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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TAX LIABILITIES OF:

JOHN DOES, United States taxpayers, who at any time during the years ended December 31, 2002 through December 31, 2007, had signature or other authority (including authority to withdraw funds; to make investment decisions; to receive account statements, trade confirmations, or other account information; or to receive advice or solicitations) with respect to any financial accounts maintained at, monitored by, or managed through any office in Switzerland of UBS AG or its subsidiaries or affiliates and for whom UBS AG or its subsidiaries or affiliates (1) did not have in its possession Forms W-9 executed by such United States taxpayers, and (2) had not filed timely and accurate Forms 1099 naming such United States taxpayers and reporting to United States taxing authorities all reportable payments made to such United States taxpayers.

# DECLARATION OF BARRY B. SHOTT

- I, Barry B. Shott, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, declare and state:
- 1. I am the duly commissioned Deputy Commissioner (International) with the Large & MidSize Business Division of the Internal Revenue Service. I am employed in the office of the Commissioner, Large & MidSize Business Division, and I am the United States Competent Authority. As the Competent Authority, I oversee the international exchange of information pursuant to tax treaties between the United States and foreign countries. Prior to my appointment as the Deputy Commissioner (International) I was a Director of Field Operations, and then Industry Director for the Financial Services Industry in the Large & MidSize Business Division.

While with the Financial Services Industry, I was directly responsible for oversight of the Qualified Intermediary Program.

### The Qualified Intermediary Program

- The United States Government issued regulations, effective in 2001, confirming 2. that the IRS would require that thirty (30) percent be withheld on income earned with respect to United States investments maintained in foreign financial accounts unless the foreign banks gave U.S. withholding agents documentation obtained from the beneficial owners of the accounts.
- 3. In order to simplify the documentation procedure, the IRS created the Qualified Intermediary Program ("Q.I. Program"). Foreign banks that agreed to follow certain procedures could assume the responsibilities of a U.S. withholding agent (including determining which customers qualified for treaty benefits, such as reduced or eliminated withholdings, based on documents establishing the identity of the account's beneficial owner) without disclosing to U.S. authorities the identities of these non-United States taxpayers. This was a valuable benefit to foreign banks in maintaining their business with respect to the holdings of United States investments by non-United States taxpayers.
- In order for the Q.I. Program to function as intended, the foreign banks must correctly and truthfully ascertain the identity and citizenship/residence of its clients. Thus, the Q.I. Program requires foreign banks to obtain and maintain IRS Forms W-8BEN, which report the identities of non-United States account holders, or IRS Forms W-9, which report the identities of United States account holders. Model copies of Forms W-8BEN and W-9 are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively. In addition, the O.I. Program requires foreign banks to confirm client identities with greater scrutiny than in the past. Specifically, foreign banks

must examine formal identification, citizenship and residency documentation. Clients claiming non-United States residence/citizenship are obligated to document their status, especially where bankers have contact with the client in the United States, such as meetings in person and contacts via telephone, mail, e-mail and fax.

- 5. Pursuant to the Q.I. Program, foreign banks maintaining accounts for United States clients are required to prepare and transmit to the IRS, Forms 1099 reporting payments on United States investments. Generally, the Form 1099 reporting cover interest, dividends and sales proceeds on United States investments. The Form 1099 is issued by the bank to the United States taxpayer and the information contained therein is provided to the IRS.
- 6. Where a United States taxpayer refuses to submit the proper documentation, a foreign bank that is party to a Q.I. Agreement must backup withhold at twenty-eight (28) percent on all U.S. source income, just like a U.S. bank. If a foreign bank that is party to a Q.I. Agreement (1) knows that an account holder is a United States taxpayer who should be providing documentation, and (2) the foreign bank is prohibited by law (including by contract) from disclosing the account holder, then the foreign bank must request from the account holder the authority either to disclose his identity or to exclude U.S. securities from his account. If the foreign bank does not receive authority to disclose the owner's identity or to exclude U.S. securities in 60 days, it must sell the U.S. securities in the account.
- 7. If clients claiming non-United States residence/citizenship do not document their status, the foreign bank is required to apply various presumptions, all of which would result in withholding on U.S. source payments.

12. The United States also has a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with Switzerland, which entered into force January 23, 1977. The MLAT also provides a mechanism for the exchange of information, but applies only to criminal investigations. Because the investigation in which the UBS John Doe summons will be issued is civil in nature, the MLAT does not provide a means for securing the information sought in the summons.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 24 day of June 2008.

BARRY B. SMOTT Deputy Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service

# Exhibit A to the Shott Declaration

# Form W-8BEN

(Rev. February 2006)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding

► Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code. ► See separate instructions. ► Give this form to the withholding agent or paver. Do not send to the IRS.

