

The Depository Trust Company  
**IMPORTANT**

**B#:** 1551  
**DATE:** March 09, 2001  
**TO:** All Participants  
**CATEGORY:** Dividends  
**FROM:** Sean Bollers, Domestic Tax Services, Dividend Dept.  
**ATTENTION:** Managing Partner/Officer, Cashier, Dividend Mgr. Tax Mgr.  
**SUBJECT:** Advanced Tobacco Products, Inc.  
CUSIP# 00755G101  
2000 Tax Information

The attached correspondence containing tax information was received by the Depository Trust Company. If applicable please consult your tax advisor to assure proper treatment of this event.

Attachment

**ARTHUR ANDERSEN**

December 14, 2000

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Dear Jim:

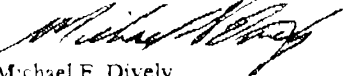
We have calculated current and accumulated earnings and profits through the year ending June 30, 2000. For the distribution from Advanced Tobacco Products, Inc. on January 10, 2000 of \$1,228,820, the following information should be used to complete Forms 1099 shareholder information:

	\$	%
Amount from Earnings and Profits (A dividend that is taxable as ordinary income)	\$ 455,168	37.0411 %
Amount from other than Earnings and Profits (A return of capital)	\$ 773,652	62.9589 %
Totals	\$ 1,228,820	100 %

Please verify that the date and total distribution for the year are correctly reflected above. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

By   
Michael E. Dively