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| Date:      | May 10, 2013   |  |
| То:        | All Participants   |  |
| Category:  | Dividends  |  |
| From:      | International Services   |  |
| Attention: | Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers   |  |
| Subject:   | Tax Relief – Country: Norway NORSK HYDRO AS CUSIP: 656531605 Record Date: 05/14/2013 Payable Date: TBD  EDS Cut-Off: 05/15/2013 8:00 P.M |  |
|            | PLEASE NOTE: ONE DAY EDS WINDOW  |  |

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Important: Prior to certifying tax withholding elections, participants are urged to read, understand and comply with the information in the Legal Conditions category found on TAXI or TaxInfo in PTS or PBS respectively.

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# **PLEASE NOTE: 1 DAY EDS WINDOW**

# J.P.Morgan

NORSK HYDRO AS has announced a cash dividend. J.P. MORGAN acts as the Depositary for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

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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                                  | NORSK HYDRO AS |  |
| CUSIP#                                 | 656531605      |  |
| DEPOSITARY                             | J.P. MORGAN    |  |
| ADR RECORD DATE                        | MAY 14, 2013   |  |
| ADR PAY DATE                           | TBD            |  |
| ADR GROSS DIVIDEND<br>RATE ON PAY DATE | TBD            |  |
| ORD GROSS DIVIDEND<br>RATE ON PAY DATE | NOK 0.75       |  |
| RATIO                                  | 1 ORD : 1 ADR  |  |
| STATUTORY WHT RATE                     | 25%            |  |

| CHARGES & DEADLINES |                               |                   |                                 |  |   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| FILING METHOD       | DESCRIPTION                   | PAYMENT<br>METHOD | DEPOSITARY<br>SERVICE<br>CHARGE | MINIMUM SERVICE<br>CHARGE PER<br>BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER | FINAL SUBMIS-<br>SION DEADLINE<br>(ALL TIMES EST) |
| AT SOURCE           | EDS ELECTION                  | EDS               | \$0.0035 per ADR                | N/A  | MAY 15, 2013;<br>8 PM                             |
| QUICK RECLAIM       | EDS REVISION                  | CHECK             | \$0.005 per ADR                 | N/A  | JUNE 21, 2013;<br>5 PM                            |
| LONG-FORM           | POST-EDS PROCESS;<br>ON-GOING | CHECK             | \$0.005 per ADR                 | \$25   | OCTOBER 31,<br>2016; 5PM                          |

| RELIEF AT SOURCE/ QUICK REFUND ("EDS") ELIGIBILITY MATRIX |              |   |                        |  |
|---|--------------|---|------------------------|--|
| RATE DESCRIPTION  | RECLAIM RATE | ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS  | DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED |  |
| UNFAVORABLE - 25%   | 0%           | <ol> <li>Any shareholder not domiciled in<br/>a jurisdiction listed as having a<br/>double taxation treaty with Nor-<br/>way.</li> <li>Charities, Pensions, RICs, Trust<br/>funds, and similar entities must<br/>elect at the unfavorable rate as<br/>they do not meet eligibility re-<br/>quirements to claim a refund.</li> </ol> | NONE                   |  |
| FAVORABLE - 15%<br>(AT SOURCE)                            | 10%          | Please See: COUNTRIES WITH 15% WITH- HOLDING TAX TREATIES (ALSO, SEE #2 ABOVE)  | NONE                   |  |

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.

| LONG FORM ELIGIBILITY MATRIX                                      |              |   |  |  |
|---|--------------|---|--|--|
| RATE DESCRIPTION  | RECLAIM RATE | ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS  | DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED   |  |
| FAVORABLE - 15%<br>(LONG FORM)                                    | 10%          | Please See:<br>COUNTRIES WITH 15%<br>WITHHOLDING TAX TREA-<br>TIES  | 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  *-FOR NON-INDIVIDUALS ONLY |  |
| EXEMPT - 0%<br>(EEA COMPANIES)<br>POST-PAY DATE<br>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. | Please contact Brendan Jordan, with<br>JP MORGAN / GlobeTax, for<br>information regarding filing for the ex-<br>empt rate for EEA companies via Long<br>Form process.  |  |

| COUNTRIES WITH    | 15% WITHHOLDING TAX RATES ( | 10% RECLAIM AMOUNT) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| OCCIVITATION WITH |                             |                     |

| 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         |                 |

# DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION (QUICK & LONG FORM ONLY)

|                                    |  |                 | · ·                   |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 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        | DTC PARTICIPANT       |
| LONG FORM COVER LETTER             | COVERLETTER ON PARTICIPANT<br>LETTERHEAD SUMMARIZING ENTIRE<br>CLAIM: BENEFICIAL OWNERS, AD-<br>DRESSES, TAX IDs, & DS AMOUNTS,<br>ETC. (EXHIBIT B)  | ORIGINAL        | DTC PARTICIPANT       |
| NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM<br>LETTER    | LETTER TRANSFERRING INDIVIDUAL<br>CLAIM TO JP MORGAN<br>(EXHIBIT C)  | ORIGINAL        | DTC PARTICIPANT       |
| CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND<br>PAYMENT | DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THE DIVI-<br>DEND WAS PAID TO THE BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER, LESS WITHHOLDING TAX.<br>(EXHIBIT D)  | ORIGINAL        | DTC PARTICIPANT       |
| IRS FORM 6166 (U.S. ONLY)          | ISSUED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE<br>SERVICE, STATING THE NAME AND<br>TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUM-<br>BER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER. IT<br>MUST BE ISSUED FOR THE TAX YEAR<br>OF THE DIVIDEND EVENT. | ORIGINAL        | IRS REPRESENTATIVE    |

# DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION (QUICK & LONG FORM ONLY) (CONTINUED)

| RATE DESCRIPTION   | RECLAIM RATE  | ELIGIBLE<br>RESIDENTS | DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY<br>(NON-U.S. TREATY COUN-<br>TRIES) | A DOCUMENT CONFIRMING RESIDENCY OF<br>THE BENEFICIAL OWNER DOMICILED WITHIN A<br>TREATY COUNTRY. THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY<br>AND BEAR THE STAMP OR SEAL OF THE LOCAL<br>TAX AUTHORITY | ORIGINAL              | TAX AUTHORITY          |
| PROOF OF SIGNING AUTHORI-<br>ZATION (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 QUESTION-<br>NAIRE                            | QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER (EXHIBIT F)   | COPY                  | N/A                    |
| PLAN DOCUMENTS<br>(NON-INDIVIDUALS ONLY)                     | ANY DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD AID IN DEFIN-<br>ING THE LEGAL NATURE OF THE BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER IN THEIR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE.   | COPY                  | N/A                    |
| ATTESTATION  | BENEFICIAL OWNER CONFIRMATION AUTHOR-<br>IZING A RECLAIM FOR THE SPECIFIC DIVIDEND<br>(EXHIBIT G)   | ORIGINAL              | BENEFICIAL OWNER       |
| ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION<br>LETTER                           | ADDITIONAL SIGNING AUTHORIZATION, DI-<br>RECTLY FROM THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER.<br>(EXHIBIT H)   | ORIGINAL              | BENEFICIAL OWNER       |
| RECLAIM DETAIL<br>SPREADSHEET                                | SPREADSHEET LISTING ALL DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC RECLAIM (EXIBIT I)  | ORIGINAL              | BENEFICIAL OWNER       |

# **CONTACT DETAILS**

| PRIMARY CONTACT       | BRENDAN JORDAN                         |
|-----------------------|--|
| 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                         |
| EMAIL ADDRESS         | BRENDAN_JORDAN@GLOBETAX.COM            |
| COMPANY               | J.P. MORGAN / GLOBETAX                 |
| STREET ADDRESS        | 90 BROAD STREET 16 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR |
| CITY/STATE/ZIP        | NEW YORK, NY 10004                     |
| ADDITIONAL CONTACTS   | CANDICE MEDENICA                       |
|                       | KASEY HARBES                           |