OMB No. 1545-1621

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	not use this form for: A U.S. citizen or other U.S. person, including a resident alien individual	Instead, use Form:				
• A	A person claiming that income is effectively connected with the conduct					
	of a trade or business in the United States	W-8ECI W-8ECI or W-8IMY				
• A	A foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization.					
to cl	oreign private foundation, or government of a U.S. possession that received effectively connected income or that is claiming the applicability of section(s) 115(2), 501(c), 892, 895, or 1443(b) (see instructions)	W-8ECI or W-8EXP				
Not	te: These entities should use Form W-8BEN if they are claiming treaty benefits or are providing the form only to	,,				
	im they are a foreign person exempt from backup withholding.  A person acting as an intermediary	W-8IMY				
	te: See instructions for additional exceptions.					
Pa	art I Identification of Beneficial Owner (See instructions.)					
1	Name of individual or organization that is the beneficial owner  2 Country of in	corporation or organization				
3	Type of beneficial owner: Individual Corporation Disregarded entity Partners	<u> </u>				
•		ship				
	Central bank of issue	One organization				
4	Permanent residence address (street, apt. or suite no., or rural route). Do not use a P.O. box or in-care-of add	ress.				
	City of them plate or province include partel and where environments	A (-) A (-)				
	City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  Coun	try (do not abbreviate)				
5	Mailing address (if different from above)					
	City or town, state or province. Include postal code where appropriate.  Coun	try (do not abbreviate)				
	U.S. taxpayer identification number, if required (see instructions)  7 Foreign tax identifying	g number, if any (optional)				
Ī	SSN or ITIN EIN	y number, it any (optional)				
8	Reference number(s) (see instructions)					
D.	Olehen of Ten Tracks DemoRite (if any thoughts)	<del>,</del>				
	art II Claim of Tax Treaty Benefits (if applicable)					
9	a   The beneficial owner is a resident of	the United States and that country				
-	b If required, the U.S. taxpayer identification number is stated on line 6 (see instructions).					
c	The beneficial owner is not an individual, derives the item (or items) of income for which the treaty benefits are claimed, and, if applicable, meets the requirements of the treaty provision dealing with limitation on benefits (see instructions).					
d	d 🗌 The beneficial owner is not an individual, is claiming treaty benefits for dividends received from a foreign corporation or interest from a					
	U.S. trade or business of a foreign corporation, and meets qualified resident status (see instructions).					
-	e The beneficial owner is related to the person obligated to pay the income within the meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b), and will file Form 8833 if the amount subject to withholding received during a calendar year exceeds, in the aggregate, \$500,000.					
10						
	treaty identified on line 9a above to claim a% rate of withholding on (specify type of income):					
	Explain the reasons the beneficial owner meets the terms of the treaty attitle.					
	Notional Principal Contracts					
11	I have provided or will provide a statement that identifies those notional principal contracts from which the in connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States. I agree to update this statement as	come is <b>not</b> effectively required.				
	art IV Certification					
furthe	ler penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information on this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is the certify under penalties of perjury that:	true, correct, and complete. I				
	am the beneficial owner (or am authorized to sign for the beneficial owner) of all the income to which this form relates, the beneficial owner is not a U.S. person,					
3 The	ne income to which this form relates is (a) not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, (b) subject to tax under an income tax treaty, or (c) the partner's share of a partnership's effectively connected income, and	effectively connected but is				
4 For	or broker transactions or barter exchanges, the beneficial owner is an exempt foreign person as defined in the instructions.					
Furth any v	hermore, I authorize this form to be provided to any withholding agent that has control, receipt, or custody of the income of which I withholding agent that can disburse or make payments of the income of which I am the beneficial owner.	am the beneficial owner or				
Sig	Signature of beneficial owner (or individual authorized to sign for beneficial owner)  Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Capacity in which acting				

# Exhibit B to the Shott Declaration

# (Rev. October 2007) Department of the Treasury

## Request for Taxpayer **Identification Number and Certification**

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

25	Name (as shown on your income tax return)					
on page	Business name, if different from above			· ·		
Print or type Specific Instructions	Check appropriate box: ☐ Individual/Sole proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ►			Exempt payee		
Print ic Inst	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)				
Specif	City, state, and ZIP code					
S86	List account number(s) here (optional)					
Par	t I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)		<del> </del>			
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part 1 instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.			Social secu	ocial security number		
			Employer id	mployer identification number		
Par	t II Certification		!		—-	
Under	r penalties of perjury, I certify that:					
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and						
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and						
3. la	am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).					
withho For m	fication instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IF olding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For nortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of deligement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not requi	real estate tot, contribut	ransactions, ions to an ir	item 2 does not appl dividual retirement	y.	

## U.S. person ▶ **General Instructions**

Signature of

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

provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

### Purpose of Form

Sign

Here

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- 1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  - 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If 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

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 A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity.