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SUBJECT:

**Planning of Testing for Corporate Action Harmonisation -
Phase 1**

Dear Customers,

We would like to inform you that from 3rd June until 28th the functions related to the adjustment to the International Standards on Corporate Actions of Cash Distributions will be available under testing environment.

These interventions are applicable either for securities centralized in Monte Titoli as Issuer CSD (Domestic Securities) and securities centralized through other Settlement systems abroad (Foreign Securities) and have been defined during PTTUG CUS and are described in the document “Modello Operativo per Cash Distributions” published in the Documents area of MT-X in June 2012.

Service Dispositions and Event Announcements

The harmonization process foresees the application of new service dispositions for fixed income securities (interest payment and capital reimbursement) and the adjustment of those already enacted for dividend payments and proceeds from stocks and funds.

The reception of Service Dispositions for cash Distributions, as like as other structured information defined by the Centralized Administration Services, can be tailored by the participant according to the usual conformation:

- Only in presence of non-zero balance / Also when balance is zero
- Italian language / English / both Ita-Eng
- Addressed only to Proprietary Account / Addressed to all Accounts

In addition to the Service Dispositions (DDS), it has been provided a new kind of “Unconfirmed” information on Cash Distributions through messages denoted as Event Announcements (AE). The purpose of Event Announcements is to inform as quicker as possible the interested participants about future events announced by the issuer or Issuer CSD, even if not yet confirmed and definitive.

The reception of Event Announcements is subordinated to a specific service acceptance and it is customizable to be in line with the needs of participants, who will be allowed to opt among the following settings:

- Event Announcement:
 - Only in presence of non-zero balance / Also when balance is zero
 - Italian language / English / both Ita-Eng
 - For all Accounts / only foreign securities / only Italian securities
 - Addressed only to Proprietary Account / Addressed to all Accounts

The Service Dispositions and Event Announcements are available through RNI 721, SWIFT MT 564 messages and equivalent document format on MT-X platform; the choice of the channel can be chosen by the customer.

The indication of the reception options of Service Dispositions and Event Announcements (setting and transmission channel) is made through the subscription of a specific structured form (“MT 900 - SET UP Informativa per CA) available in the document section of MT-X (folder “Documentazione Test” within Initialization environment).

Setting of distinct operations for Interest Payment and Capital Reimbursement

The process has been modified in order to differently manage the operations of interest payment and capital reimbursement in the case that these events share the same settlement date. The new procedure will treat differently each information and elaboration aspect of these operations, producing event announcements, service dispositions and reporting separately.

Balance Notice at record date and balance variations

In order to optimize the current information process two new methodologies of message (7B2 at record date and 7B2 for balance variation) have been added to the current

provisional messages 7B2. With these two new messages the set of provisional messages associated to an interest payment and reimbursement event is:

- 7B2 at Record Date sent at the closure of the accounting date (or equivalent SWIFT 564);
- Forecast 7B2 at PD -2 (or equivalent SWIFT 564);
- Balance variation 7B2 (sent exclusively after the variation of the balance previously announced) (or equivalent SWIFT 564);
- Definitive 7B2 (or equivalent SWIFT 564)

The detailed information on testing, regarding the organization, assistance, planning, specific cases, notice practices and contacts are described in the document “Piano delle prove per Cash Distributions fase 1- rilascio 8 luglio 2013” attached with this communication.

The reference technical documentation has been published in the documents section of MT-X (Standard per utenti in lavorazione/ Harmonization Custody phase 1 - Cash Distribution).

The release for production is scheduled for the 8th July 2013 and will be confirmed at the end of testing.

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**Plan of Release trials for CA
Hermonisation phase 1
8th July 2013**

24th May 2013

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1. Foreword

The test plan has the purpose of illustrating the operative modes for testing the new functions for Cash Distribution within Custody Service. In particular, the introduction of new kind of announcements and forecast messages, as described in the former communication.

Participants are invited to verify the functions introduced with this release, in addition to those already used through specific test sessions.

2. Prerequisites for testing

Testing is open to all participants to Custody service.

Before the start of testing, it is recommended that each participant finalizes the following activities:

- Set its own technologic environment and linking it to Monte Titoli's testing environment;
- Set an own test plan which guarantees the correct functioning of the cases to be tested

3. Organization of the test

The system will be available for testing for a period of 4 weeks, from 3rd of June until the 28th of June 2013.