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

# **RELIEF AT SOURCE QUESTIONS**

| QUESTION  | ANSWER  |
|---|---|
| IS THERE A RELIEF AT SOURCE PROCESS FOR THIS EVENT?   | YES, PLEASE ELECT FAVORABLE POSITON VIA EDS.  |
| WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TO JP MORGAN / GLOBETAX TO RECEIVE THE FAVORABLE RATE VIA EDS?                   | NONE.   |
| IS THE RELIEF AT SOURCE PROCESS FREE OF<br>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. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.0035 PER DEPOSITARY SHARE WITH NO MINIMUM, AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO JP MORGAN OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE CUSTODIAN OR TO TAX AUTHORITIES OR REGULATORS. FEES PAID TO JP MORGAN MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS.       |
| IS THE PROCESS FOR TAX RELIEF OFFERED BY JP MORGAN AN OPTIONAL PROCESS?   | YES, THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY, OPTIONAL SERVICE.   |
| MAY NORWEGIAN RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM THE FAVORABLE RATE   | NO, THEY MAY NOT.   |
| WHY MUST CHARITIES, PENSIONS, RICS, MULTI-<br>OWNER TRUST FUNDS, AND SIMILAR ENTITIES<br>ELECT AT THE UNFAVORABLE RATE? | THE NORWEGIAN TAX AUTHORITY HAS DETERMINED THAT BENEFICIAL OWNERS WHO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TAX IN THEIR DOMICILED COUNTRY, OR WHO ARE NOT THEMSELVES THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL OWNER, DO NOT MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO CLAIM A REFUND.  IF THE PARTICIPANT WISHES TO SUBMIT A LONG FORM CLAIM ON BEHALF OF THESE OWNERS, JP MORGAN / GLOBETAX MAY, AT OUR DISCRETION, STILL ATTEMPT TO FILE THE CLAIM IN HOPES THAT THIS INTERPRETATION OF THE TREATY WILL BE REEVALUATED. |

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) (CONTINUED)

# **QUICK REFUND QUESTIONS**

| QUESTION  | ANSWER   |
|---|--|
| WHAT IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?   | THE QUICK REFUND IS A LIMITED OPPORTUNITY, POST EDS WINDOW, FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO MISSED THE EDS WINDOW TO ELECT, OR WISH TO INCREASE THEIR FAVORABLE POSITION.   |
| DO I NEED TO PHYSICALLY SEND ANY DOCU-<br>MENTS TO JP MORGAN / GLOBETAX IN ORDER TO<br>PARTICIPATE IN THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS? | YES, YOU MUST SEND JP MORGAN / GLOBETAX A<br>SIGNED ORIGINAL EDS ADJUST LETTER ON PARTICI-<br>PANT LETTERHEAD.   |
| WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUB-<br>MITTED THROUGH THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS?  | NO, YOU WILL BE PAID BY CHECK.   |
| ONCE I SUBMIT A QUICK REFUND CLAIM, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BE PAID?   | IT SHOULD GENERALLY OCCUR WITHIN APPROXI-<br>MATELY 4 MONTHS.  |
| IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS FREE OF CHARGE?   | NO. THIS TAX RECLAIM ASSISTANCE SERVICE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY AND OUTSIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT. QUICK REFUND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED POST DEADLINE WILL BE REJECTED. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.005 PER DS FOR QUICK REFUND WITH A MINIMUM OF \$25.00, AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO JP MORGAN OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE CUSTODIAN OR TO TAX AUTHORITIES OR REGULATORS. FEES PAID TO JP MORGAN MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS. |
| IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS FOR TAX RELIEF<br>OFFERED BY JP MORGAN AN OPTIONAL PROC-<br>ESS?                                    | YES, THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY, OPTIONAL SERVICE.  |

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) (CONTINUED)

# LONG FORM QUESTIONS

| QUESTION  | ANSWER   |
|---|--|
| HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR PAYMENT ON LONG FORM CLAIMS?                                | APPROXIMATELY 18 - 24 MONTHS.  |
| DOES THE LONG FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION REQUIRMENT PER BENEFICIAL OWNER?   | NO, ALL CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSEED, THOUGH<br>THERE IS A MINIMUM FEE OF \$25 PER BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER.   |
| WHAT WILL THE FEE BE IF A BENEFICIAL OWNER'S CLAIM IS FOR LESS THAN \$50?             | JP MORGAN / GLOBETAX IS WILLING TO SPLIT THE<br>RECLAIMED FUNDS 50/50 FOR ANY BENEFICIAL<br>OWNER RECLAIMING LESS THAN \$50.   |
| WILL I BE PAID THROUGH DTC FOR CLAIMS SUB-<br>MITTED THROUGH THE LONG FORM PROCESS?   | NO, YOU WILL BE PAID BY CHECK.   |
| IS THE LONG FORM PROCESS FREE OF CHARGE?  | NO. THIS TAX RECLAIM ASSISTANCE SERVICE IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY AND DISCRETIONARY AND OUTSIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT. FEES WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS ASSISTANCE SERVICE OF UP TO \$0.005 PER DS FOR STANDARD LONG FORM RECLAIMS WITH A MINIMUM OF \$25.00. RECLAIMS RECEIVED POST DEADLINE CANNOT BE ASSURED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A PER BENEFICIARY FEE AS WELL AS OTHER CHARGES, FEES OR EXPENSES PAYABLE BY OR DUE TO JP MORGAN OR ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE CUSTODIAN OR TAX AUTHORITIES. IN ADDITION, CHARGES MAY APPLY TO ANY LONG FORM CLAIMS REJECTED OR NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CUSTODIAN. FEES PAID TO JP MORGAN MAY BE SHARED WITH ITS AGENTS. |
| IS THIS LONG FORM PROCESS FOR TAX RELIEF<br>OFFERED BY JP MORGAN AN OPTIONAL PROCESS? | YES, THIS IS A DISCRETIONARY, OPTIONAL SER-<br>VICE.   |

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## **INDEMNIFICATION**

### Indemnification

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ALL FORMS FROM THIS POINT ON REFER TO EITHER THE QUICK RECLAIM OR THE LONG-FORM RECLAIM PROCESSES, AND ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE EDS ELECTION PROCESS, UNLESS REQUESTED IN AN AUDIT.

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

| (Date)   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| J.P. MORGAN / GlobeTax<br>90 Broad Street - 16th Floor<br>New York, New York 10004<br>Attn: Brendan Jordan |   |   |   |
| Mr. Jordan:  |   |   |   |
|  | MAY 14, 2013, are entitle   | ed to the Favorable rate of 15%   | ares of <b>NORSK HYDRO AS (CUSIP 656531605)</b> tax withheld at source on ADR Pay Date of <u>TBD</u> ates – Norway Income Tax Treaty Convention.  |
| By certifying for the applicab   | ole withholding tax rate,   | we certify that the criteria liste  | ed below have been met.   |
|  |   | r of the shares (individual or lega<br>holding tax rate as specified in th  | al entity) is a resident of the United States or anne Important Notice.   |
| reliance upon information provi  | ided by such Participant in   | n connection with a withholding t   | ny liability J.P. MORGAN may incur as a result of ax election, a claim for refund, or a failure to proe liable for failure to secure a refund of Norwegian  |
| The Participant understands the rate that may reduce the value   |   | ot be liable for any loss resulting   | from fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange  |
|  |   | RGAN any funds erroneously recest to pay any interest, additions  | ceived as a result of an improper withholding tax to tax or penalties thereon.  |
| ing information/documentation<br>addresses, the countries of res<br>as well as the number of depo          | respecting each benefici<br>sidence for tax purposes,<br>sitary receipts for which t                  | al owner for whom a reduced to<br>dates of birth, taxpayer identific<br>he reduced rate of withholding to                 | tees to provide J.P. MORGAN with any of the follow-<br>ax rate has been elected: the full names, complete<br>eation numbers (including social security numbers)<br>ax was certified, the rate that was applied, and any<br>on of U.S. residence on Form 6166. |
| Security Name: NORSK   | HYDRO AS (CUSIP 6565  | 531605)   |   |
| -  | ORIGINAL ED   | S ELECTIONS   | REVISED ELECTIONS   |
| FAVORABLE (85%):   |   | ADRs  | ADRs  |
| UNFAVORABLE (75%):   |   | ADRs  | ADRs  |
| PAYMENT ADDRESS  | 3   |   |   |
| TATMENT ABBILLES   | ·   | ·······   |   |
|  | <del></del>   |   |   |
| immediately returned to JP M<br>Participant will agree to inde<br>and the respective directors,            | Morgan Chase Bank N.A<br>emnify, defend, hold and<br>offices, agents and em<br>mation provided by the | <ul> <li>including any interest, additi</li> <li>save JP Morgan Chase Bank</li> <li>ployees of JP Morgan Chase</li> </ul> | e and any funds erroneously received shall be ions to tax or penalties thereon. In addition, the k N.A., the Issuer and their respective affiliates, Bank N.A. against any and all damages arising ion with this document. This is not tax advice.            |
| Certified By   |   |   |   |
| Authorized Signature _   | NAME  | Date:   |   |
| -  | TITLE   | Phone:_   |   |
|  |   | NT NUMBER   |   |

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

| (Date) |  |
|--------|--|

J.P. MORGAN / 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 14, 2013 for the security NORSK HYDRO AS.

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 NORSK HYDRO AS 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 J.P. MORGAN to present this documentation on the behalf of the beneficial owners listed above. Please contact the undersigned at should you have any questions.

