

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 3033-08

DATE: February 27, 2008

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: Specialist, Stock Dividend Department

ATTENTION: Dividend Managers, Cashiers, and Reorganization Managers

SUBJECT: Optional Dividend: Equus Total Return, Inc.
 Common CUSIP: 294766100 R/D: 02/29/08 P/D: 03/31/08
 Rate: \$0.158 in Stock & CIL or Cash
 DTC EDS Cutoff: 3/21/08 no later than 8:00 p.m. N.Y.C. time

*****WARNING TIME CRITICAL*****

Participants, who have positions in the above captioned security, can elect to receive the distribution in stock or cash, as follows:

Stock Option #1: You may elect to receive additional shares of Equus Total Return, Inc. (NYSE Symbol: EQS) for the \$0.158 per share. Fractional shares will be paid in cash. The stock issued in the dividend will be valued at the average closing market price of EQS for the ten trading days ending March 24, 2008.

Cash Option #2: You may elect to receive the \$0.158 per share in cash.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS OVER THE PARTICIPANT TERMINAL SYSTEM (PTS) THROUGH THE ELECTIVE DIVIDEND SYSTEM (EDS) FUNCTION.

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Participants not responding to the above option by 03/21/08 no later than 8:00 p.m. New York City time will receive the mandatory distribution in accordance with Option #1 (stock with fractional shares paid in

cash).

To confirm your Record Date positions, participants should access the Dividend Position and Allocation history (DPAL) Menu option of the PTS Dividend Announcements Inquiry Function (DIVA).

If there are any questions regarding this Important Notice or the processing of related instructions via EDS, participants should contact DTC's Customer Help Center at (888) 360-3822.