

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 2488-07

DATE: November 9, 2007

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: International Services

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

SUBJECT: TaxRelief - Country: Switzerland
Zurich FDG TR II PFD 144A CUSIP: 989938204
Record Date: 11/15/07 Payable Date: 01/02/08
EDS Cut-Off Date: 11/26/07

DTC has been notified by The Bank of New York, the paying agent for the above referenced issue, that **PFD144A ZURICH FDG TR II** has declared a cash payment. This payment is subject to Swiss withholding tax of 35%, which will be refunded to those U.S. residents who qualify. A specialized tax reclaim procedure has been put in place for those who qualify for 0% tax withholding.

Participants are reminded that for filing reclaim purposes, they can certify their dividend payment information (tax withheld and applicable number of shares) by using their own records as well as printouts of their DTCC Cash Settlement Report for the applicable payment date and the "DIVA" Announcement, which reports the gross dividend rate and the withholding tax rate for the payment.

Note: THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING OVER EDS IS November 26, 2007.

Questions regarding this Important Notice may be directed to Mr. Larry Bottiglieri of the International area at DTCC at 212-855-4386 or Sylvia Antonio at 813-470-1559.

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

New York's First Bank - Founded 1784 By Alexander Hamilton

101 BARCLAY STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10286

November 9, 2007

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To: DTCC

From: Helene Yik, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Trust Operations

Subject: Tax Relief- Switzerland
PFD 144A ZURICH FDG TR II CUSIP: 989938204
Record Date: 11/15/07 Payable Date: 1/2/08
Trust II All in Rate: 16.450
EDS Cut-Off Date: 11/26/07
Agent Cut-Off Date: 11/27/07

Please inform all participants that a 35% Swiss withholding tax on interest will apply to the above referenced issue, which will ultimately reduce the distributions on the Trust Capital Securities I and II, unless the DTC participant provides the properly completed reclaim information to the Paying Agent in connection with the distribution no later than 11/27/07.

In order to have a valid election each participant must use the DTC's Elective Dividend System (EDS) function over the Participant Terminal System (PTS) or the Tax Relief function over the Participant Browser Service (PBS) to certify all or a portion of their position.

NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR CERTIFYING OVER EDS IS NOVEMBER 26, 2007.

In addition to certifying on DTC's PTS, participants must provide hard copy certifications (Annex A) supporting the EDS elections to the Bank of New York Mellon on or prior to **NOVEMBER 27, 2007**.

Participant must complete the information requested in Annex A and delivering the same to:

The Bank of New York Mellon
101 Barclay Street -7E
New York, NY 10286
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Fax: 212-815-3799/3800
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Attention: Janet Wong-Lee
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Attention: Philip Moran
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Attention: Judy Pon

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Attention: Libby Mitchell

Participants must certify on DTC's PTS **AND** submit hard copy certifications (Annex A) to The Bank of New York Mellon, otherwise the participants will be paid at the unfavorable rate.

Relief from the 35% Swiss withholding tax on interest is available via DTC EDS only to United States holders.

Holders making incorrect declarations or who have missed the deadline will be responsible for claiming or refunding any withholding tax to the Swiss Authorities at WWW.ESTV.ADMIN.CH. Participants will also be liable for any foreign exchange fluctuations impacting the amount of their refund or claim with the Swiss Tax Authorities.

Any questions regarding the attached annex should be directed to Philip Moran of The Bank of New York Mellon at (212) 815-8106.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Larry Bottiglieri of DTCC's International Services at (212) 855-4386

To: The Bank of New York (as paying agent)
 Attention: Philip Moran
 Phone: 212.815.8106
 Email: pmoran@bankofny.com

From: DTC Participant
 Name
 Phone
 Email

Security: Zurich Farmers RegCaps Funding Trust
 Cusip #

<u>Name Beneficial Holder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>US Taxpayer ID Number</u>	<u>Custodian has been informed that holder is a US tax resident? (Y or N)</u>	<u>Custodian has been informed that Holder is a US Corporation (Y or N)</u>	<u>Number of Trust Capital Securities Owned</u>

Total:

For Trust Capital Securities Held by Money Managers:

<u>Name Money Manger</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Percentage of Beneficial Owners that are US tax residents</u>	<u>Number of Trust Securities Owned</u>

Total:

(Must equal 100%)