

The instructions accompanying this Letter of Transmittal should be read carefully before this Letter of Transmittal is completed. If you have any questions or require more information with regard to the procedures for completing this Letter of Transmittal, please contact TSX Trust Company by phone at 1-866-600-5869 or by email at TMXEInvestorServices@tmx.com.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FOR COMMON SHARES OF META GROWTH CORP.

This Letter of Transmittal is for use by registered holders (“**Registered Shareholders**”) of common shares (“**META Shares**”) of META Growth Corp. (“**META**”) in connection with the proposed plan of arrangement under the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) (the “**Arrangement**”), whereby High Tide Inc. (“**High Tide**”) will acquire all of the outstanding META Shares. The Arrangement, which is to be considered at the special meeting of the holders of META Shares (“**META Shareholders**”) to be held on October 27, 2020, or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof (the “**Meeting**”), will be effected pursuant to terms of an arrangement agreement between META and High Tide, all as more particularly described in a management information circular dated September 23, 2020 (the “**Circular**”) prepared in connection with the Meeting. This Letter of Transmittal, properly completed and duly executed, together with all other required documents, must accompany certificates for META Shares deposited in connection with Arrangement.

Under the terms of the Arrangement, the META Shareholders (other than any META Shareholders validly exercising rights of dissent pursuant to Sections 191 of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), as modified by the interim order (the “**Interim Order**”) of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, Judicial Centre of Calgary (the “**Court**”) rendered on September 22, 2020 in respect of the Arrangement, and otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Arrangement (the “**Dissenting Shareholders**”)) will be entitled to receive, in exchange for each META Share held immediately prior to the effective time of the Arrangement (the “**Effective Time**”), 0.824 of one common share of High Tide (each whole common share, a “**High Tide Share**”) as set forth in further detail in the Circular. Registered Shareholders are referred to the Circular that accompanies this Letter of Transmittal. Registered Shareholders are encouraged to carefully review the Circular in its entirety. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Letter of Transmittal have the meanings set out in the Glossary of Terms in the Circular.

TSX TRUST COMPANY (THE “DEPOSITARY”) (SEE BELOW FOR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) OR YOUR BROKER OR OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISOR WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN COMPLETING THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

This Letter of Transmittal is for use by Registered Shareholders only and is not to be used by beneficial holders of META Shares who are not Registered Shareholders (the “Beneficial Shareholders”). A Beneficial Shareholder does not have META Shares registered in his, her or its name; rather, such META Shares are held by an intermediary or clearing agency such as CDS & Co. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder, you should contact your intermediary for instructions and assistance in delivering the certificates representing your META Shares and receiving the High Tide Shares for such META Shares. The closing of the Arrangement is expected to occur as soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of the Final Order, which is expected on or around October 28, 2020.

No fractional High Tide Shares shall be issued to former META Shareholders in connection with the Arrangement. The total number of High Tide Shares to be issued to any former META Shareholder shall, without additional compensation, be rounded up to the nearest whole High Tide Share if the fractional entitlement is equal to or greater than 0.5 and shall, without any additional compensation, be rounded down to the next lesser whole number of High Tide Shares if the fractional entitlement is less than 0.5.

In order to receive the appropriate number of High Tide Shares that a holder of META Shares is entitled to receive pursuant to the Arrangement, Registered Shareholders are required to deposit the certificate(s) representing their META Shares with the Depositary. This Letter of Transmittal, properly completed and duly executed, together with all other required documents, must accompany the certificate(s) for META Shares deposited for receipt of the High Tide Shares pursuant to the Arrangement.

Please note that the delivery of this Letter of Transmittal, together with your certificate(s) representing META Shares, does not constitute a vote in favor of the Arrangement. To exercise your right to vote at the Meeting you must attend the Meeting in person or complete and return the form of proxy that accompanied the Circular to META’s transfer agent and registrar, TSX Trust Company, all in accordance with the directions set forth in the Circular.

