

Date: 26th July, 2023

To,
Listing Department,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza, C-1 Block G,
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai.

Scrip Symbol: FOCUS

Series: EQ

Sub: Communication to shareholders in respect of deduction of tax at source on dividend pay-out.

Dear Sir/ Ma'am,

Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, with effect from April 1, 2020, Dividend Distribution Tax is abolished and dividend income is taxable in the hands of the shareholders.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith an email communication which has been sent on 25th July, 2023 to all the shareholders having their email id's registered with the Company/Depositories explaining the process on withholding tax from dividends paid to the shareholders at prescribed rates along with the necessary annexures.

This communication is also available on the website of the Company
<https://www.focuslightingandfixtures.com/investors/announcements-2023-24/>.

You are requested to take the same on record.

For Focus Lighting and Fixtures Limited

AMIT VINOD SHETH
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 01468052

Focus Lighting And Fixtures Limited

Corporate Identity No. (CIN): L31500MH2005PLC155278

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Date: 25th July, 2023

Dear Members,

SUB: COMMUNICATION IN RESPECT OF DEDUCTION OF TAX AT SOURCE ON FINAL DIVIDEND FOR FY 2022-23 AND APPLICABLE TAX DEDUCTION (TDS)

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on 24th July, 2023 has recommended Final Dividend of Rs. 1.50/- per equity share of face value of Rs. 10/- each for the Financial Year 2022-23.

The Final Dividend, as recommended by the Board, if approved at the 18th Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, the 31st day of August 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the 11C, Laxmi Industrial Estate, New Link Road, Opp. Fun Republic, Cinema, Andheri West, Mumbai – 400058, will be paid to the Equity Shareholders (Eligible Shareholders) of the Company as on the record dates i.e., 18th August, 2023.

The dividend would be paid to the Eligible Shareholders within a period of 30 days from the date of AGM, electronically, through various online modes to those members who have updated their bank account details or through any other permissible mode.

In terms of the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, ("Act"), dividend paid or distributed by a Company on or after 1st April 2020 is taxable in the hands of shareholders. The Company will therefore deduct tax at source at the time of payment of dividend, at rates based on the category of shareholders and subject to fulfilment of conditions as provided herein below:

The Shareholders are requested to update their PAN, Bank account detail, Email ID and Address with the Company/Bigshare Services Private Limited (Registrar and Transfer Agent) (in case of shares held in physical mode) and with the Depositories/ Depository Participants (in case of shares held in Demat Mode)

This communication provides the applicable Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) provisions under the IT Act for Resident and Non-Resident shareholder categories. The Shareholders are requested to refer to the IT Act for the prescribed rates applicable to them.

A. FOR RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS:

Tax will be deducted at source ("TDS") under Section 194 of the Act, @ **10%** on the amount of dividend payable, unless exempt under any of the provisions of the Act. However, in case of individuals, TDS would not apply if the aggregate of total dividend distributed to them by the Company during the financial year does not exceed **Rs. 5, 000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)**. Tax deduction will be subject to the below requirements:

1. Where, the Permanent Account Number (PAN) is available and such PAN is valid/operative as per the provisions of the Act:

In accordance with Section 194 of the Act, tax shall be deducted at source from the dividend amount at rate of **10%** where shareholders have registered their valid PAN with their

Depository Participant or Bigshare Services Private Limited (“Bigshare”) and at rate of **20%** for cases where the shareholders do not have PAN / have not registered their valid PAN or who have not filed their return of income and are considered non-compliant as per provisions of Section 206AB of the Act. For the purpose of compliance under Section 206AB, Bank will verify the status (i.e., whether Specified Person or not) from the Government enabled online utility for this purpose and deduct TDS accordingly.

