You are strongly urged to read the notice of special meeting of shareholders and management information circular (the "Circular") of First National Financial Corporation (the "Company" or "First National"), each of which is dated August 27, 2025 and is available on SEDAR+ at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> under the Company's issuer profile, before completing this letter of transmittal (this "Letter of Transmittal").

This Letter of Transmittal must be validly completed, duly executed and returned to the depositary, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("Computershare" or the "Depositary"), in accordance with the accompanying Instructions. THE INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL IS COMPLETED.



# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF 7.293% SERIES 4 SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES DUE SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 OF FIRST NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

This Letter of Transmittal is important and requires your immediate attention. This Letter of Transmittal must be completed and submitted by all registered holders ("Series 4 Noteholders") of 7.293% Series 4 Senior Unsecured Notes due September 8, 2026 of the Company (the "Series 4 Notes"). Such Series 4 Noteholders must forward a properly completed and signed Letter of Transmittal and certificate(s) representing such Series 4 Notes and all other required documents to Computershare in order to receive the Company Note Consideration (as defined below), less any applicable withholdings, to which they are entitled under the Arrangement (as defined below).

This Letter of Transmittal, properly completed and duly executed, together with all other required documents, must accompany certificate(s) for Series 4 Notes deposited in connection with the proposed arrangement (the "Arrangement") involving First National Financial Corporation and Regal Bidco Inc. (the "Purchaser"), a newlyformed acquisition vehicle controlled by private equity funds managed by Birch Hill Equity Partners Management Inc. and private equity funds managed by Brookfield Asset Management, that is being submitted for approval at the special meeting of the Shareholders to be held on September 30, 2025 (as may be postponed or adjourned) (the "Meeting"), as described in the Circular. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Letter of Transmittal have the meanings set out in the Circular.

This Letter of Transmittal is for use by Series 4 Noteholders only and is not to be used by holders of Series 4 Notes who are not registered holders ("Beneficial Holders"). A Beneficial Holder does not have Series 4 Notes registered in its name; rather, such Series 4 Notes are held by an intermediary on its behalf. **BENEFICIAL HOLDERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR BROKER OR OTHER INTERMEDIARY FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING THE COMPANY NOTE CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR SERIES 4 NOTES.** 

The Arrangement is subject to, among other things, court approval and the approval of the holders of common shares of the Company at the Meeting. Series 4 Noteholders should refer to the Circular for more information regarding the expected timing for completion and other information relating to the Arrangement.

Pursuant to the Arrangement, following the Effective Time, holders of the Series 4 Notes will be redeemed and will be entitled to receive, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan of Arrangement, a payment in cash of the amount that each holder of Series 4 Notes outstanding on the Effective Date would be entitled to receive upon the redemption of its Series 4 Notes on the Effective Date in accordance with the trust indenture dated April 9, 2015 between the Company and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as amended and supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated November 25, 2019, a second supplemental indenture dated November 16, 2020, a third

supplemental indenture dated September 6, 2023 and a fourth supplemental indenture dated April 1, 2024 (such amount, the "Company Note Consideration"), less any applicable withholdings. In order to receive such Company Note Consideration, this Letter of Transmittal, properly completed and duly executed, together with any other documents as may be required, must accompany all certificate(s) representing Series 4 Notes deposited pursuant to the Arrangement. Furthermore, no payment of any Company Note Consideration will be made prior to the Effective Time.

Such materials should be delivered by courier, hand delivery or sent by registered mail to the Depositary at the address listed on the back page of 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 Series 4 Notes are registered in different names (e.g., "John Doe" and "J. Doe"), a separate Letter of Transmittal must be submitted for each different name.

# PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE CIRCULAR AND THE INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT BELOW BEFORE COMPLETING THIS LETTER.

Series 4 Noteholders who do not forward to the Depositary a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal, together with the certificate(s) representing their Series 4 Notes and the other relevant documents, will not receive the Company Note Consideration (less any applicable withholdings) to which they are otherwise entitled pursuant to the Arrangement until deposit of such materials is made. Under no circumstances will interest on the payment of the Company Note Consideration in respect of the Deposited Series 4 Notes (as defined below) accrue or be paid to Series 4 Noteholders, regardless of any delay in making such payment, and the undersigned represents and warrants that the payment of the Company Note Consideration in respect of the Deposited Series 4 Notes will completely discharge any obligations of the Purchaser, the Company and the Depositary with respect to the matters contemplated by this Letter of Transmittal. The Depositary will act as the agent of Persons who have deposited Series 4 Notes pursuant to the Arrangement for the purpose of receiving and transmitting the Company Note Consideration to such Persons, and receipt of the Consideration by the Depositary will be deemed to constitute receipt of payment by Persons depositing Series 4 Notes. It is requested that Series 4 Noteholders enclose any certificate(s) representing their Series 4 Notes with this Letter of Transmittal.