Regardless of whether the undersigned delivers the required documentation to the Depositary, as of the Effective Time, the undersigned will cease to be a holder of META Shares and, subject to the ultimate expiry identified below, will only be entitled to receive the High Tide Shares to which the undersigned is entitled pursuant to the Arrangement. REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT DELIVER CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING THEIR META SHARES AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPOSITARY ON OR BEFORE THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO RECEIVE ANY HIGH TIDE SHARES FOR THEIR META SHARES AND ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OF ANY KIND OR NATURE AGAINST META, HIGH TIDE OR THE DEPOSITARY.

Please read the Circular and the instructions set out below carefully before completing this Letter of Transmittal. Delivery of this Letter of Transmittal to an address other than as set forth herein will not constitute a valid delivery. If META Shares are registered under different names, a separate Letter of Transmittal must be submitted for each Registered Shareholder. See Instruction 2.

DIRECTION

TO: META GROWTH CORP. (“META”)

AND TO: HIGH TIDE INC. (“High Tide”)

AND TO: TSX TRUST COMPANY (the “Depository”)

In connection with the Arrangement being considered for approval at the Meeting, the undersigned delivers to you the enclosed certificate(s) for META Shares. The following are the details of the enclosed certificate(s):

Certificate Number(s)	Name in Which Registered	Number of META Shares Represented by Certificate

Some or all of the certificates representing META Shares held by the undersigned have been lost, stolen or destroyed (Check box if applicable). Please review Instruction 6 for the procedure to replace certificates that have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

It is understood that (i) upon receipt by the Depository of this duly completed and signed Letter of Transmittal and of the certificate(s) (if applicable) representing the META Shares deposited herewith (the “**Deposited Shares**”) and (ii) following the Effective Time, the Depository will deliver to the undersigned, in accordance with the issuance and delivery instructions provided in Box “A” and Box “B” below, certificates or direct registration system advices (“**DRS Advices**”) representing the High Tide Shares that the undersigned is entitled to receive under the Arrangement and the certificate(s) representing the Deposited Shares will forthwith be cancelled. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, pick-up at the offices of the Depository will not be available from the Effective Date until the time the offices of the Depository are re-opened to the public.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The undersigned holder of META Shares represents and warrants in favour of META and High Tide that: (a) the undersigned is the registered holder of the Deposited Shares, has good right and title to the rights represented by the certificates, if any, representing the Deposited Shares and that such Deposited Shares represent all of the META Shares owned, directly or indirectly, by the undersigned; (b) such Deposited Shares are owned by the undersigned free and clear of all mortgages, liens, charges, encumbrances, security interests and adverse claims; (c) the undersigned has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Letter of Transmittal and to deposit, sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Deposited Shares and that, when the certificates or DRS Advices representing the High Tide Shares are delivered, none of High Tide, META, or any affiliate thereof or successor thereto will be subject to any adverse claim in respect of such Deposited Shares; (d) the Deposited Shares have not been sold, assigned or transferred, nor has any agreement been entered into to sell, assign or transfer any such Deposited Shares, to any other person; (e) the transfer of the Deposited Shares complies with all applicable laws; (f) all information inserted by the undersigned into this Letter of Transmittal is complete, true and accurate; (g) the undersigned has received or obtained a copy of the Circular; and (h) the delivery of certificates representing the applicable number of High Tide Shares will discharge any and all obligations of META, High Tide and the Depository with respect to the matters contemplated by this Letter of Transmittal and the Arrangement. These representations and warranties shall survive the completion of the Arrangement.

Except for any proxy deposited with respect to the vote on the resolutions to be approved at the Meeting, as set out in Schedule "A" to the Circular, or as granted by this Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned revokes any and all authority, other than as granted in this Letter of Transmittal, whether as agent, attorney in-fact, proxy or otherwise, previously conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned at any time with respect to the Deposited Shares and no subsequent authority, whether as agent, attorney-in fact, proxy or otherwise, will be granted with respect to the Deposited Shares.

