

The Depository Trust Company

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TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: Anthony Capizzi, Domestic Tax Services, Dividend Dept.

ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer, Cashier, Dividend Mgr. Tax Mgr.

SUBJECT: American Financial Group
CUSIP# 025932104
2000 Tax Information



December 8, 2000

TAX REPORTING NOTICE

TO INTERMEDIARIES HOLDING AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG) COMMON STOCK
CUSIP 025932 10 4

AFG anticipates that all or a portion of dividends paid in 2000 will constitute a return of capital. Consequently, the portion constituting a return of capital will not be subject to federal income tax as ordinary dividend income.

We are releasing this information now in an effort to facilitate Intermediaries' accurate tax reporting to the IRS and our "street name" shareholders. By reporting the tax information correctly in the initial transmission, many of your clients/our shareholders will be saved the trouble of having to file amended returns (upon receipt of a corrected 1099-DIV).

We anticipate issuing a definitive Tax Reporting Notice in early January, 2001 which will include the actual percentage of dividends to be treated as return of capital.

Please contact Anne Watson at (513) 579-6652 if you have any questions concerning this notice.