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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)  |   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| J.P. M<br>90 Bro<br>New Y | ORGAN / GlobeTax<br>oad Street - 16th Floor<br>ork, New York 10004<br>Brendan Jordan   |   |
| Mr. Jo                    | rdan:  |   |
| RE:                       | Issue: NORSK HYDRO AS  | CUSIP #: <b>656531605</b>   |
|                           | ADR Record Date: <u>MAY 14, 2013</u>   |   |
|                           | DTC Participant #:   |   |
|                           | Beneficial Owner Name:   |   |
|                           |  |   |
|                           |  | ADR Shares held:  |
|                           | Gross Dividend Paid (NOK):   | 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, tru   | ust, investment fund, corporation, foundation, charity):  |
|                           | Certification (Proof of Payment)  Norway Non-Individual Questionnaire (con Documentation (such as a Plan Document Owner in their home country.  Attestation  Reclaim Detail Spreadsheet  Participants will be fully liable for all within the Norwegian Tax Authorities ("charge=bange fluctuations associated with such not be liable for the failure to secure any respective control of the secure and respective control of the secure control o | ion Letter or Foreign Tax Authority Certificate  mpleted by Beneficial Owner)  nt) which spells out the legal nature of the Beneficial  olding taxes and any claims, penalties or interest to backs"), including without limitations, any foreign ex- funds at the time due or payable. J.P. MORGAN shall |
| Since                     | геіу,  |   |
| (Bene                     | ficial Owner/ Trustee/Custodian)   | Telephone Number:   |
| (Rene                     | oficial 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 NORSK HYDRO AS ADRs (CUSIP #656531605) was a holder of record on MAY 14, 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 [ADR PAY DATE, TBD].

| 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:                                     | NORSK HYDRO AS   |
| Ordinary Pay Date:                            | TBD, 2013  |
| Shares Held:                                  | [Number of Ordinary Shares Held]   |
| Dividend Rate:                                | 0.75 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] | Date [Today's Date]  |
| 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 A   | uttorney  |
|--|--|---|
| sign on behalf of our client<br>declaration is being made the excess Norwegian tax | (Beneficial Owner Name<br>for the purpose of reques<br>withheld at its source on | pereby authorized by the (DTC Participant name) to in processing Norwegian Tax Reclaims. This ting that the Norwegian Tax Administration refund income.  I minimized upon five days prior written notice of its (Stamp with Company stamp or seal)  |
| Depository #: DTC #  | -  | (Classif state of Constant of |
| Signature of legal represer  | ntative  |   |
| Name: (of legal rep.) Title: Date: Place:  |  |   |

# NORWAY NON-INDIVIDUAL CLAIM QUESTIONNAIRE

| Full Beneficial Owner Name:  |          |
|--|----------|
| Tax ID #:  |          |
| 1) 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?   |          |
| If yes, does their decision influence the size of a possible future pension or investment income?  | ٦t       |
| 4) Are the dividends from Norway redistributed to the investors, are they distributed as<br>dividends or as any other type of income?  |          |
| 5) If they are distributed as dividends, are they regarded as Norwegian dividends or as<br>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="" pur-<br="" residence="" tax="">POSES&gt; investors only or may other investors resident for tax purposes outside the<br/><country for="" of="" purposes="" residence="" tax=""> invest?</country></country> | <b>!</b> |
| 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?  |          |

### **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 **NORSK HYDRO AS**, Ordinary Pay-Date: <u>TBD, 2013</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
- 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 | d | <br> | <br> | <br> | <br> |
|--------|---|------|------|------|------|
| Date   |   | <br> | <br> | <br> |      |

## EXHIBIT H - ADDITIONAL SIGNING AUTHORIZATION - (LONG FORM ONLY)

# Authorization Final Beneficiary Details Name: Address: Country of Residence: Tax ID # (USA Only): Custodian (Participant): Authorization The final beneficiary has authorized JPMorgan / 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.

Signature of party eligible for reimbursement

Date, Place

# EXHIBIT I – RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET – (LONG-FORM ONLY)

| RECLAIM AMOUNT (NOK)                                 |                   |                                    | ٠ |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Reclaim<br>%   | Total:            |                                    |   |
| TAX  |                   |                                    |   |
| AMOUNT<br>TAX WITH-<br>HELD(NOK)                     |                   |                                    |   |
| ADR PAYMENT<br>DATE<br>(DDMMYYYY)                    | ТВD               | Signature of Bene-<br>ficial Owner |   |
| NUMBER OF<br>ADR SHARES<br>Holding on<br>Record Date |                   |                                    | · |
| CUSIP  | 656531605         |                                    |   |
| NAME OF<br>COMPANY<br>(Security)                     | NORSK<br>HYDRO AS |                                    |   |
| NAME OF COMPANY FICIAL OWNER NAME (Security)         |                   |                                    |   |