

The Instructions accompanying the Letter of Transmittal should be read carefully before completing this Letter of Transmittal. Please contact the Depository or your investment dealer, stock broker, bank, trust company, or other financial advisor if you have any questions or require assistance in completing this Letter of Transmittal.

Offer to purchase for cash up to \$1.0 billion in value of common shares of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. at a Purchase Price of not less than \$85.00 and not more than \$98.00 per common share

**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
to Tender Common Shares of**



WEST FRASER TIMBER CO. LTD.

Pursuant to the Offer to Purchase Dated July 12, 2021

**THE OFFER EXPIRES AT 11:59 P.M. (VANCOUVER TIME) ON AUGUST 17, 2021,
UNLESS THE OFFER IS WITHDRAWN OR EXTENDED.**

Offices of the Depository, Computershare Investor Services Inc. for this Offer:

By Regular Mail:

P.O. Box 7021
31 Adelaide St E
Toronto, ON M5C 3H2
Canada
Attention: Corporate Actions

By Hand, Courier, or Registered Mail:

100 University Ave, 8th Floor
Toronto,
ON M5J 2Y1
Canada
Attention: Corporate Actions

For Inquiries Only:

Email Address: corporateactions@computershare.com
Toll Free in Canada and the U.S.: 1.800.564.6253
Outside North America: 1.514.982.7555

This Letter of Transmittal is to be used only if (i) certificates for common shares of the Company (the “Shares”) are to be forwarded with it or (ii) if Shares are held through the Direct Registration System (“DRS”) maintained by the Company’s transfer agent. If you wish to tender uncertificated Shares held through DRS, you are only required to complete this Letter of Transmittal and have it delivered to the Depository (i.e. you do not need to obtain and deliver certificates for such holdings of Shares).

Delivery of this instrument to an address other than shown above does not constitute a valid delivery.

TO: WEST FRASER TIMBER CO. LTD. (referred to as “West Fraser” or the “Company”)

AND TO: COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC. (referred to as the “Computershare” or the “Depository”)

The undersigned delivers to the Company the enclosed certificate(s) for the Shares and, subject only to the provisions of the Offer to Purchase dated July 12, 2021 and the accompanying Circular (the “**Offer to Purchase and Circular**”) regarding withdrawal, irrevocably accepts the Offer described below for such Shares described below upon the terms and subject to conditions contained in the Offer to Purchase and Circular.

Certificate Number(s)/ DRS Advice*	Name in which Registered	Number of Shares Deposited**

CHECK ONLY ONE BOX TO INDICATE HOW MANY SHARES YOU WISH TO TENDER

- ALL ABOVE SHARES
- PARTIAL TENDER**

* DRS holders do not need to provide certificates for Shares or DRS positions, but they do need to complete and deliver this Letter of Transmittal to the Depository.

** If you desire to tender fewer than all Shares evidenced by any share certificates or DRS position listed above, indicate here the total number of Shares you wish to tender. Otherwise, all Shares evidenced by such share certificates and DRS positions referenced above will be considered to have been tendered. See Instruction 4 in this Letter of Transmittal.

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TO: Computershare Investor Services Inc.

The undersigned (at Box L) hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned is the owner of the number of Shares, which Shares are represented by the share certificate(s) or DRS position(s) described above (and, for certificated Shares, delivered herewith, if applicable), and the undersigned has good title to the Shares represented by the said certificate(s) or DRS position(s), free and, clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances, and has full power and authority to herewith deposit such Shares.

The undersigned hereby tenders to the Company the above-described Shares at the price per Share indicated in this Letter of Transmittal or pursuant to a Purchase Price Tender (as such term is defined in the Offer to Purchase and Circular), as specified below, payable in cash (subject to applicable withholding taxes, if any) and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase and Circular and this Letter of Transmittal (which, as amended or supplemented from time to time, together with the Offer to Purchase and Circular and the related Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, constitute the "Offer").

The terms and conditions of the Offer are incorporated by reference in this Letter of Transmittal. Capitalized terms used and not defined in this Letter of Transmittal have the meanings ascribed to them in the Offer to Purchase and Circular that accompanies this Letter of Transmittal. In the case of any inconsistency between the terms of this Letter of Transmittal and the Offer to Purchase and Circular, the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Circular shall prevail.

This Letter of Transmittal, properly completed and duly executed, together with all other required documents, must accompany the certificates for the Shares tendered pursuant to the Offer unless such Shares are held through DRS. Any financial institution that is a participant in CDS or DTC may make book-entry delivery of the Shares through the online tendering systems of such clearing systems pursuant to which book-entry transfers may be effected by causing the applicable clearing systems to transfer such Shares into the Depository's account in accordance with such clearing system's procedures for such transfer. **Shareholders whose certificates are not immediately available or who cannot complete the book-entry transfer procedure or who cannot deliver to the Depository all other documents which this Letter of Transmittal requires by 11:59 p.m. (Vancouver Time) (the "Expiry Time") on August 17, 2021 (or such later time and date to which the Offer is extended, the "Expiration Date") may only tender their Shares according to the guaranteed delivery procedure set forth under the title "Procedure for Depositing Shares" of the Offer to Purchase. See Instruction 2 in this Letter of Transmittal.**

A Shareholder who wishes to tender Shares under the Offer and whose certificate is registered in the name of an investment dealer, stock broker, bank, trust company, or other nominee should immediately contact such nominee in order to take the necessary steps to be able to tender such Shares under the Offer. If an investment dealer, stock broker, bank, trust company, or other nominee holds Shares for a Shareholder, it is likely the nominee has established an earlier deadline for that Shareholder to act to instruct the nominee to accept the Offer on its behalf. A Shareholder should immediately contact the Shareholder's investment dealer, stock broker, bank, trust company, or other nominee to find out the nominee's deadline.

Shareholders should carefully consider the income tax consequences of tendering Shares under the Offer. See Section 12 "Income Tax Considerations" in the Circular that accompanies this Letter of Transmittal.

Subject to and effective upon acceptance for purchase of the Shares tendered hereby, pursuant to an Auction Tender or a Purchase Price Tender in accordance with the terms of the Offer, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to or upon the order of the Company all rights, title and interest in and to all Shares tendered hereby and accepted for purchase, and in and to any and all rights, benefits and claims in respect thereof or arising, or having arisen as a result of the undersigned's status as a Shareholder of the Company and in and to any and all distributions, payments (other than the Purchase Price), securities, rights, assets or other interests which may be declared, paid, issued, distributed, made or transferred, or may be payable, issuable, distributable or transferable, on or in respect of such Shares or any of them on or after the date upon which the Shares are taken up and paid for under the Offer, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints any officer of the Company as attorney-in-fact of the undersigned with respect to such Shares, effective from the time the Company takes up and pays for such Shares, with full power of substitution (such power of attorney being an irrevocable power coupled with an interest), to:

- (a) deliver certificates for such Shares, together with all accompanying evidences of transfer and authenticity, to or upon the order of the Company upon receipt by the Depository, as the undersigned's agent, of the Purchase Price;
- (b) present certificates or DRS positions for such Shares for cancellation and transfer on the Company's books; and
- (c) receive all benefits and otherwise exercise all rights of beneficial ownership of such Shares all in accordance with the terms of the Offer.