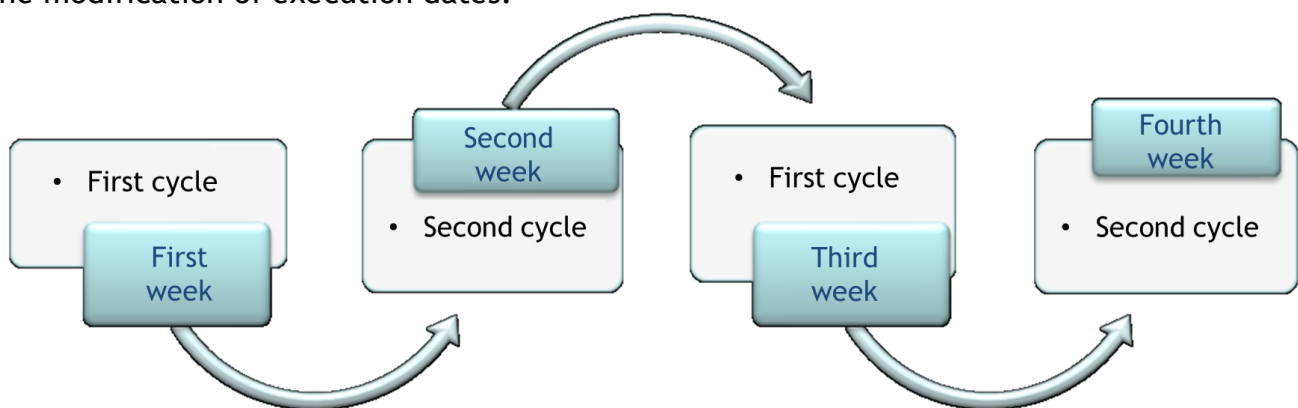
The start in production environment is foreseen, according to the good result of testing, for the 8th of July. This date will be confirmed with a forthcoming communication.

It is assumed that the identification data of participants currently used in test environment remain valid also for the execution of this test session.

Those participants who have different needs are invited to address their variations through the email contact mdm@montetitoli.it.

4. Guidelines for testing

The tests are organized in weekly cycles. Each cycle is repeated in alternated weeks, after the modification of execution dates.



In each day of each week are expected specific test cases, which detail is in the following tables. Test cases for Italian and foreign securities and involve either different kind of Fixed income securities (ABS, Government Bonds, Financial Bonds), stocks and funds. The types of operations involved are for Fixed income securities the single payment of interest and reimbursement and the combined payment of interest plus reimbursement. With regard to stock, Dividend payments, proceeds payments and reimbursement of fund shares are considered.

The test of new messages require to verify the reception of:

- RNI721 (and corresponding native MT564) for interest payment, reimbursement and increase of capital for Fixed income securities from Corporations and Governments, domestic and foreign
- 7B2 at record date for dividends, proceeds, interest and reimbursement on domestic and foreign securities
- Event announcements of “unconfirmed” CA on foreign securities and domestic (if applicable)

The “Non Regression” Test are related to 7B1/2/3 messages Provisional and Definitive and to payment messages (ASTI).

During the execution of the tests, the assistance to participants is provided by a dedicated Monte Titoli’s team , aimed to verify each specific case and support each informative, technical and operative need.

4.1 Area of application of new functions

Participants will be allowed to set up the following options for the reception of messages.

- Service Disposition
 - Only in presence of non-zero balance / Also when balance is zero
 - Italian language / English / both Ita-Eng
 - Addressed only to Proprietary Account / Addressed to all Accounts
- Event Announcement
 - Only in presence of non-zero balance / Also when balance is zero
 - Italian language / English / both Ita-Eng
 - For all Accounts / only foreign securities / only Italian securities
 - Addressed only to Proprietary Account / Addressed to all Accounts

The choice of the transmission channel (RNI/SWIFT/MT-X) is unchanged and can be applied at Account and single message level.

Setting the announcement reception options

The customization of the service is made through the subscription of a dedicated documentation (Annex 1). The forms are published on MT-X platform documents section and are accompanied by specific filling instruction. The compiled form has to be delivered at the following email address: helpdesk.ce&is@montetitoli.it .

In the case of no expressed preference, the participant will receive the default settings, which in test environment involve the reception of Service Disposition and Event Announcements only for securities having a non zero balance (domestic and foreign) at the moment of the dispatch of the disposition or in the case of a non zero balance occurring before PD-1 . The default language for the reception of messages is Italian.

