

# The Depository Trust Company

# IMPORTANT

**B#:** 1524-07

**DATE:** May 24, 2007

**TO:** All Participants

**CATEGORY:** Dividends

**FROM:** International Services

**ATTENTION:** Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers

**SUBJECT:** TaxRelief - Country: Switzerland  
Zurich FDG TR V PFD 144A CUSIP: 989941208  
Record Date: 05/15/07 Payable Date: 07/5/07  
EDS Cut-Off Date: 05/29/07

DTC has been notified by The Bank of New York, the paying agent for the above referenced issue, that **PFD144A ZURICH FDG TR V** has declared a cash payment. This payment is subject to Swiss withholding tax of 35%, which will be refunded to those U.S. residents who qualify. A specialized tax reclaim procedure has been put in place for those who qualify for 0% tax withholding.

**Note: THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING OVER EDS IS MAY 29, 2007.**

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Mr. Larry Bottiglieri or Sean Bollers of DTC's International Services at (212) 855-4386 or 4706.

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# THE BANK OF NEW YORK

New York's First Bank - Founded 1784 By Alexander Hamilton

101 BARCLAY STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10286

May 24, 2007

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To: DTCC

From: Helene Yik, Assistant Treasurer, Corporate Trust Operations

Subject: Tax Relief- Switzerland  
PFD 144A ZURICH FDG TR V CUSIP: 989941208  
Record Date: 5/15/07 Payable Date: 7/5/07  
Trust V All in Rate: 15.48666667  
EDS Cut-Off Date: 5/29/07  
Agent Cut-Off Date: 5/29/07

Please inform all participants that Swiss withholding tax will apply to the above referenced issue, which will ultimately reduce the distributions on the Trust Capital Securities I and II, unless the DTC Participant provides the properly completed Reclaim Information to the Paying Agent in connection with the distribution no later than 5/29/07.

In order to have a valid election each participant must use the DTC's Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) to certify all or a portion of their position. The reclaim information can be provided to DTC, ZGH or the Paying Agent.

Please note that if a completed reclaim form is not provided to any of the above parties on or prior to May 29, 2007, the participant will be paid at the unfavorable rate.

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**HARD COPY CERTIFICATIONS SUPPORTING THE EDS ELECTIONS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK ON OR PRIOR TO MAY 29, 2007.**

**Completing the information requested in Annex A and delivering the same to:**

**The Bank of New York  
101 Barclay Street -7E  
New York, NY 10286  
Tel: 212-815-6921  
Fax: 212-815-3799/3800**

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Attention: Libby Mitchell

**Holders making incorrect declarations will be responsible for claiming or refunding any withholding tax through The Bank of New York to the Swiss Tax Authorities; Participants will also be liable for any foreign exchange fluctuations impacting the amount of their refund or claim with the Swiss Tax Authorities.**

**Any questions regarding the attached annex should be directed to Vanessa Mack of The Bank of New York at (212) 815-5346 or Libby Mitchell at (212) 815-3964.**

**Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Sylvia Antonio of DTCC's International Services at (813) 470-1559**

To: The Bank of New York (as paying agent)  
 Attention: Vanessa Mack  
 Phone: 212.815.5346  
 Email: [vmack@bankofny.com](mailto:vmack@bankofny.com)

From: DTC Participant  
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 Email

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Security: Zurich Farmers RegCaps Funding Trust  
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| <u><b>Name Beneficial Holder</b></u> | <u><b>Address</b></u> | <u><b>US Taxpayer ID Number</b></u> | <u><b>Custodian has been that holder is a US tax resident? (Yor N)</b></u> | <u><b>Custodian has been informed that Holder is a US Corporation (Y or N)</b></u> | <u><b>Number of Trust Capital Securities Owned</b></u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                      |                       |                                     |  |  |  |

Total:

**For Trust Capital Securities Held by Money Managers:**

| <u><b>Name Money Manger</b></u> | <u><b>Address</b></u> | <u><b>Percentage of Beneficial Owners that are US tax residents</b></u> | <u><b>Number of Trust Securities Owned</b></u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
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Total: (Must equal 100%)

\* within 6 months of the RegCaps payment date, Money managers will provide to the Swiss Revenue the information requested in columns 1-6 above for each of its investors or beneficial owners. To the following:

Swiss Revenue  
 Attention:  
 Telephone:  
 fax  
 Address