2. NIL / lower tax will be deducted on dividend payable to the following categories of resident shareholders, on submission of self-declarations:

- i. **Insurance companies:** Documentary evidence that the provisions of Section 194 of the Act are not applicable to them (**Refer below link of Annexure 1 - Declaration format of Insurance Companies**) along with the self-attested PAN card and registration certificate issued by IRDAI by the competent authority with affixed stamp;
- ii. **Mutual Funds:** Documentary evidence to prove that the mutual fund is a mutual fund specified under clause (23D) of Section 10 of the Act (**Refer below link of form as Annexure 2 - Declaration format of Mutual funds**) long with self-attested copies of the registration documents and PAN card;
- iii. **Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established in India:** Self - declaration that its dividend income is not chargeable under the head 'Profit and Gains of Business or Profession' and exempt under Section 10(23FBA) of the Act and they are established as Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations. (**Refer below link of form as Annexure-3 Declaration format of AIF**). Copy of self- attested registration documents and PAN card should also be provided;
- iv. **Entities Exempt under Section 10 of the Act:** In case of resident non-individual shareholders, if the income is exempt from TDS under Income Tax Act, 1961, the authorized signatory shall submit the self-declaration duly signed with stamp affixed for the purpose of claiming exemption from tax deduction at source (**Refer below link of Form 10F**).
- v. **Corporation established by or under a Central Act** which is, under any law for the time being in force, exempt from income- tax on its income - Documentary evidence that the person is covered under Section 196 of the Act;
- vi. **Form 15G/15H in the case of eligible Resident shareholders:** No tax shall be deducted in the case of a resident shareholder if the shareholder provides duly signed Form 15G (applicable to any person other than a Company or a Firm) or Form 15H (applicable to an individual above the age of 60 years), provided that all the prescribed eligibility conditions are met (**Refer below link of Form 15G and 15H**).
- vii. **Beneficial Ownership:** In case of equity share(s) held in the Company as a beneficiary; and are not subject to TDS under Section 196 of the Act, the person shall submit self-attested copy of the documentary evidence supporting the exemption status along with self-attested copy of PAN Card.
- viii. **Benefit under Rule 37BA:** In case where shares are held by intermediaries/ stock brokers and TDS is to be applied by the Company in the PAN of the beneficial shareholders then intermediaries/ stock brokers and beneficial shareholders will have to provide a declaration.
- ix. Where a shareholder furnishes lower / nil deduction tax certificate under Section 197, TDS will be deducted as per the rates prescribed in such certificate.

B. FOR NON-RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS (including Foreign Institutional Investors and Foreign Portfolio Investors):

Tax is required to be withheld in terms of the provisions of Sections 195 and 196D of the Act, at applicable rates in force. As per the relevant provisions of the Act, tax shall be withheld @ 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on the amount of dividend payable. However, in terms of Section 90 of the Act, non-resident shareholders have the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ("DTAA") between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if the DTAA provisions are more beneficial. To avail the tax treaty benefits, non-resident shareholder(s) will have to provide the following:

- Self-attested copy of PAN card, if allotted by the Indian income tax authorities
- Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate ("TRC") obtained from the tax authorities of the country of residence of the shareholder
- Self-declaration in Form 10F (**Refer below link of Form 10F**)
- Self-declaration by the non-resident shareholder of meeting the treaty eligibility requirements and satisfying beneficial ownership requirement (Non-resident having PE in India need to comply with the provisions of Section 206AB of the Act)
- In case of Foreign Institutional Investors and Foreign Portfolio Investors, self-attested copy of the registration certificate issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

It is imperative that shareholders independently satisfy their eligibility to claim DTAA benefit including meeting all conditions laid down by DTAA.

The Company is not obligated to apply the beneficial DTAA rates at the time of tax deduction / withholding on dividend amounts. Application of beneficial DTAA Rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company, of the documents submitted by Non-Resident shareholder.

Notwithstanding anything contained in other part of this communication, where any shareholder is a tax resident of any country or territory notified as a notified jurisdictional area under Section 94A(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, tax will be deducted at source at the rate of 30% or at the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Income-tax Act, 1961 or at the rates in force, whichever is higher, from the dividend payable to such shareholder in accordance with Section 94A of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

C. SECTION 206AB OF THE ACT

The Finance Act, 2021, has inter-alia inserted the provisions of Section 206AB of the Income-tax Act, 1961 with effect from July 1, 2021. The provisions of Section 206AB of the Income-tax Act, 1961 require the deductor to deduct tax at higher of the following rates from amount paid/ credited to 'specified person':

- at twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or
- at twice the rate or rates in force; or
- at the rate of 5%.