If such deposit is not made on or prior to the third anniversary of the Effective Date, such former Series 4 Noteholder shall be deemed to have surrendered to the Purchaser or the Company (or any successor thereof), as applicable, such Company Note Consideration.

All Letters of Transmittal, once deposited with the Depositary, will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn by a Series 4 Noteholder, unless the Arrangement is not completed and the Arrangement Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

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 the address as set forth herein will not constitute a valid delivery. If Series 4 Notes are registered in different names, a separate Letter of Transmittal must be submitted for each different registered owner. See Instructions 2, 10 and 12.

If you need assistance in completing this Letter of Transmittal, please contact Computershare at 1-800-564-6253 (toll-free within North America) or at 1-514-982-7555 (outside of North America) or by email at corporate actions@computershare.com, or contact your professional advisor.

At the Effective Time, whether or not registered holders of Series 4 Notes deliver this Letter of Transmittal, the original certificate(s) representing Series 4 Notes and all other required documentation to the Depositary, registered holders of Series 4 Notes will cease to be Series 4 Noteholders and the original certificate(s) representing Series 4 Notes shall represent only the right to receive the aggregate Company Note Consideration in respect of such Series 4 Notes required under the Arrangement, less any amounts withheld as provided under the Arrangement Agreement or the Plan of Arrangement.

Series 4 Noteholders who do not deliver a properly completed Letter of Transmittal or their original certificate(s) representing Series 4 Notes and all other required documents to the Depositary on or before the third anniversary of the Effective Date will lose their right to receive any Company Note Consideration for their Series 4 Notes pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement and such right will be deemed to be surrendered and forfeited to the Purchaser or the Company, as applicable, or any successor thereof, for no consideration and any such original certificate shall cease to represent a claim by or interest of any former Series 4 Noteholder of any kind or nature against or in the Company or the Purchaser or any successor thereof. On such anniversary date, all Company Note Consideration to which such former Series 4 Noteholder was entitled, together with any entitlements to principal and interest thereon, shall be deemed to have been surrendered to the Purchaser or the Company, as applicable, or any successor thereof for no consideration, and shall be paid over by the Depositary to the Purchaser or as directed by the Purchaser.

#### **DIRECTION**

TO: FIRST NATIONAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION

AND TO: REGAL BIDCO INC.

AND TO: COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC., at its offices set out herein.

The undersigned certifies that the undersigned has read the instructions set out herein before completing and executing this Letter of Transmittal. In connection with the Arrangement being considered for approval at the Meeting, the undersigned delivers to you the enclosed certificate(s). The following are the details of the enclosed certificate(s):

Certificate Number(s)	Name in Which Registered	Number of Series 4 Notes Deposited

#### Notes:

- (1) If space is insufficient, please attach a separate schedule to this Letter of Transmittal.
- (2) The sum of the numbers filled in above must equal the total number of Series 4 Notes represented by the certificate(s) enclosed with this Letter of Transmittal.

By completing and signing this Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned represents, warrants, agrees, instructs and acknowledges as follows:

The undersigned transmits herewith the certificate(s) described above for cancellation upon the Arrangement becoming effective. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Circular and represents and warrants that the undersigned: (a) is, and will as of the Effective Time be, the legal owner and registered holder of the Series 4 Notes represented by the enclosed certificate(s) (the "Deposited Series 4 Notes"); (b) has, and will as of the Effective Time have, good title to the Deposited Series 4 Notes free and clear of all Liens, together with all rights and benefits; (c) has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Letter of Transmittal and to deposit the Deposited Series 4 Notes and the original certificate(s) representing the Deposited Series 4 Notes and that, when the Company Note Consideration (less any applicable withholdings) is delivered, none of the Company, the Purchaser or any of their respective affiliates or successors will be subject to any adverse claim in respect of such Deposited Series 4 Notes; (d) has not sold, assigned or transferred, nor has any agreement been entered into to sell, assign or transfer, any Deposited Series 4 Notes to any other Person; (e) will not, prior to the Effective Time, transfer or permit to be transferred any of such Deposited Series 4 Notes except pursuant to the Arrangement; and (f) acknowledges that, if the Effective Time occurs, the Deposited Series 4 Notes will be redeemed and cancelled and cease to be outstanding at the time contemplated in the Plan of Arrangement.

The undersigned represents and warrants that the surrender of the undersigned's Deposited Series 4 Notes complies with applicable laws and that the information provided herein is true, accurate and complete as of the date hereof.

The undersigned acknowledges: (a) receipt of the Circular; (b) that the covenants, representations and warranties of the undersigned contained herein will survive the completion of the Arrangement; (c) that the delivery of the Deposited Series 4 Notes shall be effected and the risk of loss and title to such Deposited Series 4 Notes shall pass only upon proper receipt thereof by the Depositary; (d) the Company, the Purchaser and/or the Depositary may be required to disclose personal information in respect of the undersigned, and the undersigned consents to disclosure of personal information in respect of the undersigned to (i) stock exchanges or securities regulatory authorities, (ii) tax authorities, including the Canada Revenue Agency and the Internal Revenue Service, (iii) the Depositary, (iv) any of the parties to the Arrangement, and (vi) legal counsel to any of the parties to the Arrangement; (e) by virtue of the execution of

this Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned shall be deemed to have agreed that all questions as to validity, form, eligibility (including timely receipt) and acceptance of any Series 4 Notes deposited pursuant to the Arrangement will be determined by the Purchaser in its sole discretion, and that such determination shall be final and binding, and the undersigned acknowledges that there shall be no duty or obligation on the Company, the Purchaser and the Depositary or any other Person to give notice of any defect or irregularity in any deposit and no liability shall be incurred by any of them for failure to give such notice; (f) none of the Company, the Purchaser, nor any of their directors, officers, advisors or representatives are responsible for the proper completion of this Letter of Transmittal; and (g) the above-listed certificate(s) are hereby surrendered in exchange for the Company Note Consideration.

The undersigned revokes any and all other authority, whether as agent, attorney-in-fact, attorney, proxy or otherwise, previously conferred or agreed to be conferred by the undersigned at any time with respect to the Deposited Series 4 Notes, other than as set out in this Letter of Transmittal. No subsequent authority, whether as agent, attorney-in-fact, attorney, proxy or otherwise, will be granted with respect to the Deposited Series 4 Notes unless the Deposited Series 4 Notes are not redeemed in connection with the Arrangement.

The undersigned covenants and agrees to execute all such documents, transfers and other assurances as may be necessary or desirable to allow the Company to redeem and cancel the Deposited Series 4 Notes in accordance with the Plan of Arrangement. 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.

The undersigned instructs the Depositary, upon the Arrangement becoming effective, to mail the cheques by first class mail, postage prepaid, or to hold such cheques for pick-up representing payment of the aggregate Company Note Consideration payable in respect of the Deposited Series 4 Notes in accordance with the instructions given below; except if the undersigned elects to receive such amount (less applicable wire fees) by way of a wire transfer by checking the applicable box in Box "A" below (and properly completes the wire instructions in Box "E" below) or if such funds represent an amount in excess of \$25 million, in which case the undersigned will receive their Company Note Consideration (less any applicable withholdings) via wire transfer in accordance with the Large Value Transfer System Rules (discussed below). Should the Arrangement not proceed for any reason, the deposited certificate(s) representing the Deposited Series 4 Notes and other relevant documents shall be returned in accordance with the instructions given below.

The Purchaser, the Company, the Depositary and any other Person that makes a payment in connection with the Plan of Arrangement, as applicable, shall be entitled to deduct or withhold from any amount otherwise payable or deliverable to any Series 4 Noteholder under the Plan of Arrangement such amounts as it is required, entitled or permitted to deduct or withhold (determined in good faith) from such amount otherwise payable or deliverable under the Tax Act or any provisions of any other Law in respect of Taxes and shall remit such deducted or withheld amount to the appropriate Governmental Entity. To the extent that amounts are so deducted or withheld and remitted to the appropriate Governmental Entity, such amounts shall be treated for purposes under the Plan of Arrangement as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction or withholding and remittance was made.

The undersigned surrenders to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Arrangement, all right, title and interest in and to the Deposited Series 4 Notes and irrevocably appoints and constitutes the Purchaser, the Depositary or any other Person designated by the Purchaser in writing, as the lawful attorney of the undersigned, with full power of substitution (such power of attorney being coupled with an interest), to effect, register and record the transfer of the Deposited Series 4 Notes.

Time is of the essence to submit your Letter of Transmittal. Any payment made by way of cheque by the Depositary pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement that has not been deposited or has been returned to the Depositary or that otherwise remains unclaimed, in each case on or before the third year anniversary of the Effective Time, and any right or claim to payment under the Plan of Arrangement that remains outstanding on the third year anniversary of the Effective Time, shall cease to represent a right or claim of any kind or nature and the right of the Series 4 Noteholder to receive any consideration pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement shall terminate and be deemed to be surrendered and forfeited to the Purchaser, the Company or any successor thereof, as applicable, for no consideration.

