capital if the entity is dissolved?
10) Is the entity tax exempt? If so, is it fully or partially exempt?

EXHIBIT G – ATTESTATION – (LONG-FORM ONLY) THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON BENEFICIAL OWNER'S LETTERHEAD

NORWEGIAN ATTESTATION ORDINARY TAX RECLAIM

I/We, <u>FULL BENEFICIAL OWNER NAME</u>, Tax ID <u>XX-XXXXXXX</u>, do hereby certify that I/we am/are the beneficial owner of <u>X,XXX ADRs</u>, representing <u>X,XXX Ordinary Shares</u> of **STATOIL ASA**, Ordinary Pay-date: <u>TBD</u> and that the dividends were received by the below beneficial owner/claimant and tax was withheld at <u>25%</u>.

In support to the above certification, I/We further certify that I/We am/are able to document:

- that I/We am/are a resident of [TREATY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE] (see Certificate of Residency enclosed);
- 2. that I/We am/are liable to tax in the above country; and
- 3. that I/We am/are the beneficial owner of the shares and the dividend and that the dividend is accumulated in assets and is part of the taxable income in [TREATY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE] as described above so that the dividend is included in the balance sheet and in the taxable income of claimant.
- 4. that I/We am/are not a transparent partnership, trust, or estate.
- 5. that I/We do not have a tax domicile in Norway and/or the company is not registered in Norway.
- 6. that by signing this document I confirm that I have the corporate power to issue this attestation so that it is valid and legally binding on behalf of the company.

Signed	
Date	

EXHIBIT H - RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET - (LONG-FORM ONLY)

BENEFICIAL OWNER NAME	NAME OF COMPANY (Security)	CUSIP	NUMBER OF ADR SHARES Holding on Record Date	DATE	AMOUNT TAX WITHHELD (NOK)	TAX RATE	Reclaim %	RECLAIM AMOUNT (NOK)
	STATOIL ASA	85771P102		TBD				
							Total:	

Signature of Beneficial Owner

EXHIBIT I - ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION LETTER - (LONG-FORM ONLY)

Authorization Final Beneficiary Details Name: Address: Country of Residence: Tax ID # (USA Only): Custodian (Participant): Authorization The final beneficiary has authorized DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS / GlobeTax, and/or its agents to submit applications for the reimbursement of Norwegian withholding tax in their name and on their behalf and to receive any corresponding refund amounts on their behalf, and to undertake any necessary communication with the Norwegian Tax Authority (NTA) in their name. Date, Place