

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

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DATE: June 15, 2001

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: DTC Dividend Department

ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer/Cashier, Dividends/Operations

SUBJECT: New CCF/DTF Expanded Dividend Announcement File (DIVANN)

Effective immediately a new CCF/DTF file, DIVANN, which contains detailed information on Dividend announcements, is available to participants. DIVANN is an expanded version of the RDPRPT Dividend announcement file and provides detailed information on new and revised announcements currently available only on the Dividend Announcement Inquiry PTS function (DIVA).

In May of 1999, DIVA was redesigned offering a new look with expanded announcement information. The new DIVANN file offers this expanded information in the form of new fields so that participants can upload the details into their systems. Examples of additional information include the following:

- Ex-Dividend Date
- Interim Accounting Start and End Dates
- Exit Explanations
- Important Notice B#
- Country of Origin
- Home Currency Rate
- Home Currency Type
- Conversion Rate
- Foreign Tax Withholding Rate
- ADR to Ordinary Ratio
- FOSP Indicator

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Availability

The DIVANN file is available starting from 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. All expanded announcement files are available for 20 hours.

If you would like to receive a copy of the DIVANN Function User's Guide and record layout, you can E-mail DTC's Participant Interface Planning area at pip@dtcc.com.

Questions about this notice may be directed to Janice Sasso at (212) 855-4541 of DTC's Dividend Department, as well as your Relationship Manager.