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Date:	December 23, 2015
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: Ireland JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES PLC CUSIP: 47030M106 <u>Record Date:</u> 12/23/2015 <u>Payable Date:</u> 02/26/16 <u>CA Web Instruction Deadline</u> : 01/22/2016 8:00 P.M. EST

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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JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES has announced a cash dividend. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas acts as the Depository for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") 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.

On DR Pay Date, all U.S. resident holders may elect to receive this dividend exempt from Irish withholding tax of 20% provided they meet certain criteria. Non-U.S. residents or U.S. residents who do not meet the criteria will receive the dividend net of the full 20% Irish withholding tax with the ability to reclaim as outlined in the Long Form Eligibility Matrix.

DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	IRELAND
COMPANY	JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES PLC
CUSIP #	47030M106
DEPOSITARY	DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS
DR RECORD DATE	DECEMBER 23, 2015
DR PAY DATE	FEBRUARY 26, 2016
DR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	TBD
ORD GROSS DIVIDEND RATE ON PAY DATE	USD 0.09
RATIO	1 ORD : 1 DR
STATUTORY WHT RATE	20%

FEES & DEADLINES					
FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	FEES	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	CA WEB ELECTIONS MUST BE MADE BY (ALL TIMES EST)
RELIEF AT SOURCE	PAYMENT ON DR PAY DATE	VIA DTC	Up to \$0.005 per DR	\$0	January 22, 2016 (8:00 P.M)
LONG FORM	POST-CA WEB PROCESS; ONGOING	VIA CHECK	Up to \$0.0075 per DR	\$25.00	December 1, 2020 (8:00 P.M)

RELIEF AT SOURCE (CA WEB) ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE 20%	0%	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES & NON-US RELEVANT TERRITORIES	NONE
EXEMPT 0%	20%	U.S. RESIDENT ENTITIES	NONE (SEE NOTE)

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPT ELECTIONS

ELECTION CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION / CLARIFICATION
U.S. RESIDENTS	The direct beneficial owner of the shares to be paid at the exempt rate has a valid U.S. address on the participant's books and records on the record date. The participant is not required to provide a U.S. Certification of Residency (Form 6166) but must have a valid U.S. address on their books which has been certified by the beneficial owner through a W-9 Form.

Special Notes on U.S. Entities That Are Ineligible To Claim Through CA Web

U.S. Partnerships and Trusts are entitled for tax relief via CA Web as follows:

U.S. PARTNERSHIPS

For Irish Dividend Withholding Tax ("DWT") purposes, a partnership is viewed as a U.S. resident only to the extent that all of the partnership's underlying partners are U.S. residents. If all partners are U.S. residents, the partnership is entitled to exemption from DWT. If at least one partner is not a U.S. resident, no part of the partnership's position is entitled to exemption from DWT.

Withholding rate with Participant CA Web certification for partnerships whose partners are all U.S. residents: 0%

Withholding rate without Participant CA Web certification and for partnerships with at least 1 partner that is not a U.S. resident: 20%

U.S. TRUSTS

Taxable Trusts (for Irish DWT purposes, "discretionary trusts"): If a trust is taxable at the entity level and is able to obtain an IRS Form 6166 at the level of the trust, it is entitled to exemption from DWT.

Non-taxable trusts (for Irish DWT purposes, "non-discretionary trusts"): If a trust is not taxable at the entity level, eligibility for exemption from DWT depends on the residency of its underlying beneficiaries. If all beneficiaries are U.S. residents, the partnership is entitled to exemption from DWT. If at least one beneficiary is not a U.S. resident, no part of the trust's

position is entitled to exemption from DWT and the trust's entire position is subject to the statutory rate of Dividend Withholding Tax.

Withholding rate with Participant CA Web certification for taxable trusts and non-taxable trusts whose beneficiaries are all U.S. residents: 0%

Withholding rate without Participant CA Web certification and for Non-taxable trusts with at least 1 non-U.S. resident: 20%

*NOTE: The DWT provisions are set out in the (Irish) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, Sections 172A-172M, as modified by changes therein contained in the (Irish) Finance Bill 2000, Sections 26 to 29.

A dividend withholding tax (DWT) of 20% applies to dividends paid by Republic of Ireland companies from April 6, 1999, however, in the case of DR holders such dividends may be paid at gross, (i.e. without deduction of DWT) where the underlying DR holder's address is:

A United States address on the register of ADR's maintained by a United States Depository Bank. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas acts as "Depository Bank" (and acts as "Qualified Intermediary" as defined in Irish legislation*).

A United States address on the records of a specified intermediary, located in the United States, of the Depository Bank, through which the dividend is paid. (DTC acts as "Specified Intermediary" as defined in Irish legislation*).

