

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 2506

DATE: October 05, 2001

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Operations

FROM: Alan R. Hutton, Vice President, Securities Processing

ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer/Cashier

SUBJECT: Notice from The Bank of New York, as Stock Transfer Agent,
Regarding Temporary Certificates, and Related Information

Please review the attached notice from The Bank of New York, as stock transfer agent, regarding the use temporary certificates because of the events of September 11, 2001. Deposits of temporary certificates that are the subject of the attached notice and that are made in accordance with applicable deposit procedures are accepted at DTC.

In addition, The Bank of New York, as trustee of debt and UIT instruments, has not been able to issue physical certificates since September 11, although transfers subsequently presented to them have been duly recorded on their books. DTC has been informed that the issuance of physical certificates for transfers processed after September 11, and future transfers, is expected to resume next week. Withdrawal-by-Transfer (WT) requests requiring the issuance of physical certificates and submitted by participants on and after September 11 will remain open on DTC's books until physical certificates are issued and received. In the event a participant with an outstanding WT request urgently needs evidence of ownership for a transfer completed on the books of The Bank of New York that is pending the issuance of physical certificates, the participant should contact Charles Esposito, DTC manager, at (212) 855 – 5073, or Richard Merckling, DTC supervisor, at (212) 855 – 3681, for assistance.

**The Bank of New York, as stock transfer agent,
provides temporary certificates
because of events of September 11, 2001**

Because of extenuating circumstances arising out of the events of September 11, 2001, The Bank of New York, as transfer agent for corporations for which it acts, is providing temporary certificates reflecting share ownership recorded on its books.

Upon a subsequent transfer, The Bank of New York will deliver either a standard form of stock certificate for the corporation whose shares are transferred if such standard form is available at the time or, if not available, a temporary certificate. It is not necessary to exchange the temporary certificates for standard form certificates in order to effect transactions in respect of shares.