The undersigned hereby represents, warrants, and covenants that:

- (a) the undersigned understands that tendering Shares under any one of the procedures described in the Offer to Purchase and the instructions hereto will constitute the undersigned's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Offer, including the undersigned's representation that (i) the undersigned has a "net long position" in Shares being tendered or equivalent securities at least equal to the Shares tendered within the meaning of Rule 14e-4 under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), and (ii) such tender of Shares complies with Rule 14e-4 under the Exchange Act;
- (b) the undersigned has full power and authority to deposit, sell, assign, and transfer the Shares;
- (c) when and to the extent the Company accepts the Shares for payment, the Company will acquire good, marketable, and unencumbered title thereto, free and clear of all hypothecs, liens, charges, encumbrances, security interests, claims, restrictions and equities whatsoever, together with all rights and benefits arising therefrom, provided that any dividends or distributions which may be paid, issued, distributed, made or transferred on or in respect of such Shares to Shareholders of record on or prior to the date on which the Shares are taken up and paid for under the Offer shall be for the account of the undersigned;
- (d) on request, the undersigned will execute and deliver any additional documents that the Depository or the Company deems necessary or desirable to complete the assignment, transfer, and purchase of the Shares tendered hereby; and
- (e) the undersigned has read and agrees to all of the terms of the Offer.

The names and addresses of the registered owners should be printed, if they are not already printed above, as they appear on the certificates or DRS positions representing Shares tendered hereby. The certificates or DRS positions representing Shares tendered and the number of Shares that the undersigned wishes to tender should all be indicated in the appropriate boxes. If the tender is being made pursuant to an Auction Tender, the Purchase Price at which such Shares are being tendered should be indicated in Box B — "Auction Tender".

The undersigned understands that he or she must indicate whether the Shares are being tendered pursuant to an Auction Tender or Purchase Price Tender by completing Box A — "Type of Tender". All Shares tendered by a Shareholder and which have not been withdrawn, who fails to specify any Auction Tender price for his or her Shares or fails to indicate that he or she has tendered his or her Shares pursuant to a Purchase Price Tender will be considered to have tendered his or her Shares pursuant to a Purchase Price Tender.

The undersigned understands that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, the Company will determine the Purchase Price, representing a single price per Share (which will be not less than \$85.00 and not more than \$98.00 per Share and in increments of \$0.25 per Share) that it will pay for Shares validly deposited pursuant to the Offer and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer having an aggregate Purchase Price not exceeding \$1.0 billion (the "**Maximum Offer Amount**"). The Purchase Price will be the lowest price per Share that will enable the Company to purchase the maximum number of Shares validly deposited pursuant to Auction Tenders and Purchase Price Tenders and not withdrawn having an aggregate purchase price not exceeding the Maximum Offer Amount. For purposes of determining the Purchase Price, Shares

deposited pursuant to Purchase Price Tenders will be deemed to have been deposited at a price of \$85.00 per Share (which is the minimum price per Share under the Offer). If the Purchase Price is determined to be \$85.00 (which is the minimum price per Share under the Offer), the maximum number of Shares that the Company may purchase is 11,764,705 Shares. If the Purchase Price is determined to be \$98.00 (which is the maximum price per Share under the Offer), the maximum number of Shares that the Company may purchase is 10,204,081 Shares. Shares validly deposited pursuant to an Auction Tender will only be taken up if the price specified in the Auction Tender by the depositing Shareholder is equal to or less than the Purchase Price. If no Auction Tenders or Purchase Price Tenders are made pursuant to the Offer, the Company will not purchase any Shares pursuant to the Offer.

The undersigned understands that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer (including the proration provisions described in the Offer), all Shares properly tendered and not properly withdrawn pursuant to Auction Tenders at prices at or below the Purchase Price or pursuant to Purchase Price Tenders will receive the Purchase Price, payable in cash (but subject to applicable withholding taxes, if any), for all Shares purchased. All Shares not purchased under the Offer (including Shares tendered pursuant to an Auction Tender at prices greater than the Purchase Price and Shares not purchased because of proration), or properly withdrawn, will be returned (in the case of certificates representing Shares all of which are not purchased) or replaced with new certificates or the equivalent DRS position representing the balance of Shares not purchased (in the case of certificates representing Shares of which less than all are purchased), promptly after the Expiration Date or the date of withdrawal of the Shares, without expense to the Shareholder. In the case of Shares tendered through DRS, such Shares will be credited to the appropriate account, without expense to the Shareholder. The undersigned understands that a Shareholder who desires to tender different Shares at more than one price under an Auction Tender must complete a separate Letter of Transmittal (or make a separate electronic book-entry confirmation) for each price at which Shares are tendered. A Shareholder may deposit some Shares pursuant to an Auction Tender and others pursuant to a Purchase Price Tender. A Shareholder may not deposit the same Shares pursuant to more than one method of tender or pursuant to an Auction Tender at more than one price. Odd Lot Holders making an Auction Tender or a Purchase Price Tender will be required to tender all Shares owned by the Shareholder. The undersigned understands that if the aggregate purchase price for the Shares validly tendered, and not withdrawn, pursuant to Auction Tenders (at prices at or below the Purchase Price) and Purchase Price Tenders exceeds the Maximum Offer Amount, then the Company shall purchase a portion of the Shares so tendered pursuant to Auction Tenders (at or below the Purchase Price) and Purchase Price Tenders, as follows: (i) first, the Company will purchase all Shares tendered at or below the Purchase Price by Odd Lot Holders at the Purchase Price; and (ii) second, the Company will purchase at the Purchase Price on a pro-rata basis that portion of the Shares tendered pursuant to Auction Tenders (at or below the Purchase Price) and Purchase Price Tenders having an aggregate purchase price, based on the Purchase Price, equal to (A) the Maximum Offer Amount, less (B) the aggregate Purchase Price paid by the Company for Shares tendered by Odd Lot Holders. See Section 3 "Number of Shares, Proration" in the Offer to Purchase. The Company's determination as to proration shall be final and binding on all parties, absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The undersigned recognizes that under certain circumstances set forth in the Offer to Purchase and Circular, the Company may terminate or amend the Offer or may not be required to purchase any of the Shares tendered hereby or may accept for payment, in accordance with the applicable proration provisions relating to Shares tendered, fewer than all of the Shares tendered hereby. The undersigned understands and acknowledges that certificate(s) for any Shares not tendered or not purchased will be returned to the undersigned at the address indicated in Box L, unless otherwise indicated under Box E or Box F below. The undersigned recognizes that the Company has no obligation, pursuant to the instructions hereto, to transfer any certificates for Shares from the name of the registered owner if Shares are not purchased pursuant to the Offer.

The undersigned understands and acknowledges that acceptance of Shares by the Company for payment will constitute a binding agreement between the undersigned and the Company, effective as of the Expiry Time, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Offer, which agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

The undersigned understands and acknowledges that payment for Shares accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer will be made on or about the date on which the Company delivers funds on account of the aggregate purchase price for such Shares to the Depository (by bank transfer or other means satisfactory to the Depository), which will act as agent for Shareholders who have properly tendered Shares in acceptance of the Offer and have not withdrawn them, for the purposes of receiving payment from the Company and transmitting payment to such Shareholders. The undersigned further understands

and acknowledges that receipt by the Depository from the Company of funds on account of the aggregate purchase price for such Shares will be deemed to constitute payment of such aggregate purchase price by the Company and the receipt of such payment by such Shareholders. Under no circumstances will interest be paid by the Company or the Depository by reason of any delay in paying for any Shares or otherwise.

