

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 2176

DATE: June 26, 2001

TO: All participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: Mario Zaccardi, Supervisor, Dividend Department

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

SUBJECT: TaxRelief - Country: KOREA
Samsung SDI Co. LTD, CUSIP: 796054203
Record Date: 06/29/01 Payable Date: To be announced
Cut-off for EDS:7/27/01; Cut-off for certification:7/31/01

DTC has been notified by **Citibank, N.A.**, the depository bank for the above issue, that Samsung Electronics Non – Voting GDR, has declared a taxable dividend subject to multiple tax rates depending on country of residence of the beneficial owners of the Global Depository Shares (GDS). In order for holders to qualify for a reduced rate of withholding tax pursuant to an applicable tax treaty, the non-resident holder must provide to **Citibank**, evidence of tax residence of the beneficial owner of the GDSs as the Korean tax authorities require such information in order to establish entitlement to the benefits of the applicable tax treaty. In the absence of sufficient proof that the non-resident holder qualifies for the benefits of a tax treaty, withholding tax will be at a rate of **27.5%**.

Please note that Korean law does not permit a non-resident holder to recover withheld tax directly from the Korean Government even if the non-resident holder subsequently produces evidence that it was entitled to have tax withheld at a lower rate.

Participants can use the attached tax chart to determine their (client's) applicable withholding tax rate(s).

Participants are advised that the tax rates are not final and subject to change.

Participants should use DTC's Elective Dividend System (**EDS**) under the **Foreign Securities** selection on the main menu, over the Participant Terminal System (**PTS**) to certify all or a portion of their position entitled to the applicable reduced withholding tax rate (s).

In addition, please complete and return the attached certification to Citibank following the directions listed below. A failure to certify through **EDS** and to return the attached certification (**with an original signature**) on a timely basis will cause the dividend to be paid less the maximum withholding rate.

If completed certifications are not provided to Citibank on or prior to July 31, 2001, to support an EDS election, the dividend on your holdings will be paid less the maximum withholding rate.

Note: The Deadline for Certifying Over EDS is July 27, 2001.
Original Certifications must arrive in Citibank, N.A./GTS offices by July 31, 2001.

The completed certification form should be faxed to Citibank, N.A./GTS at 1-800-633-4646, and the original delivered no later than July 31, 2001 to the following address:

**Citibank N.A./ GTS
90 Broad Street
8th Floor
New York, NY 10004**

THE DIVIDEND POSITION AND ALLOCATION HISTORY (DPAL) OPTION, ACCESSED VIA THE PTS DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENTS INQUIRY (DIVA) FUNCTION, SHOULD BE USED TO CONFIRM YOUR RECORD DATE POSITION HISTORY AND PAYMENT INFORMATION.

Questions about eligibility or documentation requirements should be directed to Mr. Brett Lewis at Citibank, N.A./GTS at (800) 628-4646.

Questions about the EDS procedure should be directed to Mr. Joseph Amoroso or myself of DTC's Dividend Department at (212) 855-4526 or 4540 respectively.

As a reminder please note that Korean law does not entitle a non-resident holder to recover withheld tax directly from the Korean Government even if the non-resident holder subsequently produces evidence that it was entitled to have tax withheld at a lower rate.

Citibank, N.A.

111 Wall Street
New York, NY 10043

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RECORD DATE: JUNE 29, 2000

Please refer to the following chart to determine withholding tax on dividend payments on Korean issues:

COUNTRY	TOTAL TAX RATE (%)
Republic of Korea	Institutions 0.00 Individuals 16.50
Mongolia	5.00
Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Vietnam, China, Romania, Russia, Kuwait, Morocco	10.00
Pakistan	12.50
Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Fiji Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan	15.00
United States, Canada, Philippines	16.50
India, Turkey	20.00
Thailand	27.50
Other Countries, Non-Certified holders	27.50

PLEASE NOTE: TAX RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE