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<b>Date:</b>	May 23, 2017
<b>To:</b>	All Participants
<b>Category:</b>	Dividends
<b>From:</b>	International Services
<b>Attention:</b>	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
<b>Subject:</b>	<b><u>Tax Relief</u></b> – Country: FRANCE SUEZ CUSIP: 864691100 <b><u>Record Date: 05/22/2017 Payable Date: 06/07/2016</u></b> <b><u>CA Web Instruction Deadline : 05/24/2017 8:00 P.M.</u></b>

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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**SUEZ** has announced a cash dividend and BNY Mellon acts as one of the Depositories for the 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. By electing, Participants agree to the Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification below.

As outlined in the Eligibility Matrix below, all qualifying holders will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty benefits on DR pay date. Holders not certified at the favorable or exempt withholding tax rates through CA Web will receive the dividend net of the full French statutory withholding tax rate of **30%** with the possibility to reclaim through the standard long form process.

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<b>DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS</b>	
<b>COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE</b>	FRANCE
<b>ISSUE</b>	SUEZ
<b>CUSIP#</b>	864691100
<b>UNDERLYING ISIN</b>	FR0010613471
<b>DEPOSITARY</b>	MULTIPLE
<b>DR RECORD DATE</b>	MAY 22, 2017
<b>ORD PAY DATE</b>	MAY 17, 2017
<b>DR PAY DATE</b>	JUNE 7, 2017
<b>RATIO (DR to ORD)</b>	2 : 1
<b>ORD RATE</b>	EUR 0.65
<b>STATUTORY WITHHOLDING RATE</b>	30%
	DOUBLE CLICK ICON BELOW TO DOWNLOAD: 

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- U.S. MUTUAL FUNDS THAT WISH TO RECEIVE THE FAVORABLE RATE MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR 2017 8802.
- DUE TO CHANGES MADE BY THE IRS, GROUP TRUST ARRANGEMENTS UNDER REVENUE RULING 81-100 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TREATY BENEFITS.

## FEES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	PAYMENT METHOD	SHARE MINIMUM (DRs)	CUSTODIAL FEE	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE
RELIEF AT SOURCE	VIA DTCC	NO MINIMUM	NO FEE	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	\$0	<p><u>CA WEB INSTRUCTIONS DEADLINE:</u> MAY 24, 2017; 8:00 P.M. EST</p> <p><u>DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE AT GLOBETAX:</u> MAY 31, 2017; 5:00 P.M. EST</p>
LONG FORM	VIA CHECK OR ACH	NO MINIMUM	UP TO 50 EUR	UP TO \$0.01 PER DR	\$25.00	<p>NOVEMBER 1, 2019</p> <p>RECLAIMS RECEIVED POST DEADLINE CANNOT BE ASSURED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A 1,000.00 EUR PER BENEFICIARY CUSTODIAL FEE WHETHER OR NOT SUCCESSFUL</p>

### Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification of Participants and Beneficial Owners

We hereby agree that this tax relief assistance service is wholly voluntary and discretionary and outside the terms and conditions of any applicable deposit agreement. BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service, and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. We hereby accept and agree to pay the fees of BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank of up to \$0.0075 per Depository Receipt for Relief at Source, or up to \$0.01 per Depository Receipt for Long Form (with a minimum of \$25), and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank or their agents, including any custodian, in connection with the tax reclaim process, or to tax authorities or regulators (which fees, charges or expenses may be deducted from the dividend or any other distribution or by billing or otherwise in BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank's discretion). We hereby agree that any such fees, charges or expenses may be due and payable whether or not a successful reduction in rate or reclamation is obtained. We hereby acknowledge that fees paid to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank may be shared with their agents and affiliates.

We hereby agree that in addition to statutory and documentation requirements, and the deduction of fees, tax relief benefits will be subject to review and approval, and potential audits by the applicable custodian and applicable tax regulators, and that BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank are not providing any legal, tax, accounting or other professional advice on these matters and has expressly disclaimed any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance hereto. Participants and/or investors should seek advice based upon their own particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

We certify that to the best of our knowledge that each of the beneficial owners identified are eligible for the preferential rates as stated and we declare that we have performed all the necessary due diligence to satisfy ourselves as to the accuracy of the information submitted to us by these beneficial owners.