To ensure that underlying DR holders with U.S. addresses receive their **James Hardie Industries PLC** dividends gross please notify DTC, via CA Web, no later than **January 22, 2016**, as to the declaration of the DR amount representing Exempt and Liable DR holders of record date **December 23, 2015**.

LONG FORM ELIGIBILITY MATRIX			
RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
EXEMPT U.S. 0%	20%	U.S. RESIDENT ENTITIES (CLAIMED UNFAVORABLE THROUGH CA WEB)	1. COVER LETTER 2. DTC PARTICIPANT POWER OF ATTORNEY
EXEMPT NON-U.S. 0%	20%	ALBANIA, ARMENIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHRAIN, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BOTSWANA, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, ESTONIA, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, HONG KONG, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, KUWAIT, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MACEDONIA, MALAYSIA, MALTA, MEXICO, MOLDOVA, MONTENEGRO, MORROCO, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SERBIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED	1. COVER LETTER 2. DTC PARTICIPANT POWER OF ATTORNEY 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER POWER OF ATTORNEY 4. DIVIDEND WITHHOLDING TAX REFUND CLAIM FORM 5. NON-RESIDENT V2 FORM

		KINGDOM, UZBEKISTAN, VIETNAM, ZAMBIA	
EXEMPT ELIGIBLE IRISH ENTITIES 0%	20%	IRISH RESIDENT COMPANIES, PENSION SCHEMES, QUALIFYING EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP TRUSTS, COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT UNDERTAKINGS OR CHARITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVER LETTER 2. DTC PARTICIPANT POWER OF ATTORNEY 3. BENEFICIAL OWNER POWER OF ATTORNEY 4. DIVIDEND WITHHOLDING TAX REFUND CLAIM FORM 5. COMPOSITE RESIDENT V3 FORM

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION

DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL / COPY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
COVER LETTER (APPENDIX A)	Cover letter required for all long-form claims	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT
DWT REFUND CLAIM FORM	Claim for repayment of Irish tax on dividends form.	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT OR FINAL BENEFICIAL OWNER
NON-RESIDENT V2 FORM	Irish dividend withholding tax exemption declaration form for non-U.S relevant territory beneficial owners. This form needs to be certified by the beneficial owner's local tax office for non-U.S. entities.	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT OR FINAL BENEFICIAL OWNER
COMPOSITE RESIDENT V3 FORM	Irish dividend withholding tax exemption declaration form for eligible Irish beneficial owners.	ORIGINAL	DTC PARTICIPANT OR FINAL BENEFICIAL OWNER
BENEFICIAL OWNER POWER OF ATTORNEY	A document issued by the beneficial owner to the DTC Participant if the Participant is signing the Dividend Withholding Tax Refund Claim Form or Non-Resident V2 form on behalf of the beneficial owner. This document must be on the beneficial owner's letterhead.	COPY	FINAL BENEFICIAL OWNER
DTC PARTICIPANT POWER OF ATTORNEY (APPENDIX B)	A document issued by the DTC Participant to the Depository authorizing the Depository to file the long form reclaim and receive payment on the Participant's behalf. This document must be on the DTC Participant's letterhead.	COPY	DTC PARTICIPANT

CONTACT DETAILS

PRIMARY CONTACT	LAURA GALLO
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INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
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COMPANY	DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS/GLOBE TAX
STREET ADDRESS	90 BROAD STREET, 16 th FLOOR
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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	IRISH RECLAIMS

ESP

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Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas offers ESP powered by GlobeTax, which allows for the secure and simplified transfer of beneficial owner level data from the Participant to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, and creates applicable documentation on the Participant's behalf. These claims should be submitted through the following website:

<https://esp.globetax.com>

Please use the above contact information if you have any questions about this process.

This system is available for Relief at Source and Long Form claims.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

QUESTION	ANSWER
CAN I SUBMIT A TRUST AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF A POA SIGNED BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNER?	YES, BUT A LIMITED POA SIGNED BY THE PARTICIPANT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE TRUST AGREEMENT.
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR LONG-FORM CLAIMS TO BE PAID?	WE ESTIMATE IT TAKES 4 MONTHS FOR LONG FORM CLAIMS TO BE PAID.
DOES THE LONG-FORM PROCESS HAVE A MINIMUM POSITION REQUIREMENT PER BENEFICIAL OWNER?	NO, THERE IS A MINIMUM FEE OF \$25 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH MAY BE WAIVED ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS FOR CLIENTS RECLAIMING LESS THAN \$50. IN SUCH INSTANCES A FEE OF 50% OF THE RECLAIMED AMOUNT WILL BE APPLIED.

