

# The Depository Trust Company

# IMPORTANT

**B#:** 1744-07

**DATE:** June 22, 2007

**TO:** All Participants

**CATEGORY:** Dividends

**FROM:** International Services

**ATTENTION:** Operations, Reorg & Dividend Managers, Partners & Cashiers

**SUBJECT:** TaxRelief-Country: Spain  
Repsol YPF, S.A.  
CUSIP: 76026T205  
R/D: 07/03/07 P/D: 07/13/07 EDS Standard Cut-Off: 07/06/07

DTC has been notified by Repsol YPF, S.A. (the "Issuer") that interest derived from its securities bearing CUSIP 76026T205 the 18% Non-Resident Withholding Tax in Spain, subject to the exemptions described in the attached document.

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The Bank of New York  
c/o Globe Tax Services, Inc.  
90 Broad Street, 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

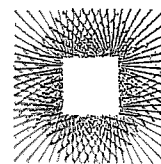
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

REPSOL YPF, S.A.

ADR Record Date: July 3, 2007

ADR Paydate: July 13, 2007



The BANK  
of NEW YORK

As Depository for the American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") of **Repsol YPF, S.A.**, CUSIP: 76026T205 The Bank of New York/ GlobeTax is distributing this important notice announcing tax refund procedures for residents of the United States.

On **July 13, 2007**, The Bank of New York will pay **82%** of the dividend to all DTC Participants, representing payment of the Repsol YPF, S.A. dividend of **(0.36 Euro per Ordinary Share)**. This dividend is subject to **18% withholding tax** under Spanish law. Under the Income Tax convention between the United States and Spain, U.S. residents are eligible for reduced Spanish withholding tax (for most people, at a rate of 15% rather than the usual 18%) on the dividends paid by Repsol YPF, S.A.

**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 applicable withholding tax rate for cash and/or dividend reinvestment. THESE ELECTIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED WITH ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION AS OUTLINED BELOW. THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING OVER EDS IS JULY 6, 2007.**

**If Participants do not certify through EDS for favorable rates or do not provide the supporting documentation by the deadline, they will be paid the dividend net of 18% in Spanish withholding tax.**

### QUICK FILING PROCEDURES FOR U.S. RESIDENTS DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS – U.S. RESIDENTS (required for each Beneficial Owner)

1. **BANK OF NEW YORK FILING COVER LETTER:** This cover letter must be submitted on the company letterhead of the DTC Participant. The cover letter should state the name, address, fiscal residence, taxpayer I.D., number of ADR shares, and the amount to be refunded for each ADR beneficial owner on the record date for which a claim is submitted. The format for the cover letter can be found in the following pages of this notice.
2. **CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY:** U.S. residents need to submit an **ORIGINAL** IRS Form 6166 signed and stamped by the Internal Revenue Service, which will verify the Beneficial Owner's name, tax identification number, and status as a resident of the United States. **This Form 6166 must mention the United States – Spain Income Tax convention and must be dated within 11 months of submission to the Bank of New York.**

When you have received Form 6166 from the IRS, please send **both** the Bank of New York Filing Cover Letter and original IRS Form 6166 **together** to:

**The Bank of New York/ GlobeTax**  
**90 Broad Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**New York, NY 10004-2205**  
**Attn: Repsol YPF, S.A.**

All DTC Participants who wish to file a request for a refund of excess withholding tax must submit the required documentation to the above address.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Shareholders who are residents outside of the U.S. are not eligible to claim via the Quick Refund Process, however they may file claims via the Standard Process. The Non-U.S. treaty rates are as follows:

**15% WITHHOLDING TAX:**

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belarus, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldavia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam

**10% WITHHOLDING TAX:**

Chile, China, Greece, Israel, Malta, Thailand, Venezuela

**FILING DEADLINES:**

The initial filing deadline for the quick process is **July 9, 2007 by 5 P.M. EST** for receipt by The Bank of New York/ GlobeTax. The final filing deadline for the quick process is **August 15, 2007 by 5 P.M. EST** for receipt by The Bank of New York/ GlobeTax.