We will be fully liable for any and all claims, penalties and / or interest, including without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuations associated therewith. BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank shall not be liable for the failure to secure any tax relief. We expressly agree that BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank and their agents or affiliates shall not have any liability for, and we shall indemnify, defend and hold each of BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank and their agents and affiliates harmless from and against, any and all loss, liability, damage, judgment, settlement, fine, penalty, demand, claim, cost or expense (including without limitation fees and expenses of defending itself or enforcing this agreement) arising out of or in connection herewith.

## ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – RELIEF AT SOURCE

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	SIGNATURE REQUIRED
<b>UNFAVORABLE - 30%</b>	<b>0%</b>	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES AND ENTITIES NOT MENTIONED AS FAVORABLE OR EXEMPT BELOW	1. NONE	1. N/A
<b>FAVORABLE - 15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. INDIVIDUALS/IRAs (EXCLUDING ROTH, ROLLOVER, &amp; SEP IRAs)</li> <li>• U.S. CORPORATIONS</li> <li>• U.S. REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (RICs), REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITs), REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CONDUITS (REMICs)</li> <li>• U.S. PENSION FUNDS (QUALIFIED UNDER SECTIONS 401(a), 401(b), 403(b), &amp; 457 ONLY)</li> <li>• U.S. NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS (QUALIFIED UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) ONLY)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.1</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.2</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">APPENDIX C1 OR C2</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">APPENDIX F</a></li> <li>5. ORIGINAL IRS FORM 6166 (TAX YEAR 2017)*</li> <li>6. FORM 8802**               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Section <b>5</b> must have the “OTHER” box checked off and must state the specific tax return filed (EX: 1120-RIC)</li> <li>b. Section <b>7</b> of the 8802 must contain the year being reclaimed (2017)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>*AN IRS 6166 FORM IS NOT REQUIRED FOR U.S. INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH TAX AUTHORITIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ONE</p> <p>**ONLY REQUIRED FOR U.S. RICs, REITs, AND REMICs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. N/A</li> <li>2. N/A</li> <li>3. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT</li> <li>4. N/A</li> <li>5. N/A</li> <li>6. N/A</li> </ol>
<b>FAVORABLE - 15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	CANADIAN INDIVIDUALS & CORPORATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.1</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.2</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">APPENDIX D1 OR D2</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">ORIGINAL 5000 – EN FORM</a></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. N/A</li> <li>2. N/A</li> <li>3. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT</li> <li>4. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT &amp; CANADIAN REVENUE AGENCY</li> </ol>
<b>EXEMPT - 0%</b>	<b>30%</b>	CANADIAN PENSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.1</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">APPENDIX B.3*</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">APPENDIX D1 OR D2</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">APPENDIX E1 OR E2</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">APPENDIX F</a></li> <li>6. <a href="#">ORIGINAL 5000 – EN FORM</a></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. N/A</li> <li>2. N/A</li> <li>3. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT</li> <li>4. YES – BENEFICIARY OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE &amp; CANADIAN TAX AUTHORITY</li> <li>5. N/A</li> <li>6. YES – DTC PARTICIPANT &amp; CANADIAN REVENUE AGENCY</li> </ol>

\*Note: All documents listed in **BLUE font** are generated by GlobeTax’s ESP website after submission of beneficial owner data