It is understood that pursuant to the rules of the Canadian Payments Association, a \$25 million ceiling has been established on cheques, bank drafts and other paper-based payments processed through Canada's clearing system. As a result, any payment to the undersigned in excess of \$25 million will be effected by the Depositary by wire transfer in accordance with the Large Value Transfer System Rules established by the Canadian Payments Association. Accordingly, settlement with the undersigned in excess of \$25 million will be made only in accordance with wire transfer instructions provided by the undersigned to the Depositary in writing. In the event wire transfer instructions are required as set out above, the Depositary will contact the undersigned promptly following the Effective Time for purposes of obtaining wire transfer instructions. Any delay in payment by the Depositary or its agent resulting from the provision by the undersigned of wire transfer instructions or otherwise will not entitle the undersigned to interest or other compensation in addition to the amounts to which the undersigned is entitled pursuant to the Arrangement.

Under no circumstances will interest on the payment of the Company Note Consideration in respect of the Deposited Series 4 Notes accrue or be paid to Series 4 Noteholders, regardless of any delay in making such payment, and the undersigned represents and warrants that the payment of the Company Note Consideration (less any applicable withholdings) in respect of the Deposited Series 4 Notes will completely discharge any obligations of the Company, the Purchaser and the Depositary with respect to the matters contemplated by this Letter of Transmittal.

The method used to deliver this Letter of Transmittal and any accompanying certificate(s) representing Series 4 Notes is at the option and risk of the holder, and delivery will be deemed effective only when such documents are actually received by the Depositary. The Company recommends that the necessary documentation be delivered to the Depositary at its office(s) specified herein, via registered mail with return receipt requested, and properly insured.

By reason of the use by the undersigned of an English language form of Letter of Transmittal, the undersigned shall be deemed to have required that any contract evidenced by the Arrangement as accepted through this Letter of Transmittal, as well as all documents related thereto, be drawn exclusively in the English language. En raison de l'usage d'une lettre d'envoi en langue anglaise par le soussigné, le soussigné et les destinataires sont présumés d'avoir requis que tout contrat attesté par l'arrangement et son acceptation par cette lettre d'envoi, de même que tous les documents qui s'y rapportent, soient rédigés exclusivement en langue anglaise.

If you are a U.S. Person (as defined below in Instruction 7), you must also complete a U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-9, a copy of which is included in this Letter of Transmittal.

# BOX A ENTITLEMENT DELIVERY

All cash entitlement payments will be issued and mailed to your existing registration unless otherwise stated. If you would like your cash dispatched to a different address, please complete BOX B

- ☐ MAIL CHEQUE TO ADDRESS ON RECORD (DEFAULT)
- ☐ MAIL CHEQUE TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS (MUST COMPLETE BOX B)
- ☐ HOLD CHEQUE FOR PICKUP AT COMPUTERSHARE TORONTO OFFICE:

Computershare Investor Services Inc. 320 Bay St., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON

☐ DELIVER FUNDS VIA WIRE\* (COMPLETE BOX E)

<b>BOX B</b> <i>MAIL PAYMENT TO 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY ADDRESS*:</i>
☐ CHECK BOX IF SAME AS EXISTING REGISTRATION (DEFAULT)
(ATTENTION NAME)
(STREET NUMBER & NAME)
(CITY AND PROVINCE/STATE)
(COUNTRY AND POSTAL/ZIP CODE)
(TELEPHONE NUMBER (BUSINESS HOURS)
(SOCIAL INSURANCE/SECURITY NUMBER)

\* THE PAYMENT WILL REMAIN IN THE NAME OF THE

# **BOX C**U.S. NOTEHOLDER DECLARATION

REGISTRATION

ALL FIRST NATIONAL SERIES 4 NOTEHOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A U.S. NOTEHOLDER DECLARATION. FAILURE TO COMPLETE A U.S. NOTEHOLDER DECLARATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN YOUR PAYMENT.

Indicate whether you are a U.S. Noteholder or are acting on behalf of a U.S. Noteholder by placing an "X" in the applicable box below.

- ☐ The person signing this Letter of Transmittal <u>is not</u> a U.S. Noteholder and is not acting on behalf of a U.S. Noteholder.
- ☐ The person signing this Letter of Transmittal is a U.S. Noteholder or is acting on behalf of a U.S. Noteholder.