The undersigned understands and acknowledges that each of the Company and the Depository, as applicable, shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from any payment to any Shareholder pursuant to the Offer such amount as it determines is required to be deducted or withheld from such payment under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or any provision of any applicable federal, provincial, territorial, state, local, or foreign tax law, and remit such deduction or withholding amount to the appropriate government entity. To the extent that amounts are deducted or withheld, such deducted or withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes of the Offer as having been paid to the Shareholder to whom such amounts would otherwise have been paid, provided that such deducted or withheld amounts are actually remitted to the appropriate government entity.

The undersigned instructs the Company and the Depository to issue the cheque for the Purchase Price (less applicable withholding taxes, if any) for such of the tendered Shares as are purchased to the order of the undersigned or the name listed and mailed to the address indicated in Box L, unless otherwise indicated under Box E — “Entitlement Delivery” and Box F — “Mail Payment To 3rd Party Address”.

The undersigned acknowledges that (i) if the undersigned has an address on record in Canada, the undersigned will receive payment in Canadian dollars, subject to the undersigned’s ability to elect to receive payment in U.S. dollars by checking the applicable election under Box D — “Currency Election” below, and (ii) if the undersigned has an address on record outside of Canada, the undersigned will receive payment in U.S. dollars, subject to the undersigned’s ability to elect to receive payment in Canadian dollars by checking the applicable election under Box D — “Currency Election” below. The exchange rate that will be used to calculate any payments to be made in U.S. dollars will be established by West Fraser based on the prevailing Bank of Canada exchange rate for Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars on the date of calculation of the currency conversion. The risk of any fluctuations in such rates, including risks relating to the particular date and time at which funds are converted, will be solely borne by Shareholders receiving payment in U.S. dollars. There is no additional fee payable by Shareholders who elect to receive payment in an alternate currency (either Canadian dollars or U.S. dollars) instead of their default currency payment.

All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred in this Letter of Transmittal shall survive the death or incapacity of the undersigned, and any obligations of the undersigned under this Letter of Transmittal shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of the undersigned. Except as stated in the Offer to Purchase, this tender is irrevocable.

If a share certificate(s) has been lost, stolen or destroyed, you should contact the transfer agent for West Fraser Timber Co. to have your share certificate(s) replaced. Only after the share certificate(s) is replaced should the Letter of Transmittal be submitted to Computershare Investor Services Inc. together with your shares.

The undersigned agrees not to vote any of the tendered Shares taken up and paid for under the Offer, or distributions on such Shares consisting of securities, at any meeting and not to exercise any of the other rights or privileges attaching to any of such Shares or distributions consisting of securities, or otherwise act with respect thereto. The undersigned agrees further to execute and deliver to the Company, provided not contrary to any applicable law, at any time and from time to time, as and when requested by, and at the expense of the Company, any and all instructions of proxy, authorization or consent, in form and on terms satisfactory to the Company, in respect of any such tendered Shares or distributions consisting of securities. The undersigned agrees further to designate in any such instruments of proxy the person or persons specified by the Company as the proxyholder of the undersigned in respect of such tendered Shares or distributions consisting of securities.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this Letter of Transmittal to “\$” are in Canadian dollars.

**BOX A
TYPE OF TENDER**

Check only one box. If more than one box is checked or if no box is checked, all Shares identified above will be deemed to have been tendered pursuant to a Purchase Price Tender. Shares are being tendered hereby pursuant to:

**An Auction Tender
(Please complete Box B)**

A Purchase Price Tender

**BOX B
AUCTION TENDER
PRICE (IN CANADIAN DOLLARS) PER SHARE
AT WHICH SHARES ARE BEING TENDERED**

- In addition to checking "Auction Tender" in Box A above, this Box MUST be completed if Shares are being tendered pursuant to an Auction Tender.
- Check the appropriate box to indicate the Auction Tender price.
- Check only one box. If more than one box is checked or if no box is checked, all Shares identified above will be deemed to have been tendered pursuant to the Purchase Price Tender.
- Shareholders (other than Odd Lot Holders) may make multiple Auction Tenders but not in respect of the same Shares. If a Shareholder wishes to tender different Shares at different prices, a separate tender instruction by way of separate Letter of Transmittal must be submitted for EACH such tender.

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**BOX C
ODD LOTS**

(See Instruction 6)

To be completed ONLY if Shares are being tendered by or on behalf of persons owning an aggregate of fewer than 100 Shares as of the close of business on the Expiration Date.

The undersigned either (*check one*):

- will be the registered owner of an aggregate of fewer than 100 Shares as of the close of business on the Expiration Date, all of which are tendered; or
- is a broker, dealer, bank, trust company, or other nominee that (i) is tendering, for the beneficial owners thereof, Shares with respect to which it is the record owner, and (ii) believes, based upon representations made to it by each such beneficial owner, that such beneficial owner will own an aggregate of fewer than 100 Shares as of the close of business on the Expiration Date and is tendering all such Shares.

**BOX D
CURRENCY ELECTION**

All cash payments will be issued in Canadian dollars or U.S. dollars as indicated below unless otherwise elected below.

Shareholders with Address on Record in Canada

If the undersigned has an address on record in Canada, the undersigned will receive payment in Canadian dollars, unless the undersigned has elected to receive payment in U.S. dollars by checking the box below:

- Issue my cash entitlement payment(s) in U.S. dollars.

Shareholders with Address on Record Outside of Canada

If the undersigned has an address on record outside of Canada, the undersigned will receive payment in United States dollars, unless the undersigned has elected to receive payment in Canadian dollars by checking the box below:

- Issue my cash entitlement payment(s) in Canadian dollars.

If the undersigned is to receive payment in U.S. dollars, the undersigned agrees and acknowledges that: (a) the exchange rate used will be the rate established by West Fraser based on the prevailing Bank of Canada exchange rate for Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars on the date of calculation of the currency conversion; (b) the risk of any fluctuations in such rates, including risks relating to the particular date and time at which funds are converted, will be solely borne by the undersigned.

If you wish to receive your payment in Canadian or U.S. dollars, your certificate(s) and this validly-completed and duly-signed Letter of Transmittal must be delivered to the Depository.

BOX E

ENTITLEMENT DELIVERY

ALL CASH AND SHARE ENTITLEMENT PAYMENTS WILL BE ISSUED AND MAILED TO YOUR EXISTING REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CASH OR SHARES DISPATCHED TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE BOX B.

- MAIL CHEQUE/SHARES TO ADDRESS ON RECORD (DEFAULT)
- MAIL CHEQUE/SHARES TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS (MUST COMPLETE BOX F)
- HOLD CHEQUE AND/OR SHARES FOR PICKUP AT COMPUTERSHARE TORONTO OFFICE:

COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC.
100 UNIVERSITY AVE, 8TH FLOOR,
TORONTO ON
- DELIVER FUNDS VIA WIRE* (COMPLETE BOX G)

BOX F

MAIL PAYMENT TO 3RD PARTY ADDRESS*:

- CHECK BOX IF SAME AS EXISTING REGISTRATION (DEFAULT)

(NAME)

(STREET ADDRESS AND NUMBER)

(CITY AND PROVINCE OR STATE)

(COUNTRY AND POSTAL (ZIP) CODE)

(TELEPHONE NUMBER (BUSINESS HOURS))

* THE PAYMENT WILL REMAIN IN THE NAME OF THE REGISTRATION

**BOX G
WIRE PAYMENT***

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A \$100 BANKING FEE ON WIRE PAYMENTS. ALTERNATIVELY, CHEQUE PAYMENTS ARE ISSUED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.