**LONG FORM FILING PROCEDURE – FOR ALL SHAREHOLDERS**

Under the provisions of the Double Taxation Treaty, **shareholders generally have four years from the local payment date to file a claim** with The Bank of New York/ GlobeTax. Claims submitted after the quick process deadline of August 15, 2007 must be sent to The Bank of New York / GlobeTax.

Claims submitted after **August 15, 2007** will require:

1. **BANK OF NEW YORK FILING COVER LETTER:** This cover letter must be submitted on the company letterhead of the DTC Participant. The cover letter should state the name, address, fiscal residence, taxpayer I.D., number of ADR shares, and the amount to be refunded for each ADR beneficial owner on the record date for which a claim is submitted. The format for the cover letter can be found in the following pages of this notice.

2. **CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY (or Petición de Devolución for non-U.S. residents):** U.S. residents need to submit an **ORIGINAL** IRS Form 6166 signed and stamped by the Internal Revenue Service, which will verify the Beneficial Owner's name, tax identification number, and status as a resident of the United States. **This Form 6166 must mention the United States – Spain Income Tax convention and must be dated within 11 months of submission to the Bank of New York.**

**Petición de Devolución** must be completed by the country of residence of the beneficial owner and must cover the period of the dividend. These forms are only available for the following countries. (Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Sweden) A copy of these forms is available through The Bank of New York / GlobeTax by calling Ryan Stewart at (800) 915-3536 or (212) 747-9100. Residents of all other countries must provide an original Certification of Residency signed and stamped by their country of residence.

3. **Spanish PODER ESPECIAL (Special Power of Attorney):** must be submitted in Spanish and **must be Apostiled** by the relevant authorities. (See Poder Especial and Apostile). An English Version of this document has been provided for your assistance but only the version in Spanish will be accepted.

To obtain the appropriate forms, please contact:

**The Bank of New York / GlobeTax.  
90 Broad Street, 8th Floor  
New York, New York 10004-2205  
Attn: Ryan Stewart  
Telephone (800) 915-3536**

**QUICK REFUND PROCESSING IS SUBJECT TO A TAX RELIEF FEE OF \$0.0035 PER ADS CHARGED ON A PER BENEFICIAL OWNER BASIS.**

**STANDARD TAX RECLAIM PROCESSING IS SUBJECT TO A TAX RELIEF FEE OF \$0.005 PER ADS WITH A MINIMUM TAX RECLAMATION PROCESSING FEE OF \$25.00 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$5,000.00 PER BENEFICIAL OWNER CLAIM.**

*The Bank of New York Depository*

**SAMPLE FORMAT FOR COVER LETTER TO THE BANK OF NEW YORK / GLOBETAX  
CLAIMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS COVER LETTER**

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[DATE]

The Bank of New York / GlobeTax  
90 Broad Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004-2205  
Attn.: Repsol YPF, S.A.

Enclosed please find tax reclamation documents which we have submitted on behalf of our clients who have had excess tax withheld on Spanish 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 July 3, 2007 for the security **Repsol YPF, S.A.**

Below is the list of beneficial owners and their holdings. As required, original Certification of Residency, issued within the last 11 months (for each beneficial owner) and a PODER ESPECIAL (Apostiled) if necessary are attached. **The ratio is 1 ADR Share to 1 Ordinary share.** The information is as follows:

<u>Name &amp; address</u>	<u>Fiscal residence TIN/SSN</u>	<u># of ADR shares</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
1)			
2)			
3)			
4) etc.			
		Grand Total	_____

We ask that The Bank of New York, as Depositary, present these excess withholding tax refund requests on behalf of the above beneficial owners. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at [SIGNATORY'S TELEPHONE NUMBER].

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of authorized signatory for DTC Participant]  
[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR DTC PARTICIPANT]

PAYMENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Indemnification**

Participants will be fully liable for all withholding taxes and any claims, penalties or interest to the Spanish Tax Authorities (“charge=backs”), including without limitations, any foreign exchange fluctuations associated with such funds at the time due or payable. The Bank of New York shall not be liable for the failure to secure any refund.