A "U.S. Noteholder" is any holder of Series 4 Notes that is either (i) a person whose address (as it appears on the register of Series 4 Noteholders of the Company) is located within the United States or any territory or possession thereof or is providing an address in Box B or Box E that is located within the United States or any territory or possession thereof or (ii) a "U.S. person" for U.S. federal income tax purposes as defined below in Instruction 7.

If you are a U.S. person or acting on behalf of a U.S. person, then to avoid U.S. backup withholding, you must complete the enclosed IRS Form W-9 or otherwise certify exemption from backup withholding. If you are a U.S. Noteholder but you are not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then you must complete the appropriate IRS Form W-8 to avoid backup withholding. If you require an IRS Form W-8, please contact the Depositary or download the appropriate IRS Form W-8 at www.irs.gov.

#### **BOX D**

#### LOST CERTIFICATES

If your lost certificate(s) forms part of an estate or trust, or are valued at more than CAD \$200,000.00, please contact Computershare for additional instructions. Any Person who, knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

#### PREMIUM CALCULATION

<lost 4="" notes="" series=""> X CAD \$2.40 = Premium Payable \$</lost>	NOTE: Payment NOT required if premium is
less than \$5.00	

The option to replace your certificate by completing this Box D will expire one year after the Effective Date. After this date, Series 4 Noteholders must contact Computershare for alternative replacement options. I enclose my certified cheque, bank draft or money order payable to Computershare Investor Services Inc.

#### STATEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATES

The undersigned (solitarily, jointly and severally, if more than one) represents and agrees to the following: (i) the undersigned is (and, if applicable, the registered owner of the Original(s), at the time of their death, was) the lawful and unconditional owner of the Original(s) and is entitled to the full and exclusive possession thereof; (ii) the missing certificate(s) representing the Original(s) have been lost, stolen or destroyed, and have not been endorsed, cashed, negotiated, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated, encumbered in any way, or otherwise disposed of; (iii) a diligent search for the certificate(s) has been made and they have not been found; and (iv) the undersigned makes this Statement for the purpose of transferring or exchanging the Original(s) (including, if applicable, without probate or letters of administration or certification of estate trustee(s) or similar documentation having been granted by any court), and hereby agrees to surrender the certificate(s) representing the Original(s) for cancellation should the undersigned, at any time, find the certificate(s).

The undersigned hereby agrees, for myself and my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, in consideration of the transfer or exchange of the Original(s), to completely indemnify, protect and hold harmless First National, the Purchaser, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Aviva Insurance Company of Canada, each of their lawful successors and assigns, and any other party to the transaction (the "Obligees"), from and against all losses, costs and damages, including court costs and attorneys' fees that they may be subject to or liable for in respect of the cancellation and/or replacement of the Original(s) and/or the certificate(s) representing the Original(s) and/ or the transfer or exchange of the Originals represented thereby, upon the transfer, exchange or issue of the Originals and/or a cheque for any cash payment. The rights accruing to the Obligees under the preceding sentence shall not be limited by the negligence, inadvertence, accident, oversight or breach of any duty or obligations on the part of the Obligees or their respective officers, employees and agents or their failure to inquire into, contest, or litigate any claim, whenever such negligence, inadvertence, accident, oversight, breach or failure may occur or have occurred. I acknowledge that a fee of CAD \$2.40 per lost Series 4 Note is payable by the undersigned. Surety protection for the Obligees is provided under Blanket Lost Original Instruments/Waiver of Probate or Administration Bond No. 35900-16 issued by Aviva Insurance Company of Canada.

#### **BOX E**

#### WIRE PAYMENT\*

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A \$100 (PLUS TAX) BANKING FEE ON WIRE PAYMENTS. ALTERNATIVELY, CHEQUE PAYMENTS ARE ISSUED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST

\*IF WIRE DETAILS ARE INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE, COMPUTERSHARE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT YOU AND CORRECT THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, IF WE CANNOT CORRECT THE ISSUE PROMPTLY, A CHEQUE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED AND MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON RECORD. NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED Please provide email address and phone number in the event that we need to contact you for corrective measures: EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_ \_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_ \*\*Beneficiary Name(s) that appears on the account at your financial institution - this MUST be the same name and address that your Series 4 Notes are registered to \*\*Beneficiary Address (Note: PO Boxes will not be accepted \*\*City \*\*Province/State \*\*Postal Code/Zip Code \*\*Beneficiary Bank/Financial Institution \*\*City PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW, AS PROVIDED BY YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL BOXES Transit/Routing Number \*\*Bank Account Number SWIFT Code ABA (US) BSB Number BIC Number IBAN Number (Europe) Sort Code (GBP) Additional Notes and special routing instructions:

\*\* Mandatory fields

# SERIES 4 NOTEHOLDER SIGNATURE(S)

Signature guaranteed by (if required under Instruction 3)	Dated:, 2025
Authorized Signature	Signature of Series 4 Noteholder or authorized representative (see Instructions 2 and 4)
Name of Guarantor (please print or type)	Address
	Name of Series 4 Noteholder (please print or type)
Address of Guarantor (please print or type)	
	Telephone No
	Name of authorized representative, if applicable (please print or type)



# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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	2	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.								
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Print or type. See <b>Specific Instructions</b> on page		LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership)  Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check box for the tax classification of its owner.  Other (see instructions)			e Ex	kempt pake kemption ompliand ode (if ar	n from ce Act	Foreig	n Ac	count Tax porting
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3. I an	ı a	J.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and								
4. The	FA	TCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting	g is corr	ect.						
		on instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transaction								

acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

# **General Instructions**

Signature of

U.S. person

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments**. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

#### What's New

Sign

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Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

## **Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they

Date

must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN), which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid).
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds).
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds).
- Form 1099-NEC (nonemployee compensation).
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers).
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions).
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third-party network transactions).
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), and 1098-T (tuition).
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt).
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property).

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

**Caution:** If you don't return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.

#### 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; and
- 4. Certify to your non-foreign status for purposes of withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code (if applicable); and
- 5. 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).

Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding. Payments made to foreign persons, including certain distributions, allocations of income, or transfers of sales proceeds, may be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or chapter 4 of the Code (sections 1441–1474). Under those rules, if a Form W-9 or other certification of non-foreign status has not been received, a withholding agent, transferee, or partnership (payor) generally applies presumption rules that may require the payor to withhold applicable tax from the recipient, owner, transferor, or partner (payee). See Pub. 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities.

The following persons must provide Form W-9 to the payor for purposes of establishing its non-foreign status.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the disregarded 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 grantor trust.
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

See Pub. 515 for more information on providing a Form W-9 or a certification of non-foreign status to avoid withholding.

**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 (under Regulations section 1.1441-1(b)(2)(iv) or other applicable section for chapter 3 or 4 purposes), do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515). If you are a qualified foreign pension fund under Regulations section 1.897(I)-1(d), or a partnership that is wholly owned by qualified foreign pension funds, that is treated as a non-foreign person for purposes of section 1445 withholding, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use Form W-8EXP (or other certification of non-foreign status).

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 their 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 their 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, but are not limited to, 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, as described in item 4 under "By signing the filled-out form" 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.

See also Establishing U.S. status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding, earlier.

# What Is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all U.S. account holders that are specified U.S. 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 are no longer 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.

• 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 for 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 you filed with your application.

- Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your Form 1040 on line 1. Enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.
- Partnership, C corporation, S corporation, or LLC, other than a disregarded entity. 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.
- 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. Enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.
- Disregarded entity. In general, a business entity that has a single owner, including an LLC, and is not a corporation, is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (a disregarded entity). See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2). A disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the owner 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. 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, enter it on line 2.

#### Line 3a

Check the appropriate box on line 3a for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3a.

IF the entity/individual on line 1 is a(n)	THEN check the box for		
Corporation	Corporation.		
Individual or	Individual/sole proprietor.		
Sole proprietorship			
LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes or	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax		
LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 electing to be taxed as a corporation	classification:  P = Partnership,  C = C corporation, or  S = S corporation.		
Partnership	Partnership.		
Trust/estate	Trust/estate.		

#### Line 3b

Check this box if you are a partnership (including an LLC classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes), trust, or estate that has any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate, in which you have an ownership interest. You must check the box on line 3b if you receive a Form W-8 (or documentary evidence) from any partner, owner, or beneficiary establishing foreign status or if you receive a Form W-9 from any partner, owner, or beneficiary that has checked the box on line 3b.

**Note:** A partnership that provides a Form W-9 and checks box 3b may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065). For more information, see the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

If you are required to complete line 3b but fail to do so, you may not receive the information necessary to file a correct information return with the IRS or furnish a correct payee statement to your partners or beneficiaries. See, for example, sections 6698, 6722, and 6724 for penalties that may apply.

#### **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 on 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 territory, 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 territory
- 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 as defined under section 581.
- 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 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5. <sup>2</sup>		
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third-party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, and its instructions.

