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Date:	July 20, 2017
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	Tax Country: Switzerland Procedures for Tax Refunds SGS S.A – CUSIP: 818800104 Record Date: 03/24/2017 Payable Date: 04/11/2017 Long Form Cutoff date: 12/01/2020 8:00 P.M. ET.

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The Depository Trust Company has received from GlobeTax Services, the attached information regarding certain tax refunds on the above captioned dividend.

As directed in the notice, participants that have qualified beneficial holders that expect to benefit from this procedure should secure the required documentation.

For more information please contact GlobeTax Services at 212-747-9100.

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

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SGS S.A. has announced a cash dividend. BNY Mellon acts as one of the Depositories for the Depositary Receipt (“DR”) program.

On DR Pay Date, all holders received the dividend net of the full statutory 35% withholding tax. Eligible holders may claim back the difference between the 35% tax rate withheld and the most favorable rate available to the beneficial holder based upon their country of residence and entity type.

All holders resident in treaty eligible countries may reclaim via the long form process. The “Long-Form Eligibility Matrix” outlines the appropriate tax rate for various countries as well as the required documentation.

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DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	SWITZERLAND
ISSUE	SGS S.A.
CUSIP#	818800104
UNDERLYING ISIN	CH0002497458
DEPOSITARY	MULTIPLE
DR RECORD DATE	MARCH 24, 2017
ORD PAY DATE	MARCH 27, 2017
DR PAY DATE	APRIL 11, 2017
RATIO (DR to ORD)	100 : 1
ORD RATE	CHF 70.00
STATUTORY WITHHOLDING RATE	35%
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PLEASE NOTE THAT CLAIMS MAY POTENTIALLY BE AUDITED:

THE SWISS FEDERAL TAX ADMINISTRATION MAY CHOOSE TO ASK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WITHIN 3 YEARS OF A DIVIDEND EVENT. BY FILING FOR A RECLAIM, YOU AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ANY REQUESTS MADE BY THE TAX AUTHORITY. REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO; FULL OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE, TRANSACTION HISTORY INCLUDING BORROWING AND LENDING, AND CASH FLOW ANALYSIS OF ANY HEDGING TRANSACTIONS USING FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES.

FEES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP)
LONG FORM	FILED ON A MONTHLY BASIS	CHECK OR ACH PAYMENT	UP TO \$0.01 per DR	\$25.00	DECEMBER 1, 2020

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 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 of 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 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'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 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 by the applicable custodian and tax regulators, and that BNY Mellon is 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 holders 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 holders.

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 shall not be liable for the failure to secure any refund. In consideration of the assistance of BNY Mellon and the custodian in processing such claims, we expressly agree that BNY Mellon and its agents or affiliates shall not have any liability for, and we shall indemnify, defend and hold each of BNY Mellon and its 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 – LONG FORM

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
EXEMPT - 0% PENSIONS	35%	UNITED STATES PENSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. IRS FORM 6166 5. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE TAX FORM 6. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 7. *** 81-100 ATTESTATION 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. N/A 6. DTC PARTICIPANT 7. DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT - 0% PENSIONS	35%	PENSIONS RESIDENT IN: CANADA, DENMARK, FAROE ISLANDS, GREECE, HONG KONG, JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, QATAR, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SPAIN, SWEDEN, U.A.E., UNITED KINGDOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE TAX FORM 5. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. DTC PARTICIPANT
EXEMPT - 0% GOVERNMENTS	35%	GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OF: GREECE, NORWAY, QATAR, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, U.A.E.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE TAX FORM 5. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. DTC PARTICIPANT
FAVORABLE – 10%	25%	RESIDENTS OF: CHINA, FINLAND, GEORGIA, HONG KONG, HUNGARY, INDIA, JAPAN, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A MORE PREFERENTIAL RATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE TAX FORM 5. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. DTC PARTICIPANT
FAVORABLE - 15%	20%	RESIDENTS OF:ALBANIA, ALGERIA, ARMENIA, AUSTRALIA*, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA*, CHILE, COLOMBIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK*, ECUADOR, EGYPT, ESTONIA, FAROE ISLANDS, FRANCE*, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, ICELAND, INDONESIA, IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, KAZAKHSTAN, KOREA, (REPUBLIC OF), KUWAIT, KYRGYZSTAN, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MACEDONIA/FYROM, MALAYSIA, MALTA. MEXICO, MOLDOVA, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY*, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SERBIA, MONTENEGRO, SINGAPORE, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, TAIWAN, TAJIKISTAN, THAILAND, TURKEY, UKRAINE, U.A.E, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, URUGUAY, UZBEKISTAN, VIETNAM WHO ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A MORE PREFERENTIAL RATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. **ADDENDUM FORM DESIGNATED "A" (FOR INVESTMENT FUNDS OR UNIT TRUSTS AND ESTATES ONLY) 5. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE TAX FORM 6. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 5. N/A 6. DTC PARTICIPANT

FAVORABLE - 15%	20%	UNITED STATES INDIVIDUALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM 82I 4. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE FORM 5. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. DTC PARTICIPANT
FAVORABLE - 15%	20%	UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS UNITED STATES RICS UNITED STATES OTHER ENTITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. ORIGINAL 2017 FORM 6166 5. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE FORM 6. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. N/A 6. DTC PARTICIPANT
FAVORABLE - 15%	20%	UNITED STATES TRANSPARENT ENTITIES (PARTNERSHIPS, S-CORPS, TRUSTS, LLCs, LLPs AND ESTATES)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM 82E 4. ORIGINAL 2017 FORM 6166 5. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE FORM 6. TRANSPARENT ENTITY LISTING 7. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. N/A 6. N/A 7. DTC PARTICIPANT
FAVORABLE - 20%	15%	RESIDENTS OF: PAKISTAN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT 1 - COVER LETTER 2. CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT 3. SWISS TAX FORM (SEE GRID BELOW) 4. **POA – IF BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT SIGNING THE FORM 5. CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DTC PARTICIPANT 2. DTC PARTICIPANT 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PARTICIPANT** 4. N/A 5. DTC PARTICIPANT

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

** Swiss Tax Forms and Addendums may be signed by either the beneficial owner or DTC participant with Power of Attorney.

*** Only required for 81-100 group trusts

SWISS FORM MATRIX BY COUNTRY AND ENTITY TYPE

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	TAX FORM	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	TAX FORM	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	TAX FORM
AUSTRALIA	FORM 98	JAPAN (CORPORATIONS)	FORM 93C	SPAIN	FORM 90
AUSTRIA	FORM 84	JAPAN (GOVERNMENT)	FORM 93G	SWEDEN	FORM 80
BELGIAN	FORM 97	JAPAN (INDIVIDUALS)	FORM 93I	UNITED KINGDOM	FORM 86
CANADA	FORM 96	JAPAN (PENSIONS)	FORM 93E	UNITED STATES (CORPORATIONS)	FORM 82C
DENMARK	FORM 89	LIECHTENSTEIN	FORM 78	UNITED STATES (INDIVIDUALS)	FORM 82I
FINLAND	FORM 88	LUXEMBOURG	FORM 79	UNITED STATES (OTHER ENTITIES)	FORM 82E
FRANCE	FORM 83	NETHERLANDS	FORM 81	UNITED STATES (PENSIONS)	FORM 82E
GERMANY	FORM 85	NORWAY	FORM 87	UNITED STATES (RICS)	FORM 82R
IRELAND	FORM 91	PORTUGAL	FORM 94	UNITED STATES (TRANSPARENT ENTITIES)	FORM 82E
ITALY	FORM 95	SOUTH AFRICA	FORM 92		
ALL OTHER TREATY COUNTRIES	FORM 60				

All Tax Forms are available at:

<https://www.estv.admin.ch/estv/en/home/verrechnungssteuer/verrechnungssteuer/dienstleistungen/ausland.html>

Forms must be original, certified by the Local Tax Office of the beneficial owner, and either signed by the beneficial owner or their broker/representative with POA.

Swiss Tax Forms 82 (for U.S. residents) do not require certification by the I.R.S.; however, an original 2017 I.R.S. Form 6166 must be submitted in tandem with the beneficial owner's Swiss Tax Form 82. *An exception has been made for U.S. individuals; an I.R.S. Form 6166 is not required when submitting a Swiss Tax Form 82I.

DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED	
DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION
POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA)	Requirement in all instances where a legal representative signs the Swiss tax form on behalf of the beneficial owner
COVER LETTER (EXHIBIT 1)	Cover letter required for all claims which advises the transfer agent of the salient details of the claim A template of this letter, Exhibit 1, can be found in the Forms & Attachments section at the end of this notice.
CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT (EXHIBIT 2)	Must be submitted with each claim, on broker letterhead confirming the withholding tax paid by the beneficial owner A template of this letter, Exhibit 2, can be found in the Forms & Attachments section at the end of this notice.
CIRCULAR 21 TAX VOUCHER (EXHIBIT 3)	The “tax voucher” is an attestation from the broker dealer of record that tax reclaims have not exceeded income received for the dividend event. A template of this letter, Exhibit 3, can be found in the Forms & Attachments section at the end of this notice.
US TRANSPARENT ENTITY LIST	A listing of the names, addresses and tax IDs of all the underlying holders within the transparent entity and their share amount held within the transparent entity (partnership, estate, trust, LLC, LLP & S-Corp)
US FORM 6166	https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/form-6166-certification-of-u-s-tax-residency Required as proof of residency for US holders and must be certified for the year of dividend. Must contain law of establishment 401(a), 457(g), or accompany revenue ruling 81-100.

CONTACT DETAILS	
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BNY Mellon offers 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 BNY Mellon and creates applicable documentation on the Participants behalf. Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the document on letterhead, sign, and mail to BNY Mellon / GlobeTax.

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

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

Please contact support@globetax.com at 212-747-9100 if you have any questions about this process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Are there any additional eligibility requirements I should know about?	Yes. If the beneficial owner is engaged in a trade or business in Switzerland or has a permanent establishment in Switzerland, they are ineligible to claim through this process.
How long does it take for long form claims to be paid?	Generally, long form claims are paid within 12 months of submission to Globetax as agent for the issuer.
For non-U.S. claims, can I submit a stand-alone certification of residence rather than have the tax form signed by the beneficial owner's local tax office?	No. The Swiss do not accept any forms for non-U.S. entities that are not signed by the beneficial owner's local tax office.
Will BNY Mellon accept claims filed directly to them by the beneficial owners?	BNY Mellon will only accept 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 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. Fees will be charged for this assistance service of up to \$0.01 per depositary receipt 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 BNY Mellon 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 BNY Mellon may be shared with its agents and affiliates.

Warning and Disclaimer:

BNY Mellon 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 and its 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 and its 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 nor its 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 depositary 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.*

EXHIBITS 1 – 3

1. Cover Letter, 2. Certificate of Payment, 3. Circular 21 Tax Voucher



Exhibits 1-3.pdf

81-100 ATTESTATION



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