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION	
DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION
APPENDIX B.1	DTC Participant Information
APPENDIX B.2	Summary of all entity types elected
APPENDIX B.3	Summary of all Canadian pensions elected
IRS FORM 6166	Issued by the Internal revenue service, stating the name and tax payer identification number of the beneficial owner <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/form-6166-certification-of-u-s-tax-residency">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/form-6166-certification-of-u-s-tax-residency</a>
IRS FORM 8802	Application for United States residency certification
APPENDIX C1 OR C2 (ANNEX III)	- Signature and stamp (medallion or other) of the DTC participant - Appendix C1 preferred
APPENDIX D1 OR D2 (ANNEX IV)	- Signature and stamp (medallion or other) of the DTC participant - Appendix D1 preferred
APPENDIX E1 OR E2 (ANNEX I OR II)	- An attestation must be filled for <b>each</b> beneficiary - Must be certified by the Canadian Revenue Agency - Appendix E1 preferred
5000-EN FORM	- Submit the “ <b>FOR USE BY THE FRENCH TAX AUTHORITY</b> ” version only; indicated in upper left hand corner of the form - <b>Section III</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Date, signature &amp; stamp (medallion or other) of the DTC participant</li> </ul> - <b>Section IV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To be certified by Canadian Revenue Agency - the form can be obtained below: <a href="http://www.impots.gouv.fr/portal/deploiement/p1/fichedescriptiveformulaire_10449/fichedescriptiveformulaire_10449.pdf">http://www.impots.gouv.fr/portal/deploiement/p1/fichedescriptiveformulaire_10449/fichedescriptiveformulaire_10449.pdf</a></li> </ul>
APPENDIX F	- An ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) <b>computer disk file or a Microsoft Excel file</b> is required for non-ESP users - Exhibit I lists the formatting rules

CONTACT DETAILS	
PRIMARY CONTACT	KRISTOPHER CHOI
DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	212-747-9100
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	212-747-0029
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
EMAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:KRISTOPHER_CHOI@GLOBETAX.COM">KRISTOPHER_CHOI@GLOBETAX.COM</a>
GROUP EMAIL	<a href="mailto:FRANCEESP@GLOBETAX.COM">FRANCEESP@GLOBETAX.COM</a>
COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA, 34 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004
ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	BROOKS ROBINSON



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**BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank offer 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 GlobeTax and creates applicable documentation on the Participants behalf.**

**Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the documents on letterhead, sign them, and mail them to GlobeTax, along with the necessary required documents.**

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

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

**Please contact [support@globetax.com](mailto:support@globetax.com) at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### AT SOURCE QUESTIONS

Who do I send the relief at source documentation to?	Everything is to be submitted to GlobeTax.
Does anything need to be sent to the depositary banks?	Yes. Everything is to be submitted to the depositary bank's agent, GlobeTax.
Does the IRS 6166 form have to be for the tax year in which the dividend is paid out and must it be original?	It is highly recommended that the tax year on the 6166 supplied matches the year of the ordinary dividend payment and that the 6166 supplied is an original. If you choose to submit outdated or copies of 6166s, it is recommended that you request a more current one from the IRS at the time the election is made and submit it to the French custodian upon receipt.
What happens if I do not send in the documentation and/or submit a file whose share position totals more than my CA Web elections?	This will result in a chargeback for the amount of shares not supported by the documentation. The favorable or exempt shares elected will be adjusted to your unfavorable position and result in a debit to your DTC participant account. Submitting share amounts exceeding your CA Web elections may result in a chargeback of the total election.
Why are income tax returns/forms 8802 being requested for U.S. Regulated Investment Companies (RICs), Real Estate Investment Trusts REITs) and Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs)?	The IRS 6166 form does not differentiate between corporations and Regulated Investment Companies (RICs), Real Estate Investment Trusts REITs) and Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (REMICs). In order for the French Tax Authorities to validate entities, these forms are being requested.
Are Canadian mutual funds eligible for reclaim through the relief at source process?	No. Only through the standard long form process.
Are partnerships/LLCs eligible for reclaim the relief at source process?	No. Only through the standard long form process.
Why would the French Tax Authorities request an IRS 6166 form for individuals or corporations if it is not required?	If they have any doubts regarding the status of the beneficial owner, they are entitled to validate their suspicion by requesting the 6166.
How long does it take to receive payment with the relief at source process?	On DR pay date.
Are U.S. trust accounts eligible for the relief at source process?	No. Only through the standard long form process
Is the relief at source process free of 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. BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service, and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. Fees will be charged for this service of up to \$0.0075 per depositary receipt with no minimum, and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank or their agents, including the custodian or to tax authorities or regulators. Fees paid to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank may be shared with their agents and affiliates.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

How long do beneficial owners have to file for reclaim on this dividend?	Generally, two years from the end of the year in which the ordinary dividend was paid, however it may depend on the residency of the beneficial owner.
Is there any way to reclaim the funds I was charged back for?	Yes. The standard long form process. Please refer to the depositary contact details section of this notice for assistance.

