



**Important Notice**  
The Depository Trust Company

<b>B #:</b>	20465-24
<b>Date:</b>	July 23, 2024
<b>To:</b>	All Participants
<b>Category:</b>	Tax Relief, Distributions
<b>From:</b>	International Services
<b>Attention:</b>	Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
<b>Subject:</b>	Tax Relief Country: Japan Depository for Sponsored DR Program: BNY MELLON Security: SEKISUI HOUSE CUSIP: 816078307 Record Date: 07/31/2024 Payable Date: TBA Relief at Source CA Web Deadline: 08/14/2024 8:00 PM. ET

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 Globe tax 212-747-9100.

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**SEKISUI HOUSE** has announced a cash dividend and **BNY Mellon** acts as the Depository for the Depository Receipt (“DR”) program.

Participants may use DTC’s Corporate Actions Web (“CA Web”) instructions tab to certify all, or a portion of their position entitled to each applicable withholding tax rate. Use of this instruction method will permit entitlement amounts to be paid through DTC. By making submissions of such certifications the submitter warrants that it has the required authority to make them, that the party for which the submission is made is eligible therefore, and will indemnify, as applicable, Globe Tax Services, Inc., the applicable depository, the applicable custodian, and other acting, directly or indirectly, in reliance thereon, including for any inaccuracy therein. By electing, Participants agree to the **Agreements, Fees, Representations and Indemnification from Participants and Beneficial Owners** below.

On ADR pay date, all record date holders will have the opportunity to receive their full treaty as outlined in the “Eligibility Matrix”. All uncertified holders will receive this dividend net of the full Japanese statutory withholding tax rate of the **15.315%** with the possibility to reclaim in the long form process.

**Japanese dividends with July 2024 Record Dates are outlined in the Dividend Event Matrix below.**

**NOTE:** Please note that the Japanese Tax Office has the legal authority to audit claims filed for a period of seven years, so it is the DTC Participant’s responsibility to ensure that your document retention policies for US withholding tax documentation are adequate to support potential audits from the Japanese Tax Office.

DIVIDEND EVENT MATRIX				
ISSUE	CUSIP#	UNDERLYING ISIN	DR RECORD DATE	RATIO (DR to ORD)
SEKISUI HOUSE	816078307	JP3420600003	7/31/2024	1:1
<b>NOTE: All dividends listed above have ORD and ADR Pay Dates to be determined.</b>				

FEES & DEADLINES							
FILING METHOD	BATCH	PAYMENT METHOD	SHARE MINIMUM (DRs)	CUSTODIAL FEE	TAX RELIEF FEE	MINIMUM FEE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ESP)
<b>RELIEF AT SOURCE</b>	PAYMENT ON PAY DATE	DTC	N/A	NO FEE	5%, 7%, 10%, 12.5%, 15%, 15.315% - UP TO \$0.005 PER DR	\$0	AUGUST 14, 2024 8:00 P.M. EST
					0% - UP TO \$0.0075 PER DR		
<b>LONG FORM</b>	POST-CA WEB PROCESS; ONGOING	CHECK OR ACH	N/A	UP TO JPY 40,000	UP TO \$0.01 PER DR	\$25.00	AUGUST 31, 2029

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

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 disclosed in the DTC Important Notice posted for this event and type of claim we are submitting (Relief At-Source or Long Form) 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 confirm that we have the applicable Form W-9 or Form W-8 beneficial owner series (W-8BEN, W-BENE, W-8EXP, or W-8ECI) on file and agree to obtain and retain all underlying documentation required to support the tax relief benefits, including without limitation all IRS Forms W-9 and IRS Form W-8 for a period of at least seven years and to provide such documentation to you and/or the Japanese Tax Office upon your or the Japanese Tax Office's request.

We hereby agree 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 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 to the best of our knowledge that 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. Furthermore, in the event of an audit we agree to provide any and all documentation required by the respective Tax Authority.

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, 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.

By using this tax relief assistance service, you are authorizing and directing the disclosure of your personal information to the tax agent, the custodian, the tax authority and their respective agents. You acknowledge and agree that such disclosure may involve your personal data being sent to a tax agent, custodian, tax authority and their respective agents located in a country outside of that in which you reside. In the event that the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) or similar laws apply with regard to this tax relief assistance service, we certify that each of the beneficial owners identified, in providing this information and as indicated by Owner's signature below, expressly consents to the processing and transfer of their personal data outside of their country of residence. BNY Mellon will retain personal data in accordance with the GDPR and for further information about our data protection policies and procedures please refer to our Data Protection Policy, which can be found at <https://www.bnymellon.com/emea/en/privacy-policy.html>.

## 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



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 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 if you have any questions about this process.

## CONTACT DETAILS

DOMESTIC PHONE (U.S.)	1-800-915-3536
DOMESTIC FAX (U.S.)	1-800-985-3536
INTERNATIONAL PHONE	1-212-747-9100
INTERNATIONAL FAX	1-212-747-0029
GROUP EMAIL	<a href="mailto:JAPANESP@GLOBETAX.COM">JAPANESP@GLOBETAX.COM</a>
COMPANY	GLOBETAX SERVICES INC.
STREET ADDRESS	ONE NEW YORK PLAZA, 34 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
CITY/STATE/ZIP	NEW YORK, NY 10004

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### AT SOURCE QUESTIONS

<b>What information does the beneficiary need to disclose in order to receive favorable tax treatment?</b>	Name, address, country of residence, and share position. A tax ID number is required only for U.S. residents.
<b>Do shareholders requesting 15.315% withholding need to disclose information?</b>	No, disclosure does not apply. Please refer to relief at-source eligibility matrix for documentation requirements.
<b>Will holders wishing to benefit from favorable tax treatment need to furnish supporting documentation up front?</b>	No, brokers must store W-9 and W-8BEN on file in case of an audit.
<b>Does the Japanese law require a certification of residence (Form 6166) to participate in the reclaim process?</b>	No. The law governing the processing of DRS does not require the presence or collection of a certification of residency (Form 6166) though participants may be required to prove the eligibility of the underlying investors. Upon review of the W-9 and W-8BEN forms the Japanese tax office agreed to accept these as proof of eligibility.
<b>Will a certificate of residence (Form 6166) be requested during an audit?</b>	The Japanese ministry of finance reserves the right to request any other documentation it may need to determine the eligibility of the investor. We have been advised that the Japanese tax office may request a certificate of residency in rare circumstances where the information provided is inconsistent and cannot be confirmed through the provision of other documents or explanations.

<p><b>Who is considered a “large shareholder”?</b></p>	<p>Individual (non-corporate) investors who hold 3% or more of the number of outstanding shares for dividend income from listed shares, now fall under the "large shareholder" category. These "large shareholders" will no longer be eligible for the preferential tax rates and thus be applied the 20.42% tax rate for dividends paid after September 30, 2011. Participants are required to disclose the name and address of these "large shareholders" to the depository by the deadline stated within this notice. Corporate entities (both Japanese and non-Japanese) who hold 3% or more of the number of outstanding shares for dividend income from listed shares are still entitled to the preferential withholding rates and are eligible to receive the income with a 15.315% withholding rate applied or more if eligible based on the treaty between the investors country of residence and Japan. Dividend income for unlisted shares will continue to be withheld at the 20.42% Japanese national tax rate.</p>
<p><b>Which select entities resident in United Arab Emirates are eligible to receive a favorable rate?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Central Bank of the UAE</li> <li>▪ Abu Dhabi Investment Authority</li> <li>▪ Abu Dhabi Investment Council</li> <li>▪ International Petroleum Investment Company</li> <li>▪ Investment Corporation of Dubai</li> <li>▪ Mubadala Development Company</li> <li>▪ Eligible pension funds established in the UAE</li> </ul>
<p><b>LONG FORM QUESTIONS</b></p>	
<p><b>Can I submit a trust agreement in lieu of a POA signed by the beneficial owner?</b></p>	<p>Yes, but a limited POA signed by the participant must be accompanied by the trust agreement.</p>
<p><b>Are Form 6166s with IRS code ruling 81-100 accepted?</b></p>	<p>Yes, with a tax determination letter &amp; pension declaration letter.</p>
<p><b>Does the beneficiary’s name on the Form 6166 need to match the POA?</b></p>	<p>Yes, the beneficiary’s name on both documents should be identical.</p>
<p><b>Does the long form process have a minimum position requirement per beneficial owner?</b></p>	<p>Yes, please call for more details.</p>
<p><b>What is the statute of limitations for filing Japanese reclaims?</b></p>	<p>It is 5 years from ordinary pay date. Claims received after our submission deadline will be filed in good faith.</p>
<p><b>What if the beneficial owner’s name and/or address is not consistent with the other documents?</b></p>	<p>Please send a letter on participant letterhead explaining the discrepancy and be sure to include the tax ID number.</p>
<p><b>How often are long form claims filed with the Japanese custodians?</b></p>	<p>Due to quarterly filing limitations GlobeTax files on February 20th, May 20th, August 20th &amp; November 20th of each year.</p>
<p><b>Will the depository accept claims filed directly to them by beneficial owners?</b></p>	<p>The depository only accepts claims filed by the DTC participant who was holding 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.</p>
<p><b>Do pension plans need to disclose any underlying holder information for the long form process?</b></p>	<p>Yes, effective September 1, 2012 pension plans will need to disclose the total number of participants, the number of treaty eligible participants and the date of fiscal year end.</p>
<p><b>Is this long form process free of charge?</b></p>	<p>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 depository 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.</p>

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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 depository 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.