

The Depository Trust Company  
**IMPORTANT**  
EXECUTIVE IMPORTANT NOTICE

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**DATE:** February 17, 2006  
**TO:** DTC PARTICIPANTS AND PLEDGEE BANKS  
**CATEGORY:** Executive Notices  
**FROM:** Ellen Fine Levine, Managing Director  
**ATTENTION:** Operation Manager/Managing Partner/Officer  
**SUBJECT:** YEAR-END REFUND FOR 2005

It is DTC's policy to return to its users such revenues as the Board of Directors believes exceed the funds required for the depository's operations.

At its December meeting, the Board approved the retention of approximately \$1.6 million before taxes to fund the preferred stock dividend. Any remaining excess revenues would be refunded to users of DTC's services. Accordingly, the yearend refund for DTC will be approximately \$115.5 million. This refund, together with the interim refund of \$30 million and monthly dividend and interest and reorganization investment income refunds of some \$12.6 million, will bring total 2005 refunds to DTC users to approximately \$158.1 million. In addition to these refunds, participants received approximately \$27 million of interest income on their cash deposits to the DTC participants' fund in 2005.

The year-end refund will be paid to DTC participants and pledgee banks in proportion to their share of total fees paid in 2005 (exclusive of pass-through charges, reject fees, penalties and other disincentive fees).

Refunds will be reflected on participants' February bills. If you have any questions on this notice, please contact your Account Executive or Edmund Schemitsch, Vice President, Finance, at (212) 855-3420.