Is this dividend available on ESP powered by GlobeTax?	Yes, all required documents can be created using ESP powered by GlobeTax but they must still be forwarded to GlobeTax.
Will GlobeTax accept claims filed directly to them by beneficial owners?	GlobeTax only accepts claims filed by the DTC participant who was holding the securities through DTC and only to the extent that DTC has reported these holdings to us as valid record date holdings. Beneficial owners are required to file their claims through the custody chain to the DTC participant of record. All claims not received directly from the DTC participant will be returned to the beneficial owner.
Is the process for tax relief offered by the DR Depository banks an optional process?	Yes, this is a discretionary, optional service, however, in the French market; the custodians will not accept claims from anyone except the DR depository banks in order to ensure validation of the record date positions claimed. Claims such as claims filed under a European Court of Justice ("ECJ") ruling may be filed directly to the French Tax Authorities with a proper 2777 form issued by the French custodian to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank, these forms also must be secured by NY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank and are subject to a fee of up to \$0.01 per depository share with a minimum fee of \$25 and a custodial fee of up to 50 Euros.
<b>LONG FORM PROCESS QUESTIONS</b>	
Is this 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. BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank undertakes no duty or obligation to provide this service, and may reject or decline any or all proposed electing participants or holders in its sole discretion. Fees will be charged for this assistance service of up to \$0.01 per depository receipt with a minimum of \$25.00 and a custodial charge up to 50 Euros. Reclaims received post deadline cannot be assured and may be subject to a 1,000 Euros per beneficiary custodial fee and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank or their agents, including the custodian or authorities.. In addition, charges may apply to any long form claims rejected or not accepted by the custodian. Fees paid to BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank may be shared with their agents and affiliates.
Where can I obtain information on the standard long form process?	GlobeTax administers the long form process. Please refer to the depository contact details section of this notice for assistance.
When do I need to use Exhibit II (cover letter) at the end of this notice?	Only for the standard long form process and if you are not submitting via ESP.
How long does it take to receive payment on standard long form process?	Generally 6 months to 1 year

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BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank will not be responsible for the truth or accuracy of any submissions received by it and all Participants and holders, whether or not following the procedures set forth herein or otherwise submitting any information, agree to indemnify and hold harmless BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank and their agents for any and all losses, liabilities and fees (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) incurred by any of them in connection herewith or arising herefrom. BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank and their agents will be relying upon the truth and accuracy of any and all submissions received by them in connection with the tax relief process and shall hold all participants and DR holders liable and responsible for any losses incurred in connection therewith or arising there from. There is no guarantee that the applicable tax authorities will accept submissions for relief. Neither BNY Mellon, Citibank, and Deutsche Bank nor their agents shall be responsible or liable to any holders of DRs in connection with any matters related to, arising from, or in connection with the tax relief process described herein. See also “**Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification**” above.

All tax information contained in this Important Notice is based on a good faith compilation of information obtained and received from multiple sources. The information is subject to change. Actual deadlines frequently vary from the statutory deadlines because of local market conditions and advanced deadlines set by local agents. To mitigate risk it is strongly advised that DTC Participants file their claims as soon as possible as the depository and/or their agents will not be liable for claims filed less than six months before the specified deadline. In the event that local market rules, whether implemented by a local agent or a Tax Authority, conflict with the information provided in the important notice, either prior to or after publication, the local market rules will prevail.

## FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

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

APPENDIX B, C, D, & E <i>**For Non-ESP users ONLY</i>	APPENDIX F <i>**For Non-ESP users ONLY</i>	EXHIBIT I <i>**For Non-ESP users ONLY</i>	EXHIBIT II <i>**For Non-ESP users ONLY</i>
 APPENDICES.pdf	 APPENDIX F.xlsx	 EXHIBIT I.pdf	 EXHIBIT II.pdf