



Important Notice
The Depository Trust Company

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Date:	February 22, 2024
To:	All Participants
Category:	Distributions, Tax relief
From:	International Services
Attention:	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
Subject:	<p><u>Tax Relief</u> – Country: NORWAY <u>Security:</u> VAR ENERGI ASA <u>CUSIP:</u> 92212W100 <u>Record Date:</u> 02/26/2024 <u>Payable Date:</u> 03/12/2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****NOT CA WEB ELIGIBLE*****</p>

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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VAR ENERGI ASA has announced a cash dividend and **Citibank, N.A.** acts as one of the Depositories for the Depositary Receipt (“DR”) program.

As outlined in the “Eligibility Matrix,” all holders will receive this dividend net of the full Norwegian withholding tax rate of 25% with the possibility to reclaim through the Long Form process.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS LONG FORM ONLY.

DIVIDEND EVENT MATRIX							
ISSUE	CUSIP#	UNDERLYING ISIN	DR RECORD DATE	ORD PAY DATE	DR PAY DATE	RATIO (DR to ORD)	ORD RATE
VAR ENERGI ASA	92212W100	NO0011202772	02/26/2024	02/27/2024	03/12/2024	1:2	NOK 1.136

FEES & DEADLINES						
FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	CUSTODIAL FEE	DSC FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP)
LONG FORM	POST PAY DATE; ONGOING	CHECK OR ACH	NOK 350	UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR	\$25.00	OCTOBER 1, 2029

Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification from Participants and Beneficial Owners

I/We have determined that the beneficial owner(s) of the shares (individual or legal entity) is eligible for the preferential rates as stated herein and I declare that I have performed all the necessary due diligence to satisfy myself as to the accuracy of the information submitted to me by these beneficial owners.

I/we hereby certify that I/we will indemnify Citibank, N.A., BNY Mellon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (and its agents) for any liability Citibank, N.A., BNY Mellon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (and its agents) may incur, including without limitations any sanctions-related liability such as fines, penalties, costs and/or fees relating to government inquiries, investigations, or enforcement actions, as a result of reliance upon information provided by such Participant in connection with a C.A. Web election, a claim for refund, or a failure to provide information requested by the Tax Authorities. Citibank, N.A., BNY Mellon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas shall not be liable for failure to secure the refund. The Participant shall be liable for any loss due to foreign exchange fluctuation. The Participant agrees to immediately return to Citibank, N.A., BNY Mellon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas any funds erroneously received as a result of an improper C.A. Web election or refund claim. In addition, the Participant agrees to pay any interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon. This is not tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor.

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

Note: All information related to eligibility and documentation requirements can be found on the [ESP](#) site by visiting the relevant event and viewing the Eligibility Matrix. If you need access to ESP, please complete the [New User Registration](#) form, and our team of market experts would be pleased to help you get set up.

For each Country's general Eligibility Matrix, please see ESP's [Reference Guide](#).

ESP



Citibank, N.A., BNY Mellon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas 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 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.

<https://ESP.GlobeTax.com>

Please contact us via the ESP Service Desk at [212-747-9100](tel:212-747-9100) if you have any questions about this process.

CONTACT DETAILS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

LONG FORM QUESTIONS

How long does it take for payment on Long Form claims?	Approximately 18-24 months.
Does the Long Form process have a minimum position requirement per beneficial owner?	No, all claims will be processed, though there is a minimum fee of \$25 per beneficial owner.
What will the fee be if a beneficial owner's claim is for less than \$50?	Citibank, N.A. is willing to split the reclaimed funds 50/50 for any beneficial owner reclaiming less than \$50.
Will I be paid through DTC for claims submitted through the Long Form process?	No, you will be paid by check or ACH payment.
Is the 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. Citibank, N.A. 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 depository receipt with a \$25.00 minimum, and any other charges, fees or expenses payable by or due to Citibank, N.A. or its agents, including the custodian or to tax authorities or regulators. Fees paid to Citibank, N.A. may be shared with its agents and affiliates.