*IF WIRE DETAILS ARE INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE, COMPUTERSHARE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT YOU AND CORRECT THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, IF WE CANNOT CORRECT THE ISSUE PROMPTLY, A CHEQUE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED AND MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON RECORD. NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

Please provide email address and phone number in the event that we need to contact you for corrective measures:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Beneficiary Name(s) that appears on the account at your financial institution – this **MUST be the same name and address that your shares are registered to

**Beneficiary Address (Note: PO Boxes will not be accepted) **City **Province/State **Postal Code/Zip Code

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**Beneficiary Bank/Financial Institution

**Bank Address **City **Province/State **Postal Code/Zip Code

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PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW, AS PROVIDED BY YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL BOXES.

**Bank Account No.

Bank No. & Transit No. (Canadian Banks)

ABA/Routing No. (US Banks)

(3 digits & 5 digits)

(9 digits)

SWIFT or BIC Code

IBAN Number

Sort Code (GBP)

(11 characters – if you only have eight, put 'XXX' for the last three)

Additional Notes and special routing instructions:

**** Mandatory fields**

BOX H
CANADIAN WITHHOLDING TAX

The following certifications assume that the undersigned is either (i) the beneficial holder of the Shares tendered (referred to as the “**Beneficial Owner**”), or (ii) holds the Shares tendered on behalf of one or more Beneficial Owners.

I. Tax Residency

All Shareholders must complete the following. See Instruction 12.

The undersigned certifies that the Beneficial Owner(s) (please check one box only):

- is (are all) resident in Canada for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Tax Act**”);
- is (are all) not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act; or
- include Beneficial Owners who are resident in Canada and not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act, and the aggregate number of Shares tendered on behalf of each is as follows:
 - Beneficial Owners resident in Canada: _____ tendered Shares
 - Beneficial Owners not resident in Canada: _____ tendered Shares

II. Non-Residents of Canada

Shareholders are only required to complete the following if (any of) the Beneficial Owner(s) is (are) not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act. See Instruction 12.

Applicability of a Tax Treaty

Non-resident withholding tax will generally apply, at a rate of 25%, to certain amounts paid or deemed to be paid in respect of Shares beneficially owned by persons not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act. Withholding tax may arise, for example, with respect to a deemed dividend arising pursuant to the Offer. However, if the Beneficial Owner is entitled to the benefits of a tax treaty entered into between Canada and the Beneficial Owner’s country of residence, the withholding tax rate may be reduced to less than 25%. To benefit from a reduced rate of withholding under a tax treaty, the Shareholder must properly complete and provide the documentation described below.

The undersigned certifies that (please check one box only):

- The Shareholder is the Beneficial Owner of the tendered Shares and either (please check one box only):
 - the Shareholder has completed and provided the Canada Revenue Agency’s Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person*, which is included with this Letter of Transmittal; or
 - the Shareholder has not completed or provided Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person;** or

The Shareholder is not the Beneficial Owner of the tendered Shares, there is only one Beneficial Owner, and either (please check one box only):

the Beneficial Owner has completed and provided the Canada Revenue Agency's Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person,* which is included with this Letter of Transmittal; or

the Beneficial Owner has not completed or provided Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person;** or

The Shareholder is not the Beneficial Owner of the tendered Shares, there is more than one Beneficial Owner, and (please check all applicable boxes):

the Beneficial Owners holding _____ tendered Shares have completed and provided the Canada Revenue Agency's Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person,* and these Forms, together with Schedule A,** are included with this Letter of Transmittal; and/or

the Beneficial Owners holding _____ tendered Shares have not completed or provided Form NR-301.**

If the Shareholder is a company, the undersigned certifies that (please check one box only):

The corporate Shareholder is the Beneficial Owner of at least 10% of the issued and outstanding voting shares of the Company.

The corporate Shareholder is not the Beneficial Owner of at least 10% of the issued and outstanding voting shares of the Company.

*** Partnerships or Hybrid Entities must complete Form NR-302 or Form NR-303, as applicable.**

**** FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION, PROPERLY COMPLETED, WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION OF A 25% WITHHOLDING TAX RATE TO A DEEMED DIVIDEND ARISING PURSUANT TO THE OFFER.**

ALL SHAREHOLDERS MUST COMPLETE THIS BOX

**BOX I
STATUS AS U.S. SHAREHOLDER
(PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX)**

Indicate whether or not you are a U.S. Shareholder or are acting on behalf of a U.S. Shareholder by placing an “X” in the applicable box below. A U.S. Shareholder is any holder of Shares that is either (a) providing an address in Box L (or, if completed, either Box E or Box F) that is located within the United States or any territory or possession thereof or (b) a U.S. person for United States federal income tax purposes as defined in “Important U.S. Tax Information for U.S. Shareholders” below.

- The person signing this Letter of Transmittal is not a U.S. Shareholder and is not acting on behalf of a U.S. Shareholder.
- The person signing this Letter of Transmittal is a U.S. Shareholder or is acting on behalf of a U.S. Shareholder.

A “U.S. Shareholder” is any Shareholder that is either (i) providing an address for delivery herein that is located within the United States or any territory or possession thereof, or (ii) a “U.S. person” for United States federal income tax purposes as defined below. If you are a U.S. person or are acting on behalf of a U.S. person, then in order to avoid backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax, you must provide a completed Form W-9 included below or otherwise provide certification establishes that you are exempt from backup withholding, as provided in the instructions. If you are not a U.S. Shareholder as defined in (ii) above, but you are a U.S. Shareholder as described in (i) above, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8 to be exempt from backup withholding.

U.S. Shareholders are advised that the Offer is subject to Regulation 14E (including, without limitation, Rule 14e-4 thereof) under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**BOX J
NOTICE OF GUARANTEED DELIVERY**

U.S. Shareholders are advised that the Offer is subject to Regulation 14E (including, without limitation, Rule 14e-4 thereof) under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- Check here if Shares are being delivered pursuant to a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery previously sent to the Depository and complete the following:

Name(s) of Registered Owner(s) _____

Date of execution of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery _____

Name of Eligible Institution Which Guaranteed Delivery _____

In the case of any inconsistency between the terms of this Letter of Transmittal and Notice of Guaranteed Delivery previously sent, the election on the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery previously sent shall prevail.

**BOX K
SHAREHOLDER(S) SIGN HERE
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS 1 AND 7)**

Must be duly executed by registered owner(s) exactly as name(s) appear(s) on certificate(s) or on a DRS position listing by person(s) authorized to become registered owner(s) by certificate(s) and documents transmitted with this Letter of Transmittal. If signature is by attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, officer of a corporation, or other legal representative acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, please set forth the full title.

Authorized Signature(s):

(Shareholder(s) or Legal Representative)

(Shareholder(s) or Legal Representative)

Name(s) _____

Capacity _____

Address _____

(Include Postal Code or Zip Code)

Area Code and Daytime
Telephone Number _____

TIN; SSN; SIN _____

U.S. Shareholders must provide their Taxpayer Identification No. or Social Security No. and complete IRS Form W-9; Canadian Shareholders must provide their Social Insurance No.

Date _____

**BOX L
SIGNATURE GUARANTEE
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS 1 AND 7)**

Authorized
Signature _____

(Guarantor)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Address

(Include Postal Code or Zip Code)

Area Code and Daytime
Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

FORMING PART OF THE TERMS OF THE OFFER

1. **Signature Guarantees.**

No guarantee of a signature is required if either:

- (a) this Letter of Transmittal is duly executed by the registered holder of the Shares tendered with this Letter of Transmittal exactly as the name of the registered holder appears on the share certificate or the DRS position tendered herewith, and payment and delivery are to be made directly to such registered holder pursuant to the information provided in Box L above; or
- (b) such Shares are tendered for the account of a Canadian Schedule 1 chartered bank, a member of the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program (STAMP), a member of the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (SEMP), or a member of the New York Stock Exchange Inc. Medallion Signature Program (MSP) (each such entity, an Eligible Institution). Members of these programs are usually members of a recognized stock exchange in Canada or the United States, members of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada, members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or banks and trust companies in the United States.

In all other cases, an Eligible Institution must guarantee all signatures on this Letter of Transmittal by completing Box M — “Signature Guarantee”. See Instruction 7 in this Letter of Transmittal.

2. **Delivery of Letter of Transmittal and Certificates; Guaranteed Delivery Procedures.**

Certificates for all physically tendered Shares, unless Shareholders hold Shares through DRS, together with a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal, or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, a Book-Entry Confirmation through the CDSX system (in the case of Shares held in CDS) or an Agent’s Message (in the case of Shares held in DTC), and any other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, should be hand delivered, couriered, or mailed to the Depository at the appropriate address set forth herein and must be received by the Depository by the Expiry Time (as defined in the Offer to Purchase and Circular).

Shareholders whose certificates are not immediately available or who cannot deliver certificates for Shares and all other required documents to the Depository by the Expiry Time may only tender its Shares by or through any Eligible Institution by properly completing and duly executing and delivering a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery substantially in the form provided (or an executed facsimile thereof) by the Company through the Depository (indicating the type of tender and, in the case of an Auction Tender, the price at which Shares are being tendered) to the Depository by the Expiry Time, which must include a guarantee by an Eligible Institution in the form set forth in the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, and by otherwise complying with this guaranteed delivery procedure as set forth in the Offer to Purchase under Section 5 “Procedure for Depositing Shares”. Pursuant to such guaranteed delivery procedure, the certificates for all physically tendered Shares, as well as a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal (or a manually executed photocopy thereof) or Book-Entry Confirmation or Agent’s Message in lieu thereof, relating to such Shares, with signatures guaranteed if so required in accordance with this Letter of Transmittal, and all other documents required by this Letter of Transmittal, must be received by the Vancouver, British Columbia office of the Depository before 11:59 p.m. (Vancouver time) on or before the second trading day on the Toronto Stock Exchange after the Expiration Date.

The Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be hand delivered, couriered, or transmitted by email transmission to the Vancouver, British Columbia office of the Depository listed in the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, and must include a guarantee by an Eligible Institution in the form set forth in the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery. For Shares to be validly tendered pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedure, the Depository must receive the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery by the Expiry Time.

Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, payment for Shares tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer will be made only after timely receipt by the Depository of certificates for such Shares, a properly completed and duly executed

Letter of Transmittal (or a manually executed photocopy thereof) relating to such Shares, with signatures that are guaranteed if so required, and any other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, a Book-Entry Confirmation through the CDSX system (in the case of Shares held in CDS) or an Agent's Message (in the case of Shares held in DTC).

The tender information specified in a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery by a person completing such Notice of Guaranteed Delivery will, in all circumstances, take precedence over the tender information that is specified in the related Letter of Transmittal that is subsequently tendered.

The method of delivery of all documents, including certificates for Shares, is at the election and risk of the tendering Shareholder. Delivery is only effective upon receipt by the Depository. If delivery is by mail, registered mail, properly insured, is recommended, and it is suggested that mailing be made sufficiently in advance of the Expiration Date to permit delivery to the Depository on or prior to such date.

The Company will not purchase any fractional Shares, nor will it accept any alternative, conditional, or contingent tenders except as specifically permitted by the Offer to Purchase and Circular. All tendering Shareholders, by execution of this Letter of Transmittal (or a manually executed photocopy of it), waive any right to receive any notice of the acceptance of their tender.

3. Inadequate Space.

If the space provided in any Box is inadequate, attach a separate signed document to this Letter of Transmittal.

4. Partial Tenders and Unpurchased Shares.

If fewer than all of the Shares evidenced by any certificate or by any DRS positions are to be tendered, fill in the number of Shares which are to be tendered in the box entitled "Number of Shares Tendered". In such case, if any tendered Shares are purchased, a new certificate and/or DRS position for the remainder of the Shares evidenced by the old certificate(s) and/or DRS position will be issued and sent to the address on record unless otherwise indicated under Box E or Box F on this Letter of Transmittal, promptly after the Expiration Date. All Shares represented by the certificate(s) or DRS position(s) listed and delivered to the Depository are deemed to have been tendered unless otherwise indicated.

5. Indication of Type of Tender; Indication of Price at Which Shares are being Tendered.

- (a) To tender Shares, the Shareholder must complete Box A — "Type of Tender" on this Letter of Transmittal or, if applicable, on the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, indicating whether he or she is tendering Shares pursuant to an Auction Tender (Box B) or a Purchase Price Tender. Only one Box may be checked. If more than one box is checked or if no box is checked, all Shares identified above will be deemed to have been tendered pursuant to the Purchase Price Tender. The same Shares cannot be tendered, unless previously properly withdrawn as provided in the Offer to Purchase and Circular, pursuant to Auction Tenders at more than one price. Shareholders may deposit different Shares pursuant to Auction Tenders and Purchase Price Tenders. However, if a Shareholder desires to tender Shares in separate lots at a different type of tender for each lot, such Shareholder must complete a separate Letter of Transmittal (or Book-Entry Confirmation or Agent's Message, as the case may be) or, if applicable, a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery for each lot which the Shareholder is tendering.
- (b) For Shares to be properly tendered pursuant to an Auction Tender, the Shareholder must complete Box B — "Auction Tender" on this Letter of Transmittal indicating the price per Share (in increments of \$0.25 per Share) at which the Shareholder is tendering Shares. A Shareholder wishing to tender different portions of his or her Shares pursuant to Auction Tenders at different prices must complete a separate Letter of Transmittal (or Book-Entry Confirmation or Agent's Message, as the case may be) for each price at which he or she wishes to tender each such portion of his or her Shares. The same Shares cannot be tendered pursuant to Auction Tenders (unless previously withdrawn as provided in the Offer to Purchase under "Withdrawal Rights") at more than one price.

- (c) No price can be specified by a Shareholder making a Purchase Price Tender. If a Shareholder checks “Purchase Price Tender” under Box A “Type of Tender” and indicates a price per Share in Box B “Auction Tender”, there is no proper tender of Shares.

6. Odd Lots.

As described in the Offer to Purchase under Section 3 “Number of Shares, Proration”, if the Company is to purchase less than all Shares tendered by the Expiry Time, the Shares purchased first will consist of all Shares so tendered by any registered Shareholder who will own, as of the close of business on the Expiration Date, an aggregate of fewer than 100 Shares and who tenders all of his or her Shares under Auction Tenders at or below the Purchase Price or under Purchase Price Tenders. This preference will not be available unless Box C — “Odd Lots” is completed.

7. Signatures on Letter of Transmittal, Stock Power and Endorsements.

- (a) If Box K in this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the registered owner(s) of the Shares tendered hereby, the signature(s) must correspond exactly with the name(s) as written on the face of the certificate or DRS position without any change whatsoever.
- (b) If the Shares are registered in the names of two or more joint owners, each such owner must sign in Box K, as applicable, in this Letter of Transmittal.
- (c) If any tendered Shares are registered in different names on several certificates, it will be necessary to complete, sign, and submit as many separate Letters of Transmittal as there are different registrations of certificates.
- (d) When this Letter of Transmittal is duly executed by the registered owner(s) of the Shares listed and transmitted hereby, no endorsements of certificate(s) representing such Shares or separate stock powers are required unless payment is to be made, or the certificates for Shares or DRS positions not tendered by the undersigned or not purchased by the Company, are to be issued, to a person other than the registered owner(s). Any signature(s) required on such certificates or stock powers must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution. If this Letter of Transmittal is duly executed by a person other than the registered owner of the certificate(s) listed, the certificates or DRS positions must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate stock powers, in either case signed exactly as the name(s) of the registered owner(s) appear(s) on the certificate or the DRS position, and signatures on such certificate(s) or stock power(s) must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution. An ownership declaration, which can be obtained from the Depository, must also be completed and delivered to the Depository. See Instruction 1 in this Letter of Transmittal.
- (e) If this Letter of Transmittal or any certificates or stock powers are duly executed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations, or any other legal representative acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing and must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Company or the Depository of their authority to so act.

8. Special Payment and Delivery Instruction.

The registered Shareholder may identify a person other than the person identified in Box L to whom the cheques and/or DRS position should be issued by completing Box E. Such cheques and/or DRS position will be sent to the address on record (unless otherwise indicated in Box E or Box F), unless a cheque evidencing payment for Shares tendered and/or a DRS position is to be held by the Depository for pick-up as indicated in Box E — “Hold for Pick-Up” on this Letter of Transmittal, in which case, the cheque evidencing payment and/or the DRS position will also be held for pick-up.

The undersigned may elect to receive payment for Shares tendered via a wire transfer instead of a cheque, by completing Box G — “Wire Payment”.

9. **Irregularities.**

All questions as to the number of Shares to be taken up, the price to be paid therefore, the form of documents and the validity, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance for payment of any tender of Shares, will be determined by the Company, in its sole discretion, acting reasonably, which determination will be final and binding on all parties, absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Company reserves the absolute right to reject any or all tenders of Shares determined by it in its sole discretion not to be in proper form or completed in accordance with the Instructions herein and in the Offer or the acceptance for payment of, or payment for, which may, in the opinion of the Company's counsel, be unlawful. The Company also reserves the absolute right to waive any of the conditions of the Offer or any defect or irregularity in any tender of any particular Shares. No tender of Shares will be deemed to be properly made until all defects and irregularities have been cured or waived. None of the Company, the Depositary, nor any other person will be obligated to give notice of defects or irregularities in notices of withdrawal, nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give any such notice. The Company's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the Offer (including this Letter of Transmittal and the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery) will be final and binding absent a finding to the contrary by a court of competent jurisdiction.

10. **Currency of Payment.**

Each registered Shareholder who has tendered Shares pursuant to the Offer and whose Shares are taken up will receive payment of the Purchase Price in either Canadian dollars or U.S. dollars. Each Shareholder with an address on record in Canada will receive payment in Canadian dollars, subject to their ability to elect to receive payment in U.S. dollars by checking the applicable box under Box D — "Currency Election" herein. Each Shareholder with an address on record outside of Canada will receive payment in U.S. dollars, subject to their ability to elect to receive payment in Canadian dollars by checking the applicable box under Box D — "Currency Election" herein. The exchange rate that will be used to calculate any payments to be made in U.S. dollars will be established by West Fraser based on the prevailing Bank of Canada exchange rate for Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars on the date of calculation of the currency conversion. The risk of any fluctuations in such rates, including risks relating to the particular date and time at which funds are converted, will be solely borne by Shareholders receiving payment in U.S. dollars. There is no additional fee payable by Shareholders who elect to receive payment in an alternate currency (either Canadian dollars or U.S. dollars) instead of their default currency payment.

11. **Questions and Requests for Assistance and Additional Copies.**

Questions and requests for assistance may be directed to the Depositary at its address and telephone numbers set forth below. Additional copies of the Offer to Purchase and Circular and this Letter of Transmittal and copies of the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be obtained from the Depositary or from the undersigned's local broker, dealer, bank, or trust company.

The Depositary for the Offer is:

Computershare Investor Services Inc.

100 University Ave, 8th Floor
Toronto, ON
M5J 2Y1
Canada

Attention: Corporate Actions

Toll Free in Canada and the U.S.: 1.800.564.6253

Outside North America: 1.514.982.7555

12. Tax Residency – Canadian Withholding Tax.

Canadian Resident Shareholders

To ensure that non-resident withholding tax is not withheld in respect of tendered Shares beneficially owned by a person resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act (referred to as a Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner), the Shareholder must certify in Section I of Box H that the Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner is a resident of Canada. Canadian Resident Beneficial Owners and Shareholders holding tendered Shares on behalf of a Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner are only required to complete Section I of Box H.

Non-Canadian Resident Shareholders

Non-resident withholding tax may apply in respect of Shares beneficially owned by a person who is not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act (referred to as a Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner). Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owners and Shareholders holding Shares directly or indirectly on behalf of a Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner are required to complete Sections I and II of Box H.

Applicability of a Tax Treaty

Non-resident withholding tax will generally apply at a rate of 25% to certain amounts paid or deemed to be paid (including a deemed dividend arising under the Offer) in respect of Shares beneficially owned by persons not resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act, unless a tax treaty is applicable to reduce the withholding tax rate. Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owners will be subject to withholding tax at 25% on any relevant amounts unless the information indicated in Section II of Box H is properly completed and provided (including any applicable Forms) along with this Letter of Transmittal.

If the Shareholder is the Beneficial Owner of the tendered Shares, the Shareholder must complete Form NR-301 (or, in the case of a partnership or hybrid entity, Form NR-302 or NR-303, as applicable) in order to claim the benefits under a tax treaty. If the Shareholder is not the Beneficial Owner of the tendered Shares, the Shareholder must obtain from each Beneficial Owner wishing to claim the benefits under a tax treaty a completed Form NR-301 (or, in the case of a partnership or hybrid entity, Form NR-302 or NR-303, as applicable), and if there is more than one Beneficial Owner, the Shareholder must also complete Schedule A. Shareholders and Beneficial Owners should consult their own tax advisors with respect to proper completion of these Forms in all relevant circumstances.

Shareholders who do not properly complete and provide Form NR-301 (or, in the case of a partnership or hybrid entity, Form NR-302 or NR-303, as applicable) and Schedule A (if applicable), will be assumed to be subject to 25% non-resident withholding tax rate on any relevant amounts.

13. Governing Law.

The Offer and any agreement resulting from the acceptance of the Offer will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

14. Privacy Notice.

The Depositary has a Privacy Statement that is available at www.computershare.com/ca/en or in writing or by telephone using the telephone number and address provided above in this Letter of Transmittal.

