

The Depository Trust Company  
**IMPORTANT**

**B#:** 2971-08  
**DATE:** February 25, 2008  
**TO:** All Participants  
**CATEGORY:** Dividends  
**FROM:** Supervisor, Stock Dividend Department  
**ATTENTION:** Dividend Managers, Cashiers & Reorganization Managers  
**SUBJECT:** Optional Dividend: H & Q Lifesciences Investors  
CUSIP: 404053100 R/D: 02/22/08 P/D: 03/31/08  
Rate: \$0.31 in Stock or Cash per share  
DTC EDS Cut-off 03/17/08 no later than 8:00 p.m. EST

\*\*\*\*\* WARNING TIME CRITICAL \*\*\*\*\*

Participants, who have positions in the above captioned security, can elect to receive the dividend distribution of **\$0.31** per share on its common stock in stock or cash, as follows:

**Stock Option #1:** You may elect to receive additional shares of **H & Q Life Sciences Inv.** for the **\$0.31** per common share. Fractional shares will be paid in cash. The number of shares to be issued will be determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution, based on the number of shares held on record date February 22, 2008, by the market value per share of the Fund's shares on March 19, 2008 or by the net asset value per share on that date, whichever is lower. The market value of the fund's shares for this purpose will be the last sales prices on the New York StockExchange on March 19, 2008.

**Cash Option # 2:** You may elect to receive the **\$0.31** per common share in cash.

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**PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS OVER THE PARTICIPANT TERMINAL SYSTEM (PTS) THROUGH THE ELECTIVE DIVIDEND SYSTEM (EDS) FUNCTION.**

**Participants not responding to the above option by 03/17/08 no later than 8:00 p.m. New York City time will receive the mandatory distribution in accordance with Option #1 (Stock with Fractions in cash).**

To confirm your Record Date positions, participants should access the Dividend Position and Allocation History (DPAL) Menu Option of the PTS Dividend Announcements Inquiry Function (DIVA).

If there are any questions regarding this Important Notice or the processing of related instructions via EDS, participants should contact DTC's Customer Service Helpline at (888) 382-2721