

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



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Date: April 10, 2012
To: All Participants
Category: Dividends
From: Supervisor, Stock Dividend Department
Attention: Dividend Managers, Cashiers, and Reorganization Managers
Subject: Optional Dividend: Banco Santander S.A.
CUSIP: 05964H105 Record Date: 04/12/12 Payable Date: on or around 05/09/12
Rate: Approximately 0.22 Euros per ADR
DTC EDS Cut-Off: 04/19/12 no later than 8:00 P.M. New York time

*****WARNING TIME CRITICAL*****

Banco Santander S.A. has declared a script dividend which will permit shareholders to elect to receive the remuneration equivalent to the May dividend in cash or stock. Shareholders will receive one free subscription right for every share held on close of business 04/12/12, the record date. No rights will be distributed to holders of Santander ADRs. However, ADR holders will be permitted to elect one of the following options.

Option 1 Cash: You may elect to receive the entire distribution in cash at a fixed rate of approximately 0.22 Euro per share equating to an approximate net rate of 0.229106 USD per ADR. This distribution is subject to **21% Spanish withholding tax**. Holders will also be charged a cash distribution fee of \$0.0025 per ADS (**default**).

Option 2 Cash: You may elect to receive the net proceeds from the sale of rights in the Spanish market at a rate T.B.A. **This option is not subject to the 21% Spanish withholding tax**. Holders will also be charged a cash distribution fee of \$0.0025 per ADS. The trading period for the rights on the Spanish market is T.B.A. As a result, on the payment date, the value of the shares delivered in the script dividend may be more or less than Euro 0.22 Euros per ADR.

Option 3 ADRs: You may elect to receive new Santander ADSs at a rate T.B.A. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional ADRs at DTC participant level. **This option is not subject to the 21% Spanish withholding tax**. ADR holders will be charged an issuance fee of \$0.035 per new ADR

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issued. This distribution is based on the weighted average price of the Santander share on the Spanish Stock Exchanges T.B.A.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS OVER THE PARTICIPANT TERMINAL SYSTEM (PTS) THROUGH THE ELECTIVE DIVIDEND SYSTEM (EDS) FUNCTION.

To confirm record date history and payment information, participants should access the Dividend and Allocation History (DPAL) Menu Option, via the PTS Dividend Announcements Inquiry function (DIVA).

Participants not responding to the above option by 04/19/2012 no later than 8:00 P.M. New York time will receive the script dividend in the form of cash at a rate of 0.22 Euros per ADR held less 21% Spanish withholding tax. Holders will also be charged a fee of \$0.0025 per ADS, this in accordance with Cash, Option #1 (default).

If there are any questions regarding this Important Notice, or the processing of related instructions via EDS, participants should contact DTC's Customer Help Line at (888) 382-2721.

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Banco Santander, S.A has announced a scrip dividend. J.P. Morgan acts as the sole Depositary bank for the company's American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program.

On ADR Pay Date Participants who elect **Option 1 Cash** for the optional election through EDS will receive this dividend net of the full Spanish statutory withholding tax rate of 21% and may follow the withholding tax reclaim procedures outlined below to obtain treaty benefits. **Option 2 Proceeds** and **Option 3 Stock** are not subject to withholding tax and therefore no additional entitlement is possible.

Option 1 Cash beneficial owners may reclaim the difference between the statutory rate and the beneficial owner's rate of entitlement by submitting the required documentation to J.P.Morgan. There will be one "Quick Refund" filing deadline as stipulated below, all claims submitted after this date should be submitted through the Standard "Long-Form" filing procedure.

DIVIDEND EVENT DETAILS	
COUNTRY OF ISSUANCE	SPAIN
ISSUE	Banco Santander, S.A
CUSIP#	05964H105
DEPOSITARY	J.P. Morgan
ADR RECORD DATE	APRIL 12, 2012
ADR PAY DATE	ON OR AROUND MAY 9, 2012
ADR GROSS DIVIDEND RATE	0.220 €
ORD GROSS DIVIDEND RATE	0.220 €
RATIO	1 ORD : 1 ADR
STATUTORY WHT RATE	21%

CHARGES & DEADLINES

FILING METHOD	PAYMENT METHOD	DEPOSITARY SERVICE CHARGE	MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE PER BENEFICIAL OWNER	FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE (ALL TIMES EST)
QUICK REFUND	CHECK	\$0.0035 per ADR	\$25 & 60 EUR Custodial Fee	ESP DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2012; 5:00 P.M. DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE: MAY 18, 2012; 5:00 P.M.
STANDARD LONG-FORM	CHECK	\$0.005 per ADR	\$25 & 60 EUR Custodial Fee	APRIL 15, 2016

ELIGIBILITY MATRIX

RATE DESCRIPTION	RECLAIM RATE	ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
UNFAVORABLE - 21%	0%	NON-TREATY COUNTRIES	NONE
FAVORABLE - 15%	6%	ALL U.S. ENTITIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. IRS FORM 6166
FAVORABLE - 15%	6%	ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CROATIA, CUBA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MACEDONIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PHILLIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH KOREA, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UZBEKISTAN, VIETNAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE
FAVORABLE - 15%	6%	AUSTRIA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. PETICION DE REDUCCION (QUICK REFUND) 4. PETICION DE DEVOLUCION (STANDARD LONG-FORM)
FAVORABLE - 12%	9%	EGYPT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE
FAVORABLE - 10%	11%	CHILE, CHINA, GREECE, IRAN, ISRAEL, THAILAND, VENEZUELA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE
FAVORABLE - 5%	16%	COLOMBIA, MALAYSIA, MALTA, SAUDI ARABIA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE
EXEMPT - 0%	21%	SEE EXHIBIT II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER) 2. ESP SUBMISSION OR CLIENT LISTING ON EXHIBIT I 3. INCORPORATION DOCUMENT

DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTATION (QUICK & STANDARD RECLAIMS)

DOCUMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL / COPY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
EXHIBIT I (COVER LETTER)	LISTING OF BENEFICIAL OWNER INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS, TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, NUMBER OF SHARES)	ORIGINAL	DTC REPRESENTATIVE
IRS FORM 6166	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISSUED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATING THE NAME AND TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER - MUST MENTION THE UNITED STATES – SPAIN INCOME TAX CONVENTION - MUST STATE THE TAX YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE OR BE DATED 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE 	ORIGINAL	IRS REPRESENTATIVE
CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CERTIFIED BY TAX ADMINISTRATION OF BENEFICIARY'S COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, STATING (IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH) THE NAME AND TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER - MUST MENTION THE TREATY BETWEEN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE AND SPAIN - MUST STATE THE TAX YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE OR BE DATED 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE 	ORIGINAL	RELEVANT TAX AUTHORITY
PETICION DE REDUCCION & PETICION DE DEVOLUCION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CERTIFIED BY TAX ADMINISTRATION OF BENEFICIARY'S COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, STATING (IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH) THE NAME AND TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER - MUST MENTION THE TREATY BETWEEN THE COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE AND SPAIN - MUST STATE THE TAX YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE OR BE DATED 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE DIVIDEND'S <u>LOCAL</u> PAY DATE 	ORIGINAL	RELEVANT TAX AUTHORITY
INCORPORATION DOCUMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A COPY OF THE STATUES OF THE ENTITY WHERE IT IS MENTIONED THAT IT IS A SUPRANATIONAL ORGANIZATION. 	COPY	ENTITY'S REPRESENTATIVE

ESP

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Submit the data online through the web site below, print out the documents on letterhead, sign them, and mail them to JPMorgan / GlobeTax along with the necessary required documents.

These claims should be submitted through the following web site. (Requires a one-time registration)

<https://www.globetaxesp.com>

Please contact Ms. Hedy Kishel at 1-800-929-5484 or via email at Hedy_Kishel@Globetax.com if you have any questions about this process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

QUESTION	ANSWER
WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SHARES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECLAIM?	APPROXIMATELY 6,500 ADRs
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON QUICK REFUND RECLAIMS?	APPROXIMATELY 10-12 WEEKS FROM THE QUICK REFUND DEADLINE
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON STANDARD LONG-FORM RECLAIMS?	APPROXIMATELY 1-3 YEARS
CAN I SUBMIT ONE IRS FORM 6166 OR CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE FOR THE SAME BENEFICIARY FOR MULTIPLE PAY DATES?	NO. AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED FOR EACH DIVIDEND
IS THERE A RELIEF-AT-SOURCE PROCESS FOR THIS EVENT?	NO
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PETICION DE REDUCCION AND THE PETICION DE DEVOLUCION?	THE FORMS ARE IDENTICAL, HOWEVER, THE PETICION DE REDUCCION IS THE QUICK REFUND PROCESS AND THE PETICION DE DEVOLUCION IS FOR THE STANDARD LONG-FORM PROCESS
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO RECLAIM ON THIS DIVIDEND?	FOUR YEARS FROM THE DIVIDEND'S LOCAL PAY DATE. CLAIMS SUBMITTED PAST APRIL 15, 2016 WILL BE FILED ON A BEST EFFORT BASIS.

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EXHIBIT II- THE LIST OF THE TAX-EXEMPT ENTITIES

African Development Bank
Asian Development Bank
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
European Central Bank
European Investment Bank
European Monetary Institute
European Patent Organization
European Space Agency
European Union
Inter-American Development Bank
International Atomic Energy Agency
International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
International Civil Aviation Organisation
International Development Association
International Financial Corporation
International Fund for Agricultural Development
International Labour Organisation (ILO)
International Maritime Organisation
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
International Oil Council
International Telecommunications Union
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Spanish Red Cross
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations (UN)
United Nations Refugee Agency
United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO)
United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation
United Nations World Food Program
Universal Postal Union
World Health Organisation (WHO)
World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)
World Tourism Organisation (WTO)
World Trade Organisation
World Weather Organisation