**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) entered 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 territory, 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, enter "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 ITIN. Enter it in the entry space for the Social security number. 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). 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 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/EIN. 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 Form SS-4 mailed to you within 15 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and enter "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, you will generally 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. See also *Establishing U.S.* status for purposes of chapter 3 and chapter 4 withholding, earlier, for when you may instead be subject to withholding under chapter 3 or 4 of the Code.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

### 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
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 <sup>1</sup>
Two or more U.S. persons     (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
<ul> <li>b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law</li> </ul>	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional 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:
Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
<ol> <li>Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization</li> </ol>	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
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
<ol> <li>Grantor trust filing Form 1041 or under the Optional Filing Method 2, requiring Form 1099 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))**</li> </ol>	The trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

- <sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name on line 1, and enter your business or DBA name, if any, on line 2. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.
- <sup>4</sup>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.)
- \* Note: The grantor must also provide a Form W-9 to the trustee of the trust.
- \*\*For more information on optional filing methods for grantor trusts, see the Instructions for Form 1041.

**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 return 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 a questionable credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

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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 877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 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 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.ldentityTheft.gov* and Pub. 5027.

Go to 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 territories for use in administering their laws. The information may also 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, payors must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividends, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payor. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Use of Letter of Transmittal

- (a) This Letter of Transmittal (or a manually signed facsimile thereof), the accompanying certificate(s) representing the Deposited Series 4 Notes and all other required documents must be received by the Depositary at the office listed on the back page of this Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) The method used to deliver this Letter of Transmittal and any accompanying certificate(s) representing the Deposited Series 4 Notes is at the option and risk of the holder, and delivery will be deemed effective only when such documents are actually received by the Depositary. The Company recommends that the necessary documentation be delivered to the Depositary at its office(s) on the back page of this Letter of Transmittal, via registered mail with return receipt requested, and properly insured. A Series 4 Noteholder whose Series 4 Notes are registered in the name of a broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company or other nominee should contact that nominee for instructions and assistance in depositing those Series 4 Notes.

# 2. Signatures

- (a) This Letter of Transmittal must be filled in and signed by the holder of Deposited Series 4 Notes described above or by such holder's duly authorized representative (in accordance with Instruction 4).
- (b) If this Letter of Transmittal is signed by the registered owner(s) of the accompanying certificate(s), such signature(s) on this Letter of Transmittal must correspond with the name(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 this Letter of Transmittal.
- (c) 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 by a Person other than the registered owner(s) of the Deposited Series 4 Notes, or if the payment is to be issued in the name of a Person other than the registered owner of the Deposited Series 4 Notes, such signature must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution (as defined below), or in some other manner satisfactory to the Depositary (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 Association 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 and 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. Any of the Company, the Purchaser or the Depositary, 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 certificate(s) for Deposited Series 4 Notes, additional certificate numbers (if applicable) and number of Deposited Series 4 Notes may be included on a separate signed list affixed to this Letter of Transmittal.
- (b) If Deposited Series 4 Notes 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. All Series 4 Noteholders, by execution of this Letter of Transmittal, waive any right to receive any notice of acceptance of Deposited Series 4 Notes for payment.
- (d) This Letter of Transmittal, 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 Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein. The undersigned hereby irrevocably attorns and submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ontario courts situated in the City of Toronto, and waives objection to the venue of any proceedings in such court or that such court provides an inconvenient forum.
- (e) Additional copies of the Circular and this Letter of Transmittal may be obtained from the Depositary at any of its respective offices at the addresses listed below. A copy of this Letter of Transmittal is also available on SEDAR+ (<a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>) under the Company's issuer profile.
- (f) The Purchaser reserves the right to waive or not to waive any and all errors or other deficiencies in any Letter of Transmittal or other document and any such waiver or non-waiver will be final and binding upon the Series 4 Noteholders.
- (g) Before completing this Letter of Transmittal, you are urged to read the accompanying Circular and discuss any questions with your financial, legal and/or tax advisors.

#### 6. Lost Certificates

In the event any certificate which immediately prior to the Effective Time represented one or more outstanding Series 4 Notes that were transferred pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the Series 4 Noteholder claiming such certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed, the Depositary will issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, the Company Note Consideration deliverable in accordance with the Plan of Arrangement and such Series 4 Noteholder's Letter of Transmittal. When authorizing such payment in exchange for any lost, stolen or destroyed certificate, the Series 4 Noteholder to whom the Company Note Consideration is to be delivered shall, as a condition precedent to the delivery thereof, give a bond satisfactory to the Purchaser and the Depositary (each acting reasonably) in such sum as the Purchaser may direct or otherwise indemnify the Purchaser and the Company in a manner satisfactory to the Purchaser and the Company, each acting reasonably, against any claim that may be made against the Purchaser or the Company with respect to the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Alternatively, Series 4 Noteholders who have lost, stolen, or destroyed their certificate(s) may participate in Computershare's blanket bond program with Aviva Insurance Company of Canada by completing BOX D above, and submitting the applicable certified cheque or money order made payable to Computershare Investor Services Inc.

