

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 1422-07
DATE: April 24, 2007
TO: All Participants
CATEGORY: Dividends
FROM: International Services
ATTENTION: Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers
SUBJECT: TaxRelief - Country: Sweden
Swedbank AB CUSIP: 870195104
Record Date: 05/03/07 Payable Date: TBA
EDS Cut-Off Date: 05/04/07 ****ONE DAY EDS****

DTC has been notified by JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., depository for **Swedbank AB**, that qualified U. S. beneficial owners, as defined in the double taxation convention between the United States and Sweden, are entitled to a reduced tax treaty rate of **15% (or 0% for qualified U.S. Pensions)** rather than the statutory withholding tax rate of **30%**, with the exception of owners whose shares are effectively connected with the beneficial owner's permanent establishment in Sweden.

Participants can use DTC's Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) to certify on behalf of U.S. beneficial owners that all or a portion of their position is entitled to the 15 percent treaty rate for cash and/or reinvested dividends.

Eligibility rules and all other legal conditions with respect to the use of EDS are contained in DTC's **TAXINFO (TAXI)** function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS).

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Mr. Sean Bollers or Israel Villoda of DTC's International Services at (212) 855-4706 or 4524 respectively.

NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING OVER EDS IS MAY 4, 2007.

*******CRITICAL - ONE DAY FOR EDS CERTIFICATION*******

Important Legal Information: The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") does not represent or warrant the accuracy, adequacy, timeliness, completeness or fitness for any particular purpose of the information contained in this communication, which is based in part on information obtained from third parties and not independently verified by DTC and which is provided as is. The information contained in this communication is not intended to be a substitute for obtaining tax advice from an appropriate professional advisor. In providing this communication, DTC shall not be liable for (1) any loss resulting directly or indirectly from mistakes, errors, omissions, interruptions, delays or defects in such communication, unless caused directly by gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of DTC, and (2) any special, consequential, exemplary, incidental or punitive damages.

To ensure compliance with Internal Revenue Service Circular 230, you are hereby notified that: (a) any discussion of federal tax issues contained or referred to herein is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed under the Internal Revenue Code; and (b) as a matter of policy, DTC does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice and accordingly, you should consult your own tax, legal and accounting advisor before engaging in any transaction

SWEDBANK AB - ORDINARY

CUSIP: 870195104

ADR R/D: 05/03/07

ADR P/D: TBA

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. has been notified by **Swedbank AB - Ordinary** that qualified U. S. beneficial owners, as defined in the double taxation convention between the United States and Sweden, are entitled to a reduced tax treaty rate of **15% (or 0% for qualified U.S. pensions)** rather than the statutory withholding tax rate of **30%**, with the exception of owners whose shares are effectively connected with the beneficial owners' permanent establishment in Sweden.

By certifying for the applicable withholding tax rate, the Participant is certifying that the criteria listed below have been met.

1. The Participant has determined that the beneficial owner of the shares (individual or legal entity) is a resident of the United States that is eligible for the 15% or 0% Swedish withholding tax rate.
2. The Participant hereby certifies that it will indemnify JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., (and its agents) for any liability JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. may incur as a result of reliance upon information provided by such Participant in connection with an EDS election, a claim for refund, or a failure to provide information requested by the Swedish Tax Authorities as described in item 5 below. JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. shall not be liable for failure to secure a refund of Swedish tax withheld.
3. The Participant understands that JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. shall not be liable for any loss resulting from fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rate that may reduce that value of any refund claimed.
4. The Participant agrees to immediately return to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. any funds erroneously received as a result of an improper EDS election or refund claim. In addition, The Participant agrees to pay any interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon.
5. If requested by the Swedish Tax Authorities (directly or indirectly), the Participant agrees to provide JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. with any of the following information/documentation respecting each beneficial owners for whom a reduced tax rate of 15% has been elected through EDS: the full names, complete addresses, the countries of residence for tax purposes, dates of birth, taxpayer identification numbers (including social security numbers), as well as the number of depositary receipts for which the reduced rate of withholding tax was certified, the rate that was applied, and any other information that may be reasonably requested, including possibly an IRS certification of U.S. residence on Form 6166. Such information/documentation will be provided within two weeks of The Participant being informed of the request. Claims submitted on behalf of 401(a) pension clients, electing to receive the 0% withholding rate, will need to provide this information to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. at the time the claim is made.

Claims for Exempt U.S. Pensions

Beginning in year 2007, U.S. pensions qualified under sections 401(a) and 501(a) are exempt from dividend withholding tax in Sweden. By fulfilling all of the following requirements, the custodian of the qualified U.S. pension certifies that all of the following are true:

The pension fund/trust is:

- 1) organized under the laws of the U.S.
- 2) established and maintained in the U.S. primarily to administer or provide pensions or other similar remuneration, including social security payments.
- 3) tax-exempt in the U.S. with respect to the activities described in item 2 above.
- 4) comprised of participants within the fund of which more than 50 percent are American residents.
- 5) a resident of the United States, provided that such dividends are not derived from the carrying on of a trade or business by the pension fund or through an associated enterprise.
- 6) confirming that the underlying security has been held in the account for at least two months prior to submitting the tax reclaim to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. If the shares are part of a securities lending transaction over record date, the two-month holding period is considered interrupted and as a result disqualifies the pension's eligibility to claim at the exempt rate.

