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Date:	February 21, 2018
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: NORWAY TGS NOPEC GEOPHYSICAL CO CUSIP: 87243K208 <u>Record Date:</u> 02/20/2018 <u>Payable Date:</u> 03/12/2018 CA Web Instruction Deadline: 03/14/2018 8:00 P.M.

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 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 over the CA Web.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Goal Global Recoveries Inc. 212-739-0883.

*******TIME SENSITIVE PARTICIPANT ACTION REQUIRED*******
PARTICIPANTS MUST REFER TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR REQUIRED ACTION
TO REGISTER AND SUBMIT TAX FORMS VIA GOAL GLOBAL RECOVERIES INC.

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BNY Mellon, as DR depository gives notice with respect to an upcoming cash dividend payment for **TGS NOPEC GEOPHYSICAL CO**. DR holders of **TGS NOPEC GEOPHYSICAL CO** as at DR Record Date are eligible to receive the dividend payment and may be entitled to a reduced rate of withholding tax as described in the below notice. A qualifying shareholder who is a resident of a country where a Double Taxation Treaty exists between their country of residence and Norway may apply for a refund by either the Quick Refund or Long Form Reclaim process.

BNY Mellon has appointed Goal Global Recoveries Inc. (as tax agent) to support holders of the DR by providing assistance in obtaining tax relief services.

Eligible holders will have the possibility to receive their entitlements in line with the applicable tax treaty between their country of residence and NORWAY. The dividend payment will be paid net of the default Norwegian statutory withholding tax rate of 25% and there will be the opportunity for holders to make a reclaim utilizing the Quick Refund method or the standard Long Form process.

Participants utilizing this service agree to the Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification as stated below.

DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS

NAME OF ISSUER	TGS NOPEC GEOPHYSICAL CO
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	NORWAY
PROGRAM TYPE	SPONSORED
DEPOSITARY	BNY MELLON
CUSIP	87243K208
RATIO	1 ORD: 1 DR
DR RECORD DATE	20 FEB 2018
DR PAYMENT DATE	12 MAR 2018
ORD RECORD DATE	16 FEB 2018
ORD PAYMENT DATE	01 MAR 2018
ORD GROSS DIVIDEND RATE	NOK 1.57 (APPROXIMATE)
DR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE	USD 0.198179 (APPROXIMATE)
STATUTORY WITHHOLDING TAX RATE	25%
METHODS OF RECLAIM FILING AVAILABLE	QUICK REFUND LONG FORM RECLAIM

QUICK REFUND

CA WEB OPENS FOR ELECTIONS	21 FEB 2018 - 6:00 AM (EST)
CA WEB DEADLINE FOR ELECTIONS	14 MAR 2018 - 8:00 PM (EST)
GOAL ADRoit OPENS FOR ELECTIONS	21 FEB 2018 - 6:00 AM (EST)
GOAL ADRoit DEADLINE FOR ELECTIONS	14 MAR 2018 - 8:00 PM (EST)

LONG FORM RECLAIM

GOAL ADRoit OPENS FOR LONG FORM RECLAIM	13 MAR 2018 - 9:00 AM (EST)
GOAL ADRoit DEADLINE FOR LONG FORM RECLAIM	29 Sep 2023 – 5:00pm (EST)

DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION

QUICK REFUND	N/A
LONG FORM RECLAIM	29 Sep 2023 – 5:00 PM (EST)

FEE AND PAYMENT METHOD

FILING METHOD	PAYMENT METHOD	CUSTODIAL FEE	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER
QUICK REFUND	DTC	N/A	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	N/A
LONG FORM RECLAIM	ACH	NOK 125	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	\$25.00

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 \$0.0075 per Depositary Receipt for Quick Refund and Long form (with a minimum of \$25.00) and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to BNY Mellon or its 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 its 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 the applicable 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 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 shall not be liable for the failure to secure any tax relief. 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, judgement, 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 – QUICK REFUND

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
FAVORABLE –15%	10%	<p>INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, GRANTOR TRUSTS AND ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL OWNER ENTITIES</p> <p>DOMICILED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:</p> <p>ALBANIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, ESTONIA, FAROE ISLANDS, FINLAND, FRANCE, GAMBIA, GERMANY, GREENLAND, ICELAND, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KOREA (REPUBLIC OF), LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MACEDONIA, MALAWI, MALTA, MEXICO, MONTENEGRO, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLAND ANTILLES, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, SERBIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, UGANDA, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VIETNAM, ZAMBIA</p>	ADJUSTMENT LETTER*
UNFAVORABLE –25%	0%	<p>ALL OTHER SHAREHOLDERS NOT DOMICILED IN A JURISDICTION LISTED AS HAVING A DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY WITH NORWAY.</p> <p>CHARITIES, PENSION FUNDS, RIC’S, TAX EXEMPT TRUST FUNDS DOMICILED IN THE USA AND SIMILAR ENTITIES MUST ELECT AT THE UNFAVORABLE RATE AS THEY DO NOT MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO CLAIM A REFUND</p>	NONE

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ELIGIBILITY MATRIX – LONG FORM

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
EXEMPT – 0% (EEA COMPANIES)	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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVER LETTER* 2. NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER* 3. CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT* 4. IRS FORM 6166/ CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE 5. POWER OF ATTORNEY* 6. NON- INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNARE* 7. PLAN DOCUMENTS 8. ATTESTATION* 9. RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET* 10. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION*
FAVORABLE – 15%	10%	ALBANIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, ESTONIA, FAROE ISLANDS, FINLAND, FRANCE, GAMBIA, GERMANY, GREENLAND, ICELAND, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KOREA (REPUBLIC OF), LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MACEDONIA, MALAWI, MALTA, MEXICO, MONTENEGRO, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLAND ANTILLES, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, SERBIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TURKEY, UGANDA, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, VIETNAM, ZAMBIA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVER LETTER* 2. NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER* 3. CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT* 4. IRS FORM 6166/ CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE 5. POWER OF ATTORNEY* 6. NON- INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNARE* 7. PLAN DOCUMENTS 8. ATTESTATION* 9. RECLAIM DETAIL SPREADSHEET* 10. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION*

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TAX DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT	REQUIRED SIGNATURE	DOCUMENT GENERATION	INVESTOR TYPES
ADJUSTMENT LETTER COPY (QUICK REFUND)	THIS DOCUMENT LISTS THE ORIGINAL CA WEB ELECTION AND THE POST CA WEB ADJUSTMENT FIGURES	DTC PARTICIPANT	GENERATED BY THE ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
COVER LETTER COPY (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT NOTIFIES THE DEPOSITARY OF THE RELEVANT DETAILS OF THE CLAIM (REQUIRED FOR AUDIT PURPOSES)	DTC PARTICIPANT	GENERATED BY THE ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
POWER OF ATTORNEY ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE BENEFICIAL OWNER TO THE DTC PARTICIPANT	BENEFICIAL OWNER	GENERATED BY THE ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
	POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE DTC PARTICIPANT TO BNY MELLON/ GOAL GLOBAL RECOVERIES INC	DTC PARTICIPANT	GENERATED BY THE ADROIT SYSTEM	
IRS FORM 6166 ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT IS THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) CONFIRMATION OF THE U.S. BENEFICIAL OWNER'S COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. THE 6166 FORM MUST BE SPECIFIC TO NORWAY	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) REPRESENTATIVE	TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)	U.S. RESIDENTS
CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT CONFIRMING RESIDENCY OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER DOMICILED WITHIN A TREATY COUNTRY. THIS MUST BE SIGNED AND BEAR THE STAMP OR SEAL OF THE LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY	BENEFICIAL OWNER'S LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY	TO BE OBTAINED FROM BENEFICIAL OWNER'S LOCAL TAX AUTHORITY.	NON- U.S. RESIDENTS
NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	LETTER TRANSFERRING INDIVIDUAL CLAIM TO BNY MELLON	DTC PARTICIPANT	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES THE DIVIDEND WAS PAID TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNER LESS WITHHOLDING TAX	DTC PARTICIPANT	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
ATTESTATION ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT ACTS AS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER CONFIRMATION THAT AUTHORIZES A RECLAIM FOR EACH SPECIFIC DIVIDEND	BENEFICIAL OWNER	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
DECLARATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNER ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT IS IN THE FORM OF A SPREADSHEET THAT SHOULD LIST FULL DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC RECLAIM	BENEFICIAL OWNER	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL
NON –INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	THIS DOCUMENT CONFIRMS THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF THE NON-INDIVIDUAL AND THEIR ENTITLEMENT TO THE DIVIDEND.	BENEFICIAL OWNER	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	NON-INDIVIDUALS
PLAN DOCUMENTS COPY (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	ANY DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD AID IN THE DEFINING OF THE LEGAL NATURE OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER IN THEIR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE	BENEFICIAL OWNER	TO BE PROVIDED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER	ALL
AUTHORIZATION LETTER ORIGINAL (LONG FORM RECLAIM)	ADDITIONAL SIGNING AUTHORIZATION GIVEN DIRECTLY FROM THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIAL OWNER	BENEFICIAL OWNER	GENERATED BY THE GOAL ADROIT SYSTEM	ALL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- BNY Mellon / Goal Global Recoveries Inc. (GOAL) will only process claims that have been submitted by a DTC Participant who holds the Securities through DTC. The DTC Participant must report the position held as at record date.
- The Beneficial Owner/DTC Participant name must remain constant across all documents and where applicable must match to the name stated on the Certificate of Tax Residence (COTR)/IRS 6166 form.
- Where a form 6166 is provided containing the IRS Code ruling 81-100 a Determination Letter will also be required.
- The Statute of Limitations for filing Norwegian reclaims is currently 5 years from the end of the year of the dividend payment. In order to facilitate claims that are requested in the final year prior to the expiration date Goal have set a deadline of 3 months preceding the Statute date. Any reclaims that are requested after the date set by Goal will be submitted to the Tax Authority on a best efforts basis only.
- The indicative timeframe for tax reclaim proceeds to be refunded by the Norwegian Tax Authority utilising the Long Form Reclaim method is approximately 18 -24 months from submission.
- All **original** documentation for the Long Form Reclaim process should be sent to Goal and must be received by the deadline date of 30 SEP 2022. For this reason and for the avoidance of documentation being lost in transit we strongly recommend that the documents are sent via a secure method such as FedEx, UPS, DHL (for example) to our New York office at 17 State Street, Suite 4000, New York, NY 10004, USA and that the tracking number of the package is recorded.
- Pension Funds and Charities that are domiciled in the USA do not qualify for a reduction in withholding tax as the Norwegian Tax Authority consider them to be organised as tax exempt Trusts. As such they are not recognized as resident in the USA within the meaning of the double taxation treaty between Norway and USA, as defined in article 3(1) (b) (ii).
- Under article 8 of the double taxation treaty between Norway and the United States US Regulated Investment Companies (RIC) are not eligible for reduced withholding tax.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – INVENTORY OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A	ADJUSTMENT LETTER
APPENDIX B	COVER LETTER
APPENDIX C	NORWEGIAN TAX RECLAIM LETTER
APPENDIX D	CERTIFICATE OF DIVIDEND PAYMENT
APPENDIX E	POWER OF ATTORNEY
APPENDIX F	NON -INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE
APPENDIX G	ATTESTATION
APPENDIX H	DECLARATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNER
APPENDIX I	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION LETTER

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The system will automatically generate the necessary documentation which the participant can easily access, complete, sign and submit to BNY Mellon/Goal Global Recoveries Inc.

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CONTACT DETAILS

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COMPANY NAME	GOAL GLOBAL RECOVERIES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	17 STATE STREET, SUITE 4000
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	NEW YORK, NY 10004

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