

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 2527
DATE: October 11, 2001
TO: All Participants
CATEGORY: Corporate Trust Services
FROM: Charles Blake
ATTENTION: Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Profile Participation

The following Direct Registration System (DRS) issues will begin participating in the Profile Modification System:

CUSIP	Description	Transfer Agent	Effective Date
401698105	Guidant Corporation	EquiServe	11/01/01
812387108	Sears, Roebuck and Co.	EquiServe	11/01/01

All issues that are currently eligible for DRS are expected to also be eligible for the Profile Modification System by November 1, 2001. Only Participants that have elected to be part of the Profile Surety Program (Please refer to Important Notice B# 1058 dated February 21, 2001 and reprinted on March 21, 2001) are eligible to process transactions through Profile.

As a reminder, if an indicator is not selected when submitting a W/T request for a DRS eligible issue, the W/T request will be rejected.

For further information, please contact your Relationship Management representative. This Important Notice may also be viewed on our Web site at “www.dtc.org.”