IMPORTANT: This Letter of Transmittal or a manually signed photocopy of it (together with certificates for Shares or DRS positions and all other required documents) or the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, where applicable, must be received by the Depositary at or before the Expiry Time unless Shares are properly tendered by a Book-Entry Confirmation through the CDSX system (in the case of Shares held in CDS) or an Agent's Message (in the case of Shares held in DTC) at or before the Expiry Time.

IMPORTANT U.S. TAX INFORMATION FOR U.S. SHAREHOLDERS

For purposes of this Letter of Transmittal, a U.S. person is a beneficial owner of Shares that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is (a) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (b) a corporation, partnership, or other entity classified as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof or therein, (c) an estate if the income of such estate is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source of such income, or (d) a trust if (i) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust, or (ii) such trust has validly elected to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

To avoid backup withholding of U.S. federal income tax on payments pursuant to the Offer, a U.S. Shareholder depositing Shares must, unless an exemption applies, provide the Depository with such holder's correct taxpayer identification number ("TIN") or employer identification number ("EIN"), certify under penalties of perjury that such TIN or EIN is correct (or that such holder is waiting for a TIN or EIN to be issued), and provide certain other certifications by completing the IRS Form W-9 included in this Letter of Transmittal. If a U.S. Shareholder does not provide his, her, or its correct TIN or EIN or fails to provide the required certifications, the IRS may impose certain penalties on such holder, and payments to such holder pursuant to the Offer may be subject to backup withholding at a rate currently equal to 24%. All U.S. Shareholders tendering Shares pursuant to the Offer should complete and sign the IRS Form W-9 to provide the information and certifications necessary to avoid backup withholding (unless an applicable exemption exists and is proved in a manner satisfactory to the Depository). To the extent that a U.S. Shareholder designates another U.S. person to receive payment, such other person may be required to provide a properly completed IRS Form W-9.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the amount of the backup withholding may be credited against the U.S. federal income tax liability of the person subject to the backup withholding. If backup withholding results in an overpayment of tax, a refund can be obtained by the U.S. Shareholder by timely providing the required information to the IRS. If a U.S. Shareholder has not been issued a TIN or EIN and has applied for a TIN or EIN or intends to apply for a TIN or EIN in the near future, then the U.S. Shareholder should write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN or EIN in Part I of IRS Form W-9 and should sign and date the form. If the Depository has not been provided with a properly certified TIN or EIN by the time of payment, backup withholding will apply. If the Shares are held in more than one name or are not in the name of the actual owner, consult the instructions on the enclosed IRS Form W-9 for guidance on which name and TIN or EIN to report.

Certain U.S. Shareholders (such as corporations and individual retirement accounts) are not subject to backup withholding but may be required to provide evidence of their exemption from backup withholding. Exempt U.S. Shareholders should enter the appropriate exempt payee code on IRS Form W-9. See the enclosed IRS Form W-9 for instructions. A U.S. Shareholder that is not a U.S. person and is not acting on behalf of a U.S. person should not complete IRS Form W-9. Instead, to establish an exemption from backup withholding, such U.S. Shareholder should properly complete and submit an IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8INIY, W-8ECI, or W-8EXP, as applicable, attesting to such exempt status. An appropriate IRS Form W-8 may be obtained from the Depository or on the IRS website (www.irs.gov).

ALL U.S. SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS TO DETERMINE HOW THE FOREGOING BACKUP WITHHOLDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THEM WITH REGARD TO THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

SCHEDULE A

**TO BE COMPLETED BY A SHAREHOLDER HOLDING SHARES ON BEHALF OF MORE THAN ONE
NON-CANADIAN RESIDENT BENEFICIAL OWNER CLAIMING BENEFITS UNDER A TAX TREATY**

Name of Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner	Number of Tendered Shares Held
Total	

If you are a Shareholder that holds Shares for more than one Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner that wishes to claim treaty benefits, please provide the name and number of Shares held by each such Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner. The name of each Non-Canadian Resident Beneficial Owner should match the name on the corresponding Form NR-301 – Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Person* that you are submitting with this Letter of Transmittal. Attach an additional schedule if more space is needed.

- Partnerships or Hybrid Entities must complete Form NR-302 or Form NR-303, as applicable.

Do not use this form:

- to support exemptions from tax under Article XXI of the Canada-U.S. tax treaty. You must apply to the CRA for a Letter of Exemption. Refer to guide T4016, *Exempt U.S. Organizations – Under Article XXI of the Canada-United States Tax Convention*.
- to support exemptions under a tax treaty that does not tax pension income if the total amount received from all payers is less than a certain threshold amount, or in other situations where Form NR5, *Application by a non-resident of Canada for a reduction in the amount of non-resident tax required to be withheld*, is applicable. See guide T4061, NR4 – *Non-resident tax withholding, remitting, and reporting* for more information on pension exemptions. In these cases, you have to file Form NR5 to receive a letter authorizing a reduction in withholding tax on pension income.
- to support exemptions from Part XIII withholding tax that are provided for in the *Income Tax Act*, such as fully exempt interest as defined in subsection 212(3); to support arm's length interest payments that are not captured by paragraph 212(1)(b); or to support reductions of the Part XIII withholding tax on rental income when the non-resident makes an election under Section 216. In these circumstances, the exemption or reduction is in the *Income Tax Act* rather than in one of Canada's tax treaties.

Business profits and disposition gains

For exemptions pertaining to services provided in Canada, including those provided by artists and athletes who are exempt from tax under a tax treaty, see Rendering services in Canada at cra.gc.ca/tx/nnrstdnts/cmmn/rndr/menu-eng.html or Film Advisory Services at cra.gc.ca/tx/nnrstdnts/film/menu-eng.html. These pages contain links to information for non-residents, including how to apply for a waiver of withholding tax. You may need to attach Form NR302, *Declaration of eligibility for benefits (reduced tax) under a tax treaty for a partnership with non-resident partners* or NR303, *Declaration of eligibility for benefits (reduced tax) under a tax treaty for a hybrid entity* to an application for a waiver in certain circumstances, such as when the applicant for the waiver is a partnership or hybrid entity. The payer of income for services provided in Canada must withhold tax on these payments unless the non-resident provides the payer with a copy of a tax waiver or reduction issued by the CRA for those services.

For exemptions pertaining to dispositions of taxable Canadian property, see Disposing of or acquiring certain Canadian property at cra.gc.ca/nrdpositions/. Vendors and purchasers will find information on filing forms T2062, T2062A, and T2062C on this page. Generally, the purchaser of taxable Canadian property has to withhold tax on the purchase price unless the vendor receives a certificate of compliance from the CRA, or other rules apply.

Information and instructions for the non-resident taxpayer

Part XIII tax

Part XIII tax is a withholding tax imposed on certain amounts paid or credited to non-residents of Canada. Subject to certain exceptions specified in the law, the rate of Part XIII tax is generally 25%. However, an income tax treaty between Canada and another country may provide for complete exemption from Part XIII tax or may reduce its rate.

It is the payer's responsibility to withhold and remit Part XIII tax at the appropriate rate and the payer is liable for any deficiency. For this reason, the payer may request a completed Form NR301 or equivalent information before applying a reduced rate of withholding tax. Without Form NR301, the payer may not be satisfied of your entitlement to treaty benefits for the application of less than the full 25% Part XIII tax rate.