# 7. Important U.S. Tax Information for Series 4 Noteholders

The following does not constitute a summary of the tax consequences of the Arrangement. Series 4 Noteholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of the Arrangement.

For purposes of this Letter of Transmittal, a "U.S. person" is any person that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership, or other entity classified as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein; (iii) an estate if the income of such estate is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source of such income; or (iv) a trust if (a) such trust has validly elected to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (b) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust.

To prevent U.S. federal backup withholding from applying to payments made to a U.S. Noteholder (or any person acting on behalf of a U.S. Noteholder) pursuant to the Arrangement, such U.S. Noteholder must, unless an exemption applies, provide the Depositary with a correct U.S. taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), which is generally the holder's social security number or federal employer identification number, certify under penalties of perjury that such TIN is correct (or that the holder is waiting for a TIN to be issued), and provide certain other certifications by completing the IRS Form W-9 included with this Letter of Transmittal.

If the included IRS Form W-9 does not apply to a U.S. Noteholder because the holder is not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes (but the holder provided a U.S. address in Box B or Box E of this Letter of Transmittal or has a U.S. address on the register of Series 4 Noteholders of the Company), such U.S. Noteholder should instead properly complete and provide an IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8IMY, W-8ECI, or W-8EXP, as applicable, attesting to such exempt status. An appropriate IRS Form W-8 may be obtained from the Depositary or from the IRS website at <a href="https://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>.

Each U.S. Noteholder is urged to consult a U.S. tax advisor to determine whether such holder is required to furnish an IRS Form W-9, is required to furnish an IRS Form W-8, or is exempt from backup withholding and information reporting.

A U.S. NOTEHOLDER WHO FAILS TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED IRS FORM W-9 INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE APPROPRIATE IRS FORM W-8 MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES, AND ANY PAYMENTS MADE TO SUCH HOLDER PURSUANT TO THE ARRANGEMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO BACKUP WITHHOLDING. BACKUP WITHHOLDING IS NOT AN ADDITIONAL TAX. RATHER, THE TAX LIABILITY OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO BACKUP WITHHOLDING WILL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF TAX WITHHELD. IF WITHHOLDING RESULTS IN AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES, A REFUND MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A TAX RETURN WITH THE IRS. THE DEPOSITARY CANNOT REFUND AMOUNTS WITHHELD BY REASON OF BACKUP WITHHOLDING.

#### 8. Return of Certificates

If the Arrangement is not completed or does not proceed for any reason, any certificate(s) for Series 4 Notes received by the Depositary will be returned to you forthwith at the address set forth above or, failing such address being specified, at your last address as it appears on the securities register of the Company.

## 9. Privacy Notice

Computershare 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 your and our clients' needs and for other lawful purposes relating to our services. Computershare 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. We also ensure the protection of the rights of data subjects under the General Data Protection Regulation, where applicable. We have prepared a Privacy Code to tell you more about our information practices, how your privacy is protected and how to contact our Chief Privacy Officer. It is available at our website, <a href="https://www.computershare.com">www.computershare.com</a>, or by writing to us at 320 Bay Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 4A6. Computershare 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.

# 10. Late Delivery

Registered holders of Series 4 Notes must submit a properly completed Letter of Transmittal and original certificate(s) on or before the third anniversary of the Effective Date to avoid losing their entitlement to the Company Note Consideration to be paid under the Arrangement.

#### 11. Time is of the Essence

Time is of the essence to submit your Letter of Transmittal.

#### 12. Request for Assistance

The Depositary or your securities broker, financial institution, trustee, custodian or other nominee can assist you in completing this Letter of Transmittal (see the back page of this Letter of Transmittal for the address and telephone numbers of the Depositary).

# The Depositary is:



## COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC.

By Hand or by Courier

320 Bay Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M5H 4A6

By Mail

P.O. Box 7021 31 Adelaide St E Toronto, ON M5C 3H2 Attention: Corporate Actions

Toll Free: 1-800-564-6253 Outside North America: 1-514-982-7555 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:corporateactions@computershare.com">computershare.com</a>

Any questions and requests for assistance may be directed by Series 4 Noteholders to the Depositary at the telephone number and email set out above.