

Letter of Request to Clearstream Banking for Reclaim of German Withholding Tax

Please mail the completed and signed certificate to:

Clearstream Services Prague Branch
Tax Services Prague
Futurama Business Park
Building B
Sokolovska 662/136b
18600 Prague 8
Czech Republic

Clearstream Banking¹ account: _____ (the "Account")

Dear Sir/Madam:

We refer to the following dividend payment on the following security:

Type of security (bearer share, registered share): _____

Issuer of the security: _____

Security code (ISIN or Common Code): _____

Dividend payment date: _____

Our Account with Clearstream Banking was credited with the above dividend under deduction of the maximum standard rate of German withholding tax on the following quantity of securities beneficially owned by the following beneficial owner:

Name of beneficial owner: _____

Residence of beneficial owner (full address): _____

Quantity of securities: _____

Total dividend amount received, net of withholding tax: _____

We hereby request that Clearstream Banking forward our application to the German Tax Authorities for a refund of EUR _____ of withholding tax, to which the beneficial owner is entitled by virtue of the Double Taxation Treaty between Germany and _____.

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¹ "Clearstream Banking": "Clearstream Banking" refers to (i) Clearstream Banking S.A. registered office at 42, avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg and registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B-9248 and (ii) Clearstream Banking AG (for Clearstream Banking AG customers using Creation accounts and Clearstream Banking AG customers) with registered office at 61, Mergenthalerallee, 65760 Eschborn, Germany and registered in Register B of the Amtsgericht Frankfurt am Main, Germany under number HRB 7500"

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Please credit the refunded withholding tax to Clearstream Banking account reference _____ upon receipt from the German Tax Authorities.

Request for Clearstream Banking credit advice for income payments up to 31 December 2011: *(please tick the box if appropriate):*

We hereby request that Clearstream Banking issues a credit advice reflecting our entire holding on the Account and the tax withheld at the maximum rate for the above-mentioned income payment.

We hereby authorise and instruct Clearstream Banking to attach such credit advice to the above reclaim request, which will be forwarded to the German Tax Authorities.

We further acknowledge and agree that a fee will be charged by Clearstream Banking to our Account according to the stipulations of the appropriate Clearstream Banking Fee Schedule.

Request for Clearstream Banking Tax Voucher for income payments since 1 January 2012: *(please tick the box if appropriate):*

We hereby request that Clearstream Banking issues a German Tax Voucher reflecting the mentioned position in our BO Upload List file.

We hereby authorise and instruct Clearstream Banking to attach such Tax Voucher to the above reclaim request, which will be forwarded to the German Tax Authorities.

We further acknowledge and agree that a fee will be charged by Clearstream Banking to our Account according to the stipulations of the appropriate Clearstream Banking Fee Schedule.

Note: An original OTCD must be filled and sent to Clearstream Banking before requesting the German Tax Voucher via the BO Upload facility on the Clearstream website.

With regards to the above, we hereby acknowledge and agree that:

- In case the withholding tax is refunded by the German Tax Authorities directly on the cash account of the beneficial owner, we undertake to inform Clearstream Banking immediately after the receipt of the funds by the beneficial owner. Additionally, we acknowledge that Clearstream Banking reserves the right to stop the service if we fail to comply with this undertaking in a repeating manner;
- The tax reclaim service offered by Clearstream Banking and by the agent for the Security may be subject to changes depending on the German Tax Authorities requirements;
- Neither Clearstream Banking nor the agent (if applicable) guarantee the acceptance of the reclaim or payment of the refund by the relevant Tax Authorities; and
- Clearstream Banking shall not at any time be held liable for any loss or damage caused by the tax reclaim procedure and shall be held harmless in respect of any liability arising from any action taken in relation to the tax reclaim procedure.

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We assume full responsibility for the accuracy, completeness and validity of the information contained in this Letter of Request and in any other certificate, document or information submitted with this refund request and will hold Clearstream Banking harmless for any claim, expenses, costs, penalties or liability in relation to the content of this Letter of Request.

We hereby warrant on a continuing basis that each of the signatories hereto and with respect to all documents submitted from time to time in relation to the Security has full power and authority to sign on behalf of the customer of Clearstream Banking mentioned below.

We understand and agree that signing this Letter of Request does not guarantee a tax refund.

This Letter of Request is governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Germany and the courts of Germany shall have exclusive jurisdiction for all legal proceedings relating thereto.

Yours faithfully,

_____ Authorised signature	_____ Authorised signature
_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Title	_____ Title
_____ Place	_____ Date

We attach:

- The completed and signed country-specific form or a "Request to the German Tax Authorities for Tax Refund as prescribed in a DTT"; and
 - Other documentation as required by the Clearstream Banking procedure.
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