Foreign tax identification number

Enter the tax identification number that you use, if you have one, in your country of residence. For individuals who are resident in the United States, this is your social security number.

Recipient type

Tick the appropriate type of non-resident taxpayer.

A foreign partnership that is treated as fiscally transparent under the laws of a foreign country, resulting in the partners paying tax on the partnership's worldwide income, should use Form NR302 to claim treaty benefits the partners are entitled to.

Hybrid entities (see "Amounts derived through hybrid entities" below) should use Form NR303 if they are considered "fiscally transparent" by a country that Canada has a tax treaty with and that treaty contemplates extending treaty benefits for income derived through the entity to the residents of that country who have an interest in the entity (e.g., see paragraph 6 of Article IV of the Canada-U.S. tax treaty). A foreign entity that is taxed as a corporation on its worldwide income under the laws of the foreign country completes Form NR301.

For other entity types, such as government entities and professional unincorporated associations, go to the CRA website at cra.gc.ca/formspubs/frms/nr301-2-3-eng.html.

Canadian tax number

Provide a Canadian tax number, if you have one.

Country of residence

Indicate your country of residence. You must be a resident of the country as defined in the tax treaty between Canada and that country. For more information, consult the publication *Income Tax Technical News No. 35* at cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tp/itnews-35/, published February 26, 2007.

Type of income

Enter the types of income being paid for which you are eligible for tax treaty benefits (such as an exemption from tax in Canada or a reduced withholding tax rate).

Note: Income, including interest and dividend income, paid by a trust (other than a deemed dividend paid by a SIFT trust to which subsection 104(16) applies) to a non-resident is considered "trust income" under the *Income Tax Act* and Canada's tax treaties.

Some tax treaties only reduce the Part XIII withholding tax on specific income types, such as interest or trust income, if the amount is taxable in the non-resident taxpayer's country of residence. To check if this applies to the income you receive, go to the Department of Finance website at fin.gc.ca/treaties-conventions/treatystatus_-eng.asp, or try the non-resident tax calculator at cra.gc.ca/partxiii-calculator/. For example, the Canada-United Kingdom tax treaty contains such a provision in paragraph 2 of Article 27.

Limitation on benefits

Limitation on benefits provisions prevent the unintended use of treaties by residents of a third country. Tax treaty benefits will be refused if any applicable limitation on benefits provision is not satisfied.

For example, Article XXIX-A of the Canada-U.S. tax treaty generally restricts full treaty benefits to "qualifying persons" as defined in that article. U.S. resident individuals are "qualifying persons." Corporations, trusts, and other organizations resident in the United States should consult the tax treaty article to find out if they meet the criteria. The document "CRA guidelines for taxpayers requesting treaty benefits pursuant to paragraph 6 of article XXIX A of the Canada-U.S. Tax Convention" at cra.gc.ca/tx/nnrstdnts/rtcl29-eng.html, provides the Canada-U.S. tax treaty in Appendix II and information for those who do not meet the criteria.

Certification and undertaking

This area should be completed and signed by:

- the non-resident taxpayer in the case of an individual;
- an authorized officer in the case of a corporation;
- the trustee, executor, or administrator if the person filing the form is a trust;
- an authorized partner in the case of a partnership.

A non-resident who does not satisfy the requirements of the limitation on benefits provisions, if any, contained in the tax treaty will not be entitled to all the benefits of the tax treaty. By signing this form you are certifying that the non-resident is entitled to a reduced rate of tax under a tax treaty.

During an audit or review, or while processing a related request, the CRA may ask you for more information to support the tax treaty benefit you claimed.

Change in circumstances

If a change in circumstances makes any information on the form incorrect, notify the payer immediately and fill out a new form.

Amounts derived through hybrid entities

A hybrid entity is in general a foreign entity (other than a partnership) whose income is taxed at the beneficiary, member, or participant level. For example, the United States resident members/owners of a Limited Liability Company (that is treated as a fiscally transparent entity under U.S. tax laws) may be entitled to treaty benefits if all the conditions in paragraph 6 of Article IV of the Canada-U.S. treaty are met. Under paragraph 6, an amount of income, profit or gain is considered to be derived by a resident of the United States if:

- 1) the amount is derived by that person through an entity (other than an entity that is a resident of Canada), and
- 2) by reason of that entity being considered fiscally transparent under U.S. tax laws, the treatment of the amount under U.S. tax laws is the same as it would be if that amount had been derived directly by that person. Paragraph 7 of Article IV contains additional restrictions on this look-through provision.

Entities that are subject to tax, but whose tax may be relieved under an integrated system, are not considered hybrid entities.

Where do I send this form?

Depending on your circumstances, send this form to one of the three areas noted below.

- If you receive income subject to Part XIII tax from a Canadian payer, or from an agent, nominee, or other financial intermediary who requested that you complete this form, send this form and your completed worksheets directly to the person who requested it, to reduce the Part XIII withholding tax on income being paid to you.
- If you derive income through a partnership or hybrid entity, and that partnership or hybrid entity asked you to complete Form NR301, send it to that partnership or hybrid entity.
- If requesting a certificate of compliance for the disposition of treaty-protected property, send this form, along with forms T2062 or T2062A, to the CRA according to the instructions on those forms.

Agents and nominees, or financial intermediaries

If you are an agent or nominee providing financial intermediary services as a part of a business, you should collect Form NR301, NR302, or NR303, or equivalent information, from the beneficial owner. See the instructions in Information Circular 76-12, *Applicable rate of part XIII tax on amounts paid or credited to persons in countries with which Canada has a tax convention*, and published updates to this information on the CRA website, for the suggested format to use for submitting the information to the Canadian payer or withholding agent. If you are an agent or nominee providing financial intermediary services as part of a business and you pay another agent or nominee amounts for non-resident beneficial owners, collect an agent/nominee certification from them as described in Information Circular 76-12 and published updates.

Instructions for payers

To determine the appropriate reduced rate of withholding, see the relevant Canadian tax treaty on the Department of Finance website at fin.gc.ca/treaties-conventions/treatystatus_-eng.asp, or try the non-resident tax calculator at cra.gc.ca/partxiii-calculator/.

Do not apply a reduced rate of withholding in the following circumstances:

- the non-resident taxpayer has not provided Form NR301 or equivalent information and you are not sure if the reduced rate applies;
- the form is incomplete (see note below);
- a tax treaty is not in effect with the taxpayer's country of residence; or
- you have reason to believe that the information provided in this declaration is incorrect or misleading.

Note: The foreign and Canadian tax number fields may be blank because not all non-residents will have these tax numbers.

Expiry date

For Part XIII tax withholding purposes, this declaration expires when there is a change in the taxpayer's eligibility for the declared treaty benefits or three years from the end of the calendar year in which the form is signed and dated, whichever is earlier. For example, if the taxpayer's mailing address has changed to a different country, you should ask the taxpayer for a revised Form NR301.

If you need more information, see Part XIII withholding tax at cra.gc.ca/tx/nnrstdnts/pyr/prtxiii/wthldng/menu-eng.html and select Beneficial ownership or Rates for part XIII tax.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as” (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity’s name as shown on the entity’s tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a “disregarded entity.” See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner’s name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner’s name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity’s name on line 2, “Business name/disregarded entity name.” If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys’ fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLA accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor [*]
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

***Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.