Pursuant to the Arrangement, the undersigned hereby agrees to transfer, effective at the Effective Time, all right, title and interest in the Deposited Shares and irrevocably appoints and constitutes the Depository and any other person designated by META and High Tide in writing, the lawful attorney of the undersigned, with full power of substitution to deliver the Deposited Shares and to effect the transfer of the Deposited Shares on the books of META to the extent and in the manner provided under the Arrangement.

The undersigned will, upon request, execute any signature guarantees or additional documents deemed by the Depository to be reasonably necessary or desirable to complete the transfer of the Deposited Shares contemplated by this Letter of Transmittal.

The Deposited Shares are hereby surrendered in exchange for certificates or DRS Advices representing High Tide Shares on the basis of 0.824 of one common share of High Tide for every one existing META Share. The undersigned acknowledges that in no event will the undersigned be entitled to a fractional High Tide Share.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that there is no duty or obligation upon META, High Tide, the Depository or any other person to give notice of any defect or irregularity in any such surrender of META Shares, and no liability will be incurred by any of them for failure to give any such notice. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that the delivery of the Deposited Shares shall be effected, and the risk of loss to such Deposited Shares shall pass, only upon proper receipt thereof by the Depository. Each authority conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned in this Letter of Transmittal shall survive the death or incapacity of the undersigned, and any obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

The undersigned authorizes and directs the Depository, to deliver or cause to be delivered a DRS Advice for High Tide Shares that the undersigned is entitled to pursuant to the Arrangement, in respect of the Deposited Shares, promptly after the Effective Time by first class insured mail, postage pre-paid to the undersigned, or to hold such DRS Advice representing the High Tide Shares for pick-up, in accordance with the instructions given below. In the event that a DRS Advice is not available, a High Tide share certificate will be delivered and mailed as per the instructions provided in Box "A" or Box "B", as applicable.

The undersigned acknowledges that the delivery of the High Tide Shares in respect of the Deposited Shares exchanged hereby will completely discharge any obligations of META, High Tide, and the Depository with respect to the matters contemplated by this Letter of Transmittal.

The closing of the Arrangement is expected to occur as soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of the Final Order, which is expected on or around October 28, 2020. The undersigned acknowledges that if the Arrangement is completed, the delivery of Deposited Shares pursuant to this Letter of Transmittal is irrevocable. If the Arrangement is

not completed or proceeded with, the enclosed certificate(s) and all other ancillary documents will be returned as soon as possible to the undersigned at the address set out below in Box "A" or, failing such address being specified, to the undersigned at the last address of the undersigned as it appears on the securities register of META.

It is understood that the undersigned will not receive any High Tide Shares in respect of the Deposited Shares until the Arrangement is consummated and until the certificate(s) representing the Deposited Shares owned by the undersigned are received by the Depositary at the address set forth on the back of this Letter of Transmittal, together with a duly completed Letter of Transmittal and such additional documents as the Depositary may require, and until the same are processed by the Depositary. It is understood that under no circumstances will interest accrue or be paid in respect of the Deposited Shares in connection with the Arrangement.

By reason of the use by the undersigned of this Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned and each of the persons to whom it is directed shall be deemed to have required that any contract in connection with the delivery of the META Shares pursuant to the Arrangement through this Letter of Transmittal, as well as all documents related thereto, be drawn exclusively in the English language. En raison de l'utilisation de la présente lettre d'envoi en langue anglaise par le soussigné, le soussigné et les destinataires sont présumés avoir requis que tout contrat relié à l'envoi d'actions ordinaires de META en vertu de l'arrangement au moyen de la présente lettre d'envoi, de même que tous les documents qui s'y rapportent, soient rédigés exclusivement en langue anglaise.

Each authority conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned in this Letter of Transmittal may be exercised during any subsequent legal incapacity of the undersigned and all obligations of the undersigned in this Letter of Transmittal shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned.

BOX A
ENTITLEMENT DELIVERY

All share entitlement payments will be issued and mailed to your existing registration unless otherwise stated. If you would like your High Tide Shares / DRS advice issued to a different name or address, please complete BOX "B" and refer to INSTRUCTION 3

- MAIL HIGH TIDE SHARES / DRS ADVICE TO ADDRESS ON RECORD **(DEFAULT)**
- MAIL HIGH TIDE SHARES / DRS ADVICE TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS (MUST COMPLETE BOX "B")
- HOLD HIGH TIDE SHARES / DRS ADVICE FOR PICKUP AT TSX TRUST COMPANY OFFICE IN TORONTO

- See Box "C", below.

SEE ADDRESS SET FORTH ON THE BACK OF THIS LETTER
OF TRANSMITTAL FOR OFFICE ADDRESS

BOX B
ISSUE HIGH TIDE SHARES IN THE NAME OF:*

CHECK BOX IF SAME AS EXISTING REGISTRATION **(DEFAULT)**

(NAME)

(STREET NUMBER AND NAME)

(CITY AND PROVINCE/STATE)

(COUNTRY AND POSTAL/ZIP CODE)

(TELEPHONE NUMBER (BUSINESS HOURS))

* IF THIS NAME OR ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR REGISTRATION, PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS (SEE INSTRUCTION SECTION 2 & 3)

BOX C
SPECIAL PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, pick-up at the office of the Depository may not be possible. META Shareholders selecting this option should contact the Depository to confirm availability of pick-up following the Effective Time. If pick-up is not available at such time, the Depository will mail the High Tide Shares payable in accordance with the information provided in Box "A" and/or Box "B", as applicable, and as otherwise described in this Letter of Transmittal. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, pick-up at the offices of the Depository will not be available from the Effective Date until the time the offices of the Depository are re-opened to the public.

BOX D

CERTIFICATION FOR CANADIAN WITHHOLDINGS TAX PURPOSES

All Registered Shareholders must place an "X" in the applicable box below.

The undersigned certifies that the beneficial owner of the Deposited Shares:

- Is not a non-resident of Canada.

- Is a non-resident of Canada entitled to the benefits of a treaty between Canada and their country of residence (Please complete form NR301 – "Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Taxpayer" or, if applicable, form NR302 or NR303).

- Is a non-resident of Canada not entitled to treaty benefits.

Notes:

- (1) A non-resident of Canada is a person that is not resident, or deemed not to be resident, in Canada, for the purposes of the Tax Act (as defined below) or a partnership that is not a "Canadian partnership" as defined in the Tax Act. If you are uncertain as to residency or the residency of the beneficial holder(s) of the Deposited Shares, you should consult your tax advisor.
- (2) If no box is checked above, the address provided in Box "A" will be deemed to be the residential address of the beneficial owner of the Deposited Shares for determining such META Shareholder's residency for the purpose of the Tax Act. If no box is checked above and the address provided in Box "A" is outside Canada, or if the box is checked above indicating that the beneficial owner of the Deposited Shares is a non-resident entitled to treaty benefits, but the Registered Shareholder fails to submit a duly completed and signed form as required pursuant to Instruction 10, the META Shareholders will be deemed to be a non-resident of Canada who is not entitled to treaty benefits.

BOX E

U.S. SHAREHOLDERS – TAX

To be completed by all Registered Shareholders by selecting one box.

INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE A U.S. SHAREHOLDER, ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF A U.S. SHAREHOLDER OR HAVE A U.S. ADDRESS.

- The person signing this Letter of Transmittal represents that it is not a U.S. Shareholder, is not acting on behalf of a U.S. Shareholder and does not have a U.S. address, or

- The person signing this Letter of Transmittal represents that it is a U.S. Shareholder, is acting on behalf of a U.S. Shareholder or has a U.S. address.

A "U.S. Shareholder" is any holder of META Shares that (i) is a citizen or resident of the United States or that is otherwise a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes; (ii) provides an address in Box "A" or Box "B" which is located within the United States or any territory in possession thereof; or (iii) returns this Letter of Transmittal in an envelope postmarked in, or that otherwise appears to the Depository or its agents to have been sent from, the United States or any territory in possession thereof.

IF YOU ARE (I) U.S. SHAREHOLDER, (II) ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF A U.S. SHAREHOLDER OR (III) HAVE A U.S. ADDRESS, THEN IN ORDER TO AVOID BACK-UP WITHHOLDING ON FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS ON HIGH TIDE SHARES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE ARRANGEMENT YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPOSITARY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS") FORM W9 INCLUDED BELOW OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE CERTIFICATION THAT YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING, AS PROVIDED IN INSTRUCTION 10 BELOW. IF YOU REQUIRE AN IRS FORM W-8, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPOSITARY.

EACH HOLDER OF META SHARES SHOULD CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISOR TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH AN IRS FORM W-9, IS EXEMPT FROM BACKUP WITHHOLDING AND INFORMATION REPORTING, OR IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH AN IRS FORM W-8 (OR OTHER APPLICABLE FORM). PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTION 10 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SHAREHOLDER SIGNATURE(S)

Signature guaranteed by
(if required under Instruction 3)

Dated: _____, 2020

Authorized Signature

Signature of Shareholder or authorized
representative (see Instructions 2 and 4)

Name of Guarantor (please print or type)

Address

Name of Shareholder (please print or type)

Address of Guarantor (please print or type)

Telephone No

Name of authorized representative, if
applicable (please print or type)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use of Letter of Transmittal

- (a) Registered Shareholders should read the accompanying Circular prior to completing this Letter of Transmittal. The terms and conditions of the Arrangement are incorporated by reference into this Letter of Transmittal and capitalized terms used but not defined in this Letter of Transmittal have the meanings set out in the Glossary of Terms in the Circular.
- (b) This Letter of Transmittal duly completed and signed (or an originally signed facsimile copy thereof) together with accompanying certificates representing the Deposited Shares and all other required documents must be sent or delivered to the Depository at the address set out on the back of this Letter of Transmittal. In order to receive the High Tide Shares under the Arrangement for the Deposited Shares, it is recommended that the foregoing documents be received by the Depository at the address set out on the back of this Letter of Transmittal as soon as possible. Do not send the certificates or the Letter of Transmittal to META or High Tide.
- (c) The method used to deliver this Letter of Transmittal and any accompanying certificates representing Deposited Shares and all other required documents is at the option and risk of the Registered Shareholder and delivery will be deemed effective only when such documents are actually received by the Depository. High Tide, META and the Depository recommend that the necessary documentation be hand delivered to the Depository at the address set out on the back of this Letter of Transmittal, and a receipt obtained; otherwise, the use of registered mail with return receipt requested, properly insured, is recommended. Beneficial Shareholders whose META Shares are registered in the name of a broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company or other nominee should contact that nominee for assistance in depositing those META Shares. Delivery to an office other than to the office of the Depository as specified herein does not constitute delivery for this purpose.
- (d) If the High Tide Shares are to be issued in the name of a person other than the person(s) signing this Letter of Transmittal, or if the certificates or DRS advices representing the High Tide Shares are to be mailed to someone other than the person(s) signing this Letter of Transmittal or to the person(s) signing this Letter of Transmittal at an address other than that shown above, the appropriate box on this Letter of Transmittal should be completed (Box "B").

2. Signatures

This Letter of Transmittal must be filled in and signed by the Registered Shareholder or by such holder's duly authorized representative (in accordance with Instruction 4).

- (a) If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the Registered Shareholder(s) of the accompanying certificate(s), such signature(s) on this Letter of Transmittal must correspond with the names(s) as registered or as written on the face of such certificate(s) without any change whatsoever, and the certificate(s) need not be endorsed. If such deposited certificate(s) are owned of record by two or more joint owners, all such owners must sign the Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered owner(s) of the accompanying certificate(s):
 - (i) such deposited certificate(s) must be endorsed or be accompanied by an appropriate share transfer power of attorney duly and properly completed by the registered owner(s); and
 - (ii) the signature(s) on such endorsement or share transfer power of attorney must correspond exactly to the name(s) of the registered owner(s) as registered or as appearing on the certificate(s) and must be guaranteed as noted in Instruction 3 below.

3. Guarantee of Signatures

If this Letter of Transmittal is signed on behalf of a Registered Shareholder by a person other than the Registered Shareholder or if the High Tide Shares are to be issued in a name other than the Registered Shareholder, or sent to an address other than the address of the Registered Shareholder as shown on the securities register of META, such signature must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution (as defined below), or in some other manner satisfactory to the Depository (except that no guarantee is required if the signature is that of an Eligible Institution).

An “**Eligible Institution**” means a Canadian Schedule I chartered bank, a member of the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program (STAMP), a member of the Stock Exchange Medallion Program, (SEMP) or a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Medallion Signature Program (MSP). Members of these programs are usually members of a recognized stock exchange in Canada or the United States, members of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada, members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or banks and trust companies in the United States.

4. Fiduciaries, Representatives and Authorizations

Where this Letter of Transmittal is executed by a person on behalf of an executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, corporation, partnership or association or is executed by any other person acting in a representative capacity, this Letter of Transmittal must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the authority to act. Either the High Tide or the Depository, at its discretion, may require additional evidence of authority or additional documentation.

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) If the space on this Letter of Transmittal is insufficient to list all certificates for Deposited Shares, additional certificate numbers and number of Deposited Shares may be included on a separate signed list affixed to this Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) If Deposited Shares are registered in different forms (e.g. “John Doe” and “J. Doe”) a separate Letter of Transmittal should be signed for each different registration.
- (c) No alternative, conditional or contingent deposits will be accepted.
- (d) The Arrangement and any agreement in connection with the Arrangement will be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta and the laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (e) Additional copies of the Circular and this Letter of Transmittal may be obtained by contacting the Depository at its office at the address listed below.

6. Lost Certificates

If a share certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, this Letter of Transmittal should be completed as fully as possible and forwarded together with a letter describing the loss to the Depository. The Depository will respond providing for the procedure to replace a lost certificate.

7. Privacy Notice

TSX Trust Company is committed to protecting your personal information. In the course of providing services to you and our corporate clients, we receive non-public personal information about you—from transactions we perform for you, forms you send us, other communications we have with you or your representatives, etc. This information could include your name, contact details (such as residential address, correspondence address, email address), social insurance number, survey responses, securities holdings and other financial information. We use this to administer your account, to better serve you and our clients’ needs and for other lawful purposes relating to our services. TSX Trust Company may transfer personal information to other companies in or outside of Canada that provide data processing and storage or other support in order to facilitate the services it provides. Where we share your personal information with other companies to provide services to you, we ensure they have adequate safeguards to protect your personal information. TSX Trust Company will use the information you are providing in order to process your request and will treat your signature(s) as your consent to us so doing.

8. Payment Entitlement Pickup Locations

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, pick-up at the offices of the Depository will not be available from the Effective Date until the time the offices of the Depository are re-opened to the public. See Box “C”, above, for additional information.

9. Certification for Canadian Withholding Tax Purposes

Under Canadian federal income tax law, distributions (including dividends) on the High Tide Shares received by a Registered Shareholder pursuant to the Arrangement will generally be subject to Canadian withholding tax to the extent the beneficial owner of such shares is not a resident of Canada for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)(the “**Tax Act**”). Accordingly, a Registered Shareholder depositing META Shares is a resident of Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act by completing Box “D”, the address shown in Box “A” will be deemed to be the residential address of the beneficial owner of the Deposited Shares for the purposes of determining such META Shareholder’s residency for the purposes of the Tax Act. If no box is checked in Box “D” and the address shown in Box “A” is outside Canada, or if the box is checked in Box “D” indicating that the META Shareholder is a non-resident entitled to treaty benefits but the Registered Shareholder fails to submit a duly completed and signed form as required pursuant to the immediately following paragraph, the beneficial holder of the Deposited Shares will be deemed to be a non-resident of Canada who is not entitled to treaty benefits. META Shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding how to check the appropriate box in Box “D”.

If a Registered Shareholder indicates that the beneficial owner of such Deposited Shares is a non-resident of Canada entitled to the benefits of a treaty between Canada and their country of residence by checking the appropriate box, such Registered Shareholder will be required to submit two duly completed and signed copies of the attached form NR301 – “Declaration of Eligibility for Benefits Under a Tax Treaty for a Non-Resident Taxpayer” (or form NR302 or NR303, if applicable) to the Depository to obtain a lower withholding tax rate under a tax treaty in respect of any distributions on the High Tide Shares received pursuant to the Arrangement. META Shareholders who are not residents of Canada are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine their entitlement to relief under applicable income tax treaties based on their particular circumstances and for assistance in completing the required form, if any.

10. U.S. Federal Backup Withholding

Under current U.S federal income tax law, distributions (including dividends) on the High Tide Shares received by a Registered Shareholder pursuant to the Arrangement may be subject to U.S backup withholding at a rate of 24%. Backup withholding may apply to a holder that (a) completes Box “A” of this Letter of Transmittal with an address in the United States or has a registered address in the United States and in either case does not insert in Box “B” of this Letter of Transmittal the name and address of a person or agent outside of the United States to whom the consideration under the Arrangement should be sent; (b) inserts in Box “B” of this Letter of Transmittal the name and address of a person or agent in United States; or (c) returns this Letter of Transmittal in an envelope postmarked in, or that otherwise appears to the Depository or its agents to have been sent from, the United States. To avoid backup withholding on any such future distributions, each holder to whom the previous sentence applies must timely provide the correct taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) on IRS Form W-9, attached hereto (or available from the IRS by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or from the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov>), or otherwise establish a basis for exemption from backup withholding. Certain holders (including, among others, all corporations and certain non- U.S. persons) are exempt from these backup withholding requirements. U.S. persons that are exempt holders of META Shares should furnish their TIN, provide the applicable codes in the box labeled “Exemptions,” and sign, date, and send the IRS Form W-9 to the Depository. Non-U.S. shareholders, including entities, may qualify as exempt recipients by submitting to the Depository a completed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form), signed under penalties or perjury, attesting to that shareholder’s non-U.S. status. The applicable IRS Form can be obtained from the IRS or from the Depository. See IRS Form W-9 attached hereto for additional information.

If backup withholding applies, the Depository is required to withhold on any payments made to the holder of META Shares received pursuant to the Arrangement (or other payee). Backup withholding is not an additional tax. A holder of META Shares subject to the backup withholding rules will be allowed a credit or the amount withheld against such holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, and, if backup withholding results in an overpayment of tax, such holder may be entitled to a refund, provided the requisite information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

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/flm/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/nrdispositions/. 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/rctcl29-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/nrdsnts/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), ABLE 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.

You must complete the following certificate if you wrote "Applied For" in Part I of Form W-9.

CERTIFICATE OF AWAITING TIN

I certify under penalties of perjury that a TIN has not been issued to me, and either (a) I have mailed or delivered an application to receive a TIN to the appropriate IRS Centre or Social Security Administration Office or (b) I intend to mail or deliver an application in the near future. I understand that if I do not provide a TIN by the time of payment, 24% of the gross proceeds of such payment made to me may be withheld.

Signature _____

Date: _____

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