Test cases

The reception of new messages or those already existing but having a different structure can be linked to the following cases:

- Corporate Actions on Italian Securities

• ISIN CODE	DESCRIPTION	OPERATION	PD-4 (Mon)	PD-3 (Tue)	PD-2 (Wed)	PD-1 (Thu)	PD (Fri)			
Week 1 (3 - 7 June) and Week 3 (17 - 21 June)										
IT0003554349	TECLA FONDO	PROCEEDS PAYMENT	721AE	721DDS	7B3/P	7B2/S	7B3/D			
IT0004615883	B.CA MTE PASCHI ORD	DIVIDEND PAYMENT		7B3/P	7B2/P		7B1/D			
IT0004564297	B.MPS 10/20 SU	INTEREST (Gross Payment)	721DDS		7B3/P	7B2/S	7B3/D			
IT0004573538	B.MPS 10/17 TM	INTEREST (Net Payment)								
IT0003687990	POP. SONDRIO 04/14 4.209	INT.+ PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT						7B3/P	7B2/P	7B1/D
IT0003867626	COM.DI VILLIMPENTA 05/40	INT.+ PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT						7B1/P	7B1/P	7B2/D
ITBOT4874084	BOT 20130628	REIMBURSEMENT								
IT0003934046	VELA HOME 3 CL C	INT.+ POOL FACTOR								
Week 2 (10 - 14 June) and Week 4 (24- 28 June)										
IT0004102031	VELA HOME 4 CL. D	INTEREST	721DDS		7B3/P	7B2/S	7B3/D			
IT0003688014	POP. SO 04/14 TV	INT.+ PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT						7B3/P	7B1/D	
ITBTP4917799	BTP 20160515 2.25	INTEREST						7B1/P	7B2/D	
ITBTP3256827	BTP 02/33 5.7	INTEREST								
ITBTP4898031	BTP 13/23 4.50	INTEREST								
IT0003554349	TECLA FONDO	PROCEEDS PAYMENT	721AE	721DDS	7B3/P	7B2/S	7B3/D			
IT0001254884	BNL	DIVIDEND PAYMENT								
IT0003617739	TECLA FONDO CUM	FUND SHARE REIMBURSEMENT						7B3/P	7B2/P	7B1/D
IT0003740039	OLINDA FONDO	PAG. PROVENTI + RIMB.QUOTE						7B1/P	7B1/P	7B2/D

- Corporate Actions on foreign Securities

ISIN CODE	DESCRIPTION	OPERATION	PD-4 (Mon)	PD-3 (Tue)	PD-2 (Wed)	PD-1 (Thu)	PD (Fri)
Week 3 - 7 June							
FR0000120073	AIR LIQUIDE	DIVIDEND	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
XS0253960375	HARBOURMSTER	INTERESST	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
XS0253960375	HARBOURMSTER	REIMBURSEMENT	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
Week 10 - 14 June							
FR0000120172	CARREFOUR	DIVIDEND	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
XS0292650974	KENSINGRON	INTEREST	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
XS0292650974	KENSINGRON	POOL FACTOR	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
Week 17 - 21 June							
FR0000120271	TOTAL	DIVIDEND	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
XS0122238115	ANTONVENETA	INTEREST	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
XS0122238115	ANTONVENETA	REIMBURSEMENT	721AE	721DDS	7B2/P	7B2/S	7B2/D
ES0347844021	IM 06/39	INTEREST		721DDS	7B2/P	721C	
Week 24 - 28 June							
FR0000120321	L'OREAL	DIVIDEND	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
XS0264192989	AIRE VALLEY	INTEREST	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
XS0264192989	AIRE VALLEY	POOL FACTOR	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P		7B2/D
XS0342510616	DRIVER FIVE CLASS	POOL FACTOR	721DDS	7B2/S	7B2/P	721C	

4.2 Test of new and pre-existing functions

For the execution of the test for functions introduced with the new release, participants have to verify, if applicable, the following cases:

- Correct reception of messages sent by Monte Titoli, on the base of the related tests;
- Correctness of the activate transmission channel and of reception options (default or customized);
- Correct timing of each information/report;
- Correctness of the layout of the received messages, on the base of shared technical documentation published in the document section of MT-X platform;
- Correctness of the information received, on the base of the characteristics of test involved in the Test Plan

5. Technical provisions for testing

5.1 Reference staff

During the testing period a dedicated team will be at your disposal to give instructions, support and assistance on each subject regarding the new functions under validation. The dedicated team will follow the development of tests either for the administrative and process part (test cases for Italian and foreign securities) and the technical/operational part (transmission channels, configuration, structure...). The team will be coordinated by D. Mastroberardino and M. Castellazzi, respectively for domestic and foreign securities and will be contactable as follows:

- Domestic securities and support activity
 - Email: helpdesk.domesticcustody@montetitoli.it
 - Tel: 02 33636326 / 233 / 294 (Fixed income)
 - Tel: 02 33635291 / 346 / 294 (stock)

- Foreign securities
 - Email: helpdesk.internationalcustody@montetitoli.it
 - Tel: 02 33635386 (Fixed income)
 - Tel: 02 33635298 / 346 / 294 (stock)

6 Daily schedule of testing

The typical testing day starts at 8.00 and ends at 14.30. Any variation to this timing will be promptly communicated.

7 Test result

After the tests, participants are invited to notice their results through the email address l.milani@montetitoli.it