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Date:	March 16, 2015
To:	All Participants
Category:	Dividends
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<u>TaxRelief Country: Japan</u> GCB 144A/Regs Sumitomo Banking D07/22/05 5.625% A099 <u>CUSIP: 865622AB0 / J7771KGY7</u> <u>Record Date: 04/01/2015 Payable Date: 04/15/2015</u> <u>DTC Instruction Expiration Date: 04/08/2015 8:00 PM (EST)</u>

An interest payment has been announced on **GCB 144A/REGS Sumitomo Banking D07/22/05 5.625% A099**. The Depository Trust Company Corporate Actions Web service (CA Web) provides withholding tax relief on interest from certain Japanese debt obligations. The above referenced security is backed by convertible corporate debt and meets the criteria required to be included on CA Web. This interest payment is subject to 15.315% (unfavorable) and 0% (tax-exempt) withholding tax for qualified beneficial holders. Participants can use DTC's Corporate Actions Web service (CA Web) function over to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable withholding tax rate.

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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 TaxInfoSM in CA Web.

In general, Japanese withholding tax rules require that a Japanese tax at the rate of **15.315%** be withheld on interest payments from certain Japanese debt obligations issued outside of Japan on or after April 1, 1998, and from Japanese government bonds denominated in non-Japanese currency and issued abroad on or after April 1, 1998, unless the payee satisfies certain eligibility and documentation requirements to demonstrate that they qualify for an exemption from the **15.315%** tax. To qualify for an exemption for this withholding tax (**0%**), payees must demonstrate, directly or through an intermediary, that the beneficial owner is not a Japanese resident for tax purposes, or that the payee is a Japanese Designated Financial Institution (DFI).

DTC does not offer Tax Reclaim on Japanese debt issues, therefore participants who fail to meet the CA Web Instruction Expiration date or make incorrect instructions will be responsible for claiming or refunding any withholding tax directly. Participants will also be liable for any foreign exchange fluctuation impacting the amount of their refund or claim.

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