In cases where both Sections 206AA (higher rate of TDS at 20% in no PAN cases) and 206AB (non-filer of tax returns) are applicable to a shareholder, tax will be deducted at higher of the two rates prescribed in these Sections. The non-resident who does not have the permanent establishment is excluded from the scope of a 'specified person'. The Company will be using functionality of the Income-tax department to determine the applicability of Section 206AB of

the Act (as per the Central Board of Direct Taxes Circular No. 11 of 2021 dated 21st June 2021).

To summarise, dividend will be paid after deducting tax at source as under:

- i. **NIL for resident shareholders (individuals) receiving dividend upto Rs. 5,000/- or in case duly filled up and signed Form No.15G / Form No.15H (as applicable) along with self-attested copy of the PAN card is submitted.**
- ii. **10% for other resident shareholders in case copy of PAN card is provided / available.**
- iii. **20% for resident shareholders if copy of PAN card is not provided / not available.**
- iv. **Tax will be assessed on the basis of documents submitted by the non-resident shareholders.**
- v. **20% plus applicable surcharge and cess for non-resident shareholders in case the relevant documents are not submitted.**
- vi. **Lower/ NIL TDS on submission of self-attested copy of the valid certificate issued under Section 197 of the Act.**

The above-mentioned rates will be subject to applicability of Section 206AB of the Act.

In terms of Rule 37BA of the Income Tax Rules 1962, if dividend income on which tax has been deducted at source is assessable in the hands of a person other than the deductee, then such deductee should file declaration with Company in the manner prescribed in the Rules.

In case tax on dividend is deducted at a higher rate in the absence of receipt or due to defect in any of the aforementioned details / documents, you will be able to claim refund of the excess tax deducted by filing your income tax return. No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted.

D. UPDATION OF PAN, EMAIL ADDRESS, BANK AND OTHER DETAILS:

While on the subject, we request you to submit / update your bank account details with your Depository Participant, in case you are holding shares in the electronic form. In case your shareholding is in the physical form, you will have to submit a scanned copy of a covering letter, duly signed by you, along with a cancelled cheque leaf with your name and bank account details and a copy of your PAN card, duly self-attested, with “Bigshare”. This will facilitate receipt of dividend directly into your bank account. In case the cancelled cheque leaf does not bear your name, please attach a copy of the bank pass-book statement, duly self-attested.

Kindly note that the aforementioned documents are required to be emailed as mentioned below:

Resident shareholders to send to	:	<u>tds@bigshareonline.com</u>
Non-Resident shareholders to send to	:	<u>tds@bigshareonline.com</u>

These documents should reach us on or before 25th August, 2023 in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS/withholding tax rate.

No communication on the tax determination/deduction shall be entertained post Monday, 19th September, 2023.

Incomplete and/or unsigned forms, declarations and documents will not be considered by the Company for granting any exemption.

For seeking any further clarification, please write to the RTA as per details given below:

Bigshare Services Private Limited

Office No S6-2, 6th Floor, Pinnacle Business Park,
Next to Ahura Centre, Mahakali Caves Road,
Andheri (East) Mumbai – 400093.
Telephone No.: 022 – 62638200
Email: tds@bigshareonline.com

Or contact the Company at accounts@pluslighttech.com.

Disclaimer: The information set out herein above is included for general information purposes only and does not constitute legal or tax advice. Since the tax consequences are dependent on facts and circumstances of each case, the investors are advised to consult their own tax consultant with respect to specific tax implications arising out of receipt of dividend.

Your co-operation in this regard is solicited.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For **Focus Lighting And Fixtures Limited**

Sd/-

Drashti Senjaliya
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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Particulars	Link for download
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Form 15H	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/FORM_NO_15H.pdf
Form 10 F	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Form_10F.pdf
Annexure 1 -Declaration format of Insurance Companies	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure%201_Declaration_format_of_Insurance_Companies.pdf
Annexure -2 Declaration format of Mutual funds	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure%202_Declaration_format_of_Mutual_funds.pdf
Annexure 3 -Declaration format of AIF	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure%203_Declaration_format_of_AIF.pdf
Annexure 4- Declaration for exemption under Circular 18	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure%204_Declaration%20for%20exemption%20under%20Circular%2018.pdf
Annexure 5 -Rule 37BC - Declaration for No PAN Cases	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure%205_Rule%2037BC.pdf
Annexure 6 -Self-Declaration Non- resident	https://bigshareonline.com/docs/Annexure_7_Self_Declaration_Non_resident_1_.pdf