**NOT REQUIRED FOR QUICK PROCESS (ONLY REQUIRED FOR CLAIMS  
SUBMITTED AFTER AUGUST 15, 2007)**

**PODER ESPECIAL**

(Lugar y fecha)

Ante mí, \_\_\_\_\_ actuando en calidad de Notario Público de la ciudad de \_\_\_\_\_

COMPARECE

\_\_\_\_\_ con domicilio en \_\_\_\_\_ y representante legal de \_\_\_\_\_

EXPONE

Que con el propósito de solicitar la reducción o devolución del exceso del impuesto español sobre las rentas retenido en la fuente.

OTORGA

Poder especial, tan amplio como en derecho sea necesario, a favor de Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) con número de identificación fiscal N° A-48265169 y con domicilio en Plaza San Nicolás 4, 48005 Bilbao, España para que pueda, en nombre y representación de \_\_\_\_\_ realizar todos los actos que sean necesarios y apropiados para:

1. Solicitar de las Autoridades Fiscales españolas la devolución del exceso del impuesto español sobre las rentas retenido en la fuente.
2. Cobrar las cantidades de que \_\_\_\_\_ sea acreedor por el concepto indicado y que deban ser devueltas por el Tesoro Público, firmando los recibos y otorgando las cartas de pago de los mismos.
3. Gestionar ante las sociedades emisoras expedientes de reducción.
4. Presentar toda clase de recursos administrativos y reclamaciones económico-administrativas ante las autoridades y tribunales correspondientes.

Este Poder ha de permanecer en vigor hasta que sea terminado por cualquiera de las partes, siempre que se haya dado aviso previo por escrito a la otra parte de la intención de terminarlo con cinco días de antelación.

**Y PARA QUE CONSTE EN ACTA NOTARIAL**

Y previa lectura, los comparecientes han firmado la presente acta con el Notario  
(firmado) (sello del Notario)

**English translation provided for information only**

**SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(Place and date)

Before me, (name of Notary Public)

acting herein in my capacity as Notary Public of the city of \_\_\_\_\_

**APPEARED**

(final beneficiary's representative) domiciled at (address) and legal representative of (final beneficiary's name)

**WHO DECLARED**

That, for the purpose of requesting relief or refund of the excess Spanish tax assessed on income withheld at source.

**GRANTS**

A Special Power of Attorney, as broad as is necessary under the law, in favour of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) with tax identification N° A-48265169 and domiciled at Plaza San Nicolás 4, 48005 Bilbao, Spain in order that it may, in the name and representation of (final beneficiary's name), carry out any and all acts which are necessary and appropriate for the following:

1. To present the Spanish Tax Authorities with a request for the refund of excess Spanish Tax Assessed on income withheld at source.
2. To collect the amounts owed to (final beneficiary's name) as a creditor in the above mentioned context to be refunded by the Public Treasury, and sign the receipts and execute the acquaintances of the same.
3. To manage in front of the issuing companies relief at source proceeds.
4. To present all types of administrative appeals and economic and administrative remonstrations to the relevant authorities and tribunals.

The Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until terminated by either party providing five days prior written notice of its intent to terminate to the other party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**

After reading this instrument the affiants have signed it in the presence of the Notary.

(Signed)

(Notary Stamp)

**APOSTILLE**

(The Hague Convention of 5 October 1961/Convention de La Hague du 5 octobre 1961)

- 1.- Country:  
Pays:

This public document/ Le present acte public

- 2.- has been signed by  
a été signé par .....

- 3.- acting in the capacity of  
agissant en qualité de .....

- 4.- bears the seal/stamp of  
est revêtu du sceau/timbre de.....

**CERTIFIED /ATTESTÉ**

- 5.- at..... 6.- the/le.....

7.- by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs - Court of Justice - Ministry of Foreign Affairs / par le Secrétaire d'Etat Principal de Sa Majesté aux Affaires Etrangères et du Commonwealth - Cour de Justice - Ministère des Affaires Etrangères

- 8.- Number/sous N° .....

- 9.- Stamp:  
Timbre 10.- Signature

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*For the Secretary of State / Pour le Secrétaire d'Etat*