

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

EXECUTIVE IMPORTANT NOTICE

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DATE: February 17, 2006

TO: DTC PARTICIPANTS

CATEGORY: Finance

FROM: Ellen Fine Levine, Managing Director

ATTENTION: Operation Manager/Managing Partner/Officer

SUBJECT: REFUND TRADESUITE USERS

In 2001, DTCC (through a wholly-owned subsidiary) contributed its institutional post-trade processing business, TradeSuite, to Omgeo LLC, a joint venture with The Thomson Corporation.

During 2005, DTCC's subsidiary received a distribution from Omgeo. The Boards of Directors of DTCC and its subsidiary approved the payment of \$19.1 million of this distribution to those DTC participants who used TradeSuite during 2005. Each DTC participant's share of the payment will be proportional to its share of total TradeSuite service fees.

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