WHAT IS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR FILING IRISH RECLAIMS?	IT IS 4 YEARS FROM THE END OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DIVIDEND WAS PAID. CLAIMS RECEIVED AFTER OUR SUBMISSION DEADLINE WILL BE FILED ON A BEST EFFORT BASIS.
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PARTICIPANT DOES NOT MAKE A CA WEB ELECTION WITHIN THE SPECIFIED CA WEB ELECTION WINDOW?	ALL SHARES WILL BE WITHHELD AT THE 20% TAX RATE. YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILE LONG FORM IF THIS TRANSPIRES.
WILL DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS/GLOBETAX ACCEPT CLAIMS FILED DIRECTLY TO THEM BY THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS?	DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS/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.

***NOTE: Participants using the DTC CA Web system agree that the following criteria have been met:**

1. The Participant has determined that the direct beneficial owner of the shares (individual or legal entity) is a resident of the United States who is eligible for the 0% Irish withholding tax rate. The direct beneficial owner of the shares to be paid at the exempt rate has a U.S. address on the participant's books and records. (For these beneficial owners, supporting documentation for CA Web certification of the exempt rate consists of the books and records of the participant, showing a U.S. address for the direct beneficial owner, and need not be supported by a certificate of U.S. tax residence or by an application for exemption from Irish dividend withholding tax.) This is not tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor.
2. The Participant hereby certifies that it will indemnify Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (and its agents) for any liability it may incur as a result of reliance upon information provided by such Participant in connection with an CA Web election, a claim for refund, or a failure to provide information requested by the Irish Tax Authorities. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas shall not be liable for any failure to secure a refund.
3. The Participant shall be liable for any loss due to foreign exchange fluctuations.
4. The Participant agrees to immediately return to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas any funds erroneously received as a result of an improper CA Web election or refund claim. In addition, the Participant agrees to pay any interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon.
5. The Participant agrees to comply with any audit requests within 21 days.

***IRISH INDIVIDUALS DO NOT QUALIFY FOR 20% REFUND.**

****THE BENEFICIAL OWNER MUST NOT BE CONTROLLED OR OWNED BY IRISH RESIDENTS**

APPENDIX A – COVER LETTER

(DTC Participant’s Letterhead)

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
90 Broad Street, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10004-2205
Phone: 1-800-915-3536 Fax: 1-800-985-3536
ATTN: Irish Reclaims

Re: Withholding Certification for JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES; CUSIP# 47030M106

We, **<DTC Participant Name>**, a Specified Intermediary (SI) by virtue of our agreement with DTC, also known under DTC participant number **<0000>**, acting on behalf of the beneficial owners of the DR income specified below claim repayment of **XXX EUR**. This repayment is in respect of DWT deducted from a relevant distribution made by **JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES PLC (Cusip: 47030M106)** on the record date of **23 DECEMBER 2015**. We declare that the beneficial owners of the dividends to which this repayment claim relates are entitled to receive the distribution without the deduction of DWT in accordance with Chapter 8A, Part 6 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 due to **<Beneficial Owners Country of Residence>** membership in the EU or because of an existing Double Taxation Treaty between **<Beneficial Owners’ Country of Residence>** and Ireland. In addition, we hereby state that these shares are held in a nominee capacity only and we therefore receive no beneficial interest from them; all monies repaid by Revenue will be paid to the underlying beneficial owners.

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their respective holdings, which total **<Number of DRs held>** DRs. **Please note the ratio for this dividend of Ordinary shares to DRs is 1 : 1.** The information is as follows:

<u>Beneficial Owner Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Taxpayer I.D. Number</u>	<u># of DR(s)</u>	<u># of Ordinary Shares</u>
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

We authorize 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.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE]

<Name and Title of the Signor>

U.S. Payment Address:

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.

Note

Revenue reserves the right to carry out any checks they may deem necessary to verify the accuracy of this claim and, in particular, they reserve the right to audit the register of depository receipts held by the Qualified Intermediary / Specified Intermediary. We agree to indemnify Revenue against any loss or liability which may be incurred as a result of any failure to secure the tax refund to the cited beneficial owners.

APPENDIX B

*****THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD*****

Power of Attorney

(Name of Broker), with address in **(City, State, Country)** hereby appoints Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas ("Bank") and/or the Bank's designated standing proxy(ies) as its true and lawful attorney with full Power of Attorney to do all or any of the following acts with respect to the American Depository Receipts representing shares in _____ ("Securities") that the Bank holds in its safe custody on behalf of the Undersigned broker/agent.

- i) To file required forms with competent tax authorities in order to secure any tax privileges and benefits such as tax reduction or tax-exemption at source.
- ii) To receive on behalf of the Undersigned tax repayments made by competent tax authorities as a result of lodging reclaim forms.

The Undersigned also authorizes the Bank and/or the Bank's designated standing proxy(ies) to submit this power of attorney or a photocopy of it to competent tax authorities.

(the Name of the broker representative)

<Place and Date> _____
Place and Date

<Signature of broker representative> _____
Authorized Signature(s)/Title(s)