

ELECTRONIC DIVIDEND ELECTIONS

FACT SHEET

Nothing stands still in this computerised age and dividend elections are moving with the times. Computershare is playing its part with the introduction of its electronic dividend elections service.

This service allows shareholders to make dividend elections for DRIP and Scrip schemes electronically, rather than through the traditional paper-based method.

Participating shareholders may receive an email notification of entitlement but can also still receive a paper notification if they wish. CREST members can elect via the CREST system and other holders can elect on the web by registering as an Investor Centre member.

When available, this service also allows shareholders to electronically specify the currency that they would like their cash dividends to be paid in, or to specify part share, part cash election.

INSTITUTIONAL DEMAND

Because of the added simplicity in checking elections registered against their holding institutional shareholders benefit in terms of both time and cost savings. Electronic time stamping also eliminates disputes over receipt date and time.

RISK REDUCTION

By electing electronically, participants will be able to retain control of the election making process and significantly reduce the risk of misinterpreting instructions.

CONVENIENCE

Shareholders are generally moving towards managing their finance and investments on line, and this facility enhances the existing suite of electronic services. By reducing the reliance on the postal service, elections can be made or amended right up to the closing time, particularly benefiting overseas holders. Participants can check on the status of their instructions and amend them right up until the cut-off date.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Dividend elections by post produce an enormous quantity of paper mail that can be eliminated by switching to electronic communications. The move to electronic communications is not only beneficial in terms of time and convenience but is significantly helping to improve the environment as well.

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