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To all Issuers participating in Monte Titoli and to their agents

Subject: Variation of the tax rate for interest payment, prizes and other incomes on Italian bonds issued by withholding agents.

Dear Client,

I am pleased to inform you that the tax rate on interests, prizes and other incomes accrued from 1st January 2012 will be increased to 20%.

This amendment was introduced by the Law n. 148 of 14th September 2011 which converts the Law Decree n. 138 of 13th August 2011 (the so-called Manovra bis 2011).

As a result of the aforementioned legislation, your Company will be required to communicate to Monte Titoli the net amount of the incomes and refunds accrued between 2011 and 2012 and with payment date in the 2012.

These amounts must be calculated for single denomination with reference to the interest component and, in case of securities issued under par value, to the refund component.

By specific, these amounts, known as “Net coupon” and “Recalculated redemption price” (below “Amounts”) must be determined – pro rata temporis – using, for every period of accrual, the withholding tax effectively in force in that period. Below you can see an example for the calculation of the net coupon:

| ISIN | Payment date | Frequency | Interest rate | Balance at maturity date |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| IT999999999 | 30/06/2012 | Yearly | 1% | 1.000 |

a) Accrued interests from 1/07/2011 to 31/12/2011 (withholding tax at source 27%)

$$= (1.000 \cdot 0,005) - (1000 \cdot 0,005 \cdot 0,27) = \text{EUR } 3,65$$

b) Accrued interests from 1/01/2012 to 30/06/2012

$$= (1.000 \cdot 0,005) - (1000 \cdot 0,005 \cdot 0,20) = 4$$

$$\text{Total interests to be paid on 30/06/2012} = 3,65 + 4 = 7,65$$

“Amounts” must be calculated and communicated to Monte Titoli for every securities involved through “Mandates” form via MT-X platform.

The proceeds of all intermediaries will be determined by Monte Titoli multiplying the Amounts for the number of bonds (par value/current denomination) booked in the account (or accounts) held by the intermediaries in the Centralized Administration System.

Monte Titoli, as established in the in-force regulation, will produce and send the pre-advice and advice payment messages 7B3 at the expected deadlines. For proceeds that will accrue between 2011 and 2012 the related messages will show the tax rate applied until the 31/12/2011, while the global amounts will consider the two different tax rates used for 2011 and 2012.

The correct tax rate will be reported in messages referred to coupons paying interests accrued starting from 1 January 2012.

Finally, we underline that Monte Titoli will inform its participants (issuers and intermediaries) on the procedures above described by means of special announcements to be sent in advance of the respective payment dates.

It's to be intended that, without a communication of the Amounts to be paid by the issuer, Monte Titoli will not be able to process the payments.

For any further information, please contact our Custody Domestic (phone number: 02 33635298 or 02 33635294, e-mail: helpdesk.domesticcustody@montetitoli.it)

Kind regards.

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