In order to claim the exempt rate, such beneficial owners must provide the supporting documents outlined below to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. by **5 P.M. EST on May 4, 2007**:

- 1) **Form 6166** – An **ORIGINAL FORM 6166** must be provided that certifies that the pension plan is qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Service (“I.R.S.”) Code and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a). In addition, the “Tax Year” of the Form 6166 must represent the year in which the dividend is to be paid.
- 2) **ATTESTATION** – An **ORIGINAL ATTESTATION** must be provided along with the original Form 6166 in order to obtain the 0% withholding tax. This ATTESTATION must be completed on the DTC Participant's letterhead. (See “ATTESTATION”)
- 3) **POWER OF ATTORNEY** – A POA from the beneficial owner to the DTC Participant needs to be submitted. This can either be a copy or an original but must be on the letterhead of the pension.

Completed pension documentation should be sent to:

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. c/o GlobeTax
90 Broad Street 8th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Attn: Becky Zhang

IF PARTICIPANTS DO NOT CERTIFY THROUGH EDS FOR THE FAVORABLE OR EXEMPT RATES, THEY WILL RECEIVE THE DIVIDEND WITH THE 30% WITHHELD.

IF PARTICIPANTS DO NOT PROVIDE THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR EXEMPT ELECTIONS FOR U.S. PENSIONS THEN THEY WILL RECEIVE THE DIVIDEND WITH 15% WITHHELD.

(Swedish residents may not benefit from the favorable rate program.)

Eligible non-U.S. holders and Participants who failed to elect for their U.S. Beneficial owners by the date specified above, may submit a filing for quick refund prior to **June 15, 2007**. All other claimants have five

years from the year in which the dividend was paid to submit their claims through JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. / GlobeTax. Long form claims received will be filed on a periodic basis.

Partial Listing of Countries with Double Taxation Agreements with Sweden & Rates

<u>Country</u>	<u>Treaty Rate</u>	<u>Reclaim Amount</u>
Australia	15%	15%
Austria	10%	20%
Canada	15%	15%
Denmark	15%	15%
France	15%	15%
Germany	15%	15%
Ireland	15%	15%
Japan	15%	15%
Luxembourg	15%	15%
Netherlands	15%	15%
Portugal	10%	20%
Singapore	15%	15%
Spain	15%	15%
Switzerland	15%	15%
United Kingdom	5%	25%

For information about filing reclaims for non-U.S. beneficial owners or for information concerning filing a tax reclaim after the EDS certification deadline, as well as requesting the appropriate tax claim forms, please contact:

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
c/o GlobeTax
90 Broad Street – 8th floor
New York, NY 10004
Attention: Becky Zhang
Telephone: (800) 929-5484

Required Documentation for ALL Non-U.S. Beneficial Owners
(and non-pension U.S. Beneficial Owners who missed the EDS deadline)

1. **Cover Letter Required of DTC Participants**: Required letter certifying that the beneficial owner will not directly claim the Swedish Tax Authority. (Enclosed)
2. **Certification of Dividend Payment** (Enclosed)
3. **Certification of Residency**: In order to receive a reduction of this tax liability, you must provide proof of your residence. For U.S. residents, an IRS Form 6166 issued by the Internal Revenue Service which states the name and taxpayer identification number of the ADR beneficial owner is required. An IRS Form 6166 in the name of the ADR beneficial owner must be submitted for each dividend and must be dated within 2 years of the year of the dividend. Photocopies are accepted. To obtain Form 6166, the **IRS Form 8802: Application for United States Residency Certification** must be completed. Enclosed with this Notice is a blank Form 8802 and instructions on how to complete it.
4. **Swedish Tax Form – “Claim for Repayment of Swedish Tax on Dividends”**: This form must to be certified by the claimant’s local Tax Authority and be completed as a double-sided document with all applicable information. A blank copy of this form is enclosed with this Notice, as well as guidelines for filling it out. There is a separate form for residents of Austria and Switzerland, therefore please contact JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. / GlobeTax to obtain the appropriate form. If you have any questions

about these forms, please contact **Becky Zhang** at JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. / GlobeTax at (001) 212-747-9100.

5. **Power of Attorney:** The POA must be submitted and must be completed by and signed by the claimant (not by their representative).

RELIEF AT SOURCE PROCESSING IS SUBJECT TO A TAX RELIEF-AT-SOURCE PROCESSING FEE OF \$0.003 PER ADS.

POST PAY-DATE TAX RECLAIM PROCESSING IS SUBJECT TO A TAX RECLAIM PROCESSING FEE OF \$0.005 PER ADS WITH A MINIMUM TAX RECLAIM PROCESSING FEE OF \$25.00 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000.00 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER CLAIM.

**Note: The deadline for certifying over EDS is on May 4, 2007.
ORIGINAL U.S. Pension claims must arrive in our offices by May 4, 2007.**

FORMAT FOR COVER LETTER REQUIRED OF
DTC PARTICIPANTS FOR FILING A LONG FORM CLAIM

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD

[Date]

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
c/o GlobeTax
90 Broad Street, 8th floor
New York, NY 10004-2205
Attn: Becky Zhang

Enclosed please find tax reclamation documents, which we are submitting on behalf of our clients who have had excess tax withheld from dividends paid on Swedish ADRs. We, _____ [NAME OF DTC PARTICIPANT], also identified as DTC participant number [DTC PARTICIPANT NUMBER], hereby state that each beneficial owner cited below held the respective amount of shares on the record date of May 3, 2007 for the security Swedbank AB - Ordinary (CUSIP 870195104).

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their holdings, which total [TOTAL NUMBER OF ADRs CITED BELOW] ADRs. As required the following documents are attached: Swedish claim form, Certification of payment, Certification of Residency and a Power of Attorney for each beneficial owner. **The ratio for Swedbank AB - Ordinary is 1 ADR share to 1 Ordinary Share.** The information is as follows:

<u>Beneficial Owner Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Taxpayer I.D. Number</u>	<u>Number of ADRs</u>	<u>Number of ORDs</u>
1)				
2)				
3) etc.				

We authorize JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. to present this documentation on the behalf of the beneficial owners listed above. Please contact the undersigned at [Signatory's Telephone Number] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature of authorized signatory for DTC Participant]

[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

PAYMENT ADDRESS: _____

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. shall not be liable for failure to secure the refund and shall not be liable for any loss due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Any funds erroneously received shall be immediately returned to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., plus any interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon.

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD

ALL AMOUNTS MUST BE IN SEK

(Important - DTC Participants must complete a separate Certificate of Payment for each beneficial owner)

CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT

[DTC Participant Name] hereby certifies that the following beneficial owner (holding the security Swedbank AB - Ordinary ADRs (CUSIP 870195104) was a holder of record on May 3, 2007. The beneficial owner was paid the dividend less the 30% withholding tax at source and is entitled to the [Refund %] tax refund stipulated under the provisions of the "[Residence Country of Beneficial Owner]" Convention.

We hereby certify that we have paid the dividend to the beneficial owner of the following securities on <ADR Paydate >.

Agent: [DTC Participant Name]
[DTC Participant Number]

Beneficial Owner: [Beneficial Owner Name]
[B/O Address]
[B/O City, State, Zip Code]
[B/O Country of Residence]

Security: Swedbank AB - Ordinary

Ordinary Paydate: May 8, 2007

Shares held: [Number of Ordinary Shares Held]

Dividend Rate: 8.25 SEK per share

Gross Dividend: [Gross Dividend]

Amount of Tax Withheld (30%): [Amount of Tax Withheld]

Refund Amount Due (Reclaim %): [Amount of Refund]

Certified By
Authorized Signature [Sign Here] _____
NAME _____
TITLE _____
INSTITUTION _____

Date [Today's Date]

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PREPARED ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD

ATTESTATION FOR U.S. PENSIONS

[DATE]

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. / GlobeTax
90 Broad Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10004-2205
Attn: Becky Zhang

We, [NAME OF DTC PARTICIPANT], also known under DTC participant number [DTC PARTICIPANT NUMBER], hereby confirm that each U.S. pension cited below held the respective amount of shares on the record date of May 3, 2007 for the security SWEDBANK AB - ORDINARY (CUSIP: 870195104) and that all U.S. pensions cited below meet the following tax reclaim requirements:

The pension fund/trust is:

- 1) organized under the laws of the U.S.
- 2) established and maintained in the U.S. primarily to administer or provide pensions or other similar remuneration, including social security payments.
- 3) tax-exempt in the U.S. with respect to the activities described in item 2 above.
- 4) comprised of participants within the fund of which more than 50 percent are American residents.
- 5) a resident of the United States, provided that such dividends are not derived from the carrying on of a trade or business by the pension fund or through an associated enterprise.
- 6) confirming that the underlying security has been held in the account for at least two months prior to submitting the tax reclaim to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. If the shares are part of a securities lending transaction over record date, the two-month holding period is considered interrupted and as a result disqualifies the pension's eligibility to claim at the exempt rate.

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their respective holdings. As required a Form 6166 and a power of attorney are attached for each beneficial owner.

<u>Beneficial Owner Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Taxpayer I.D. Number</u>	<u># of ADRs held</u>
1)			
2)			
3)			
4) etc.			

We ask that JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A., as Depositary, present these withholding tax refund requests on the above beneficial owners' behalf. Please contact the undersigned at [SIGNATORY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER] should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. is not liable for failure to secure the refund and any funds erroneously received shall be immediately returned to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., including interest, additions to tax or penalties thereon. This is not tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor.