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Dear Sirs,

Sub: Communication with regards to Tax Deduction at source (TDS) on dividend.

Please find enclosed communication being sent to the shareholders in connection with respect to deduction of TDS / withholding tax on dividend and submission of documents by shareholders for claiming applicable tax exemption / tax treaty benefits / reliefs.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

For: **The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited**

Anand Punde
Company Secretary
Email Id: anand_punde@greatship.com

Encl: As above.



August 3, 2023

To

The Equity Shareholders
The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Interim Dividend for FY 2023-24 – Communication regarding TDS / withholding tax on Dividend.

As you may be aware, the Board of Directors of the Company has declared interim dividend of Rs. 12.90 per equity share for the financial year 2023-24.

As per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (**'the Act'**), dividends paid or distributed by a Company are taxable in the hands of the shareholders.

Accordingly, your Company is required to deduct Income tax at source (**'TDS'**)/withholding tax at the time of making payment of the aforesaid interim dividend. The TDS/withholding tax rate would vary depending on the residential status of each shareholder and the documents submitted by the shareholder and found to be in order by the Company.

Accordingly, the aforesaid interim dividend will be paid after deducting in the following manner:

In the case of Resident Shareholders

- 1) Where the shareholder holds a valid Permanent Account Number (PAN):
 - a) Tax shall be deducted at source in accordance with section 194 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 @ 10% on the amount of dividend.
 - b) No tax shall be deducted in the case of a resident individual shareholder, if:
 - i) the amount of such dividend in aggregate, paid or likely to be paid during the financial year, does not exceed INR 5,000; or
 - ii) the individual shareholder provides duly signed **Form 15G** or **Form 15H** (applicable to individual shareholders above the age of 60 years) provided that all the prescribed eligibility conditions are met. The formats of Form 15G and Form 15H are available on the website of the Company: www.greatship.com.



c) No tax shall be deducted, if:

- i) the dividend is paid to Life Insurance Corporation, General Insurance Corporation (GIC), subsidiaries or any other Insurer on the shares owned by it or in which it has a full beneficial interest. In such cases, the shareholders are required to intimate to the Company that TDS is not deductible in their case alongwith appropriate documentary evidence, such as evidence of being registered as an Insurer with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- ii) the income of the shareholder is unconditionally exempt u/s. 10 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 and the shareholder is not required to file a Return of Income, provided that the shareholder satisfies the Company in this regard by furnishing a declaration alongwith documentary evidences. Example: Recognised Provident Funds, Approved Gratuity Funds, Approved Superannuation Funds, Local Authority, etc.
- iii) the dividend is paid to Mutual Funds and Category - I & II Alternative Investment Funds registered with SEBI. Mutual Funds & Alternative Investment Funds – I & II are required to furnish the following documents **on or before August 15, 2023** to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents ('RTA') viz., KFin Technologies Limited:
 - Certified copy of SEBI registration / CBDT notification and
 - Declaration that their income is exempt under section 10(23D) / 10(23FBA) of the Income-tax Act and therefore no TDS is required in terms of section 196(iv) of the Act.

2) Where the PAN is either not available with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents or is invalid/inoperative or the shareholder has not filed his/her/its Income Tax Return for the financial year immediately preceding the current financial year within the due date prescribed under the Act and the aggregate of TDS and Tax Collected at Source (TCS) in his/her/their case is Rs.50,000 or more, in such preceding financial year (defined as Specified Person in section 206AB of the Income-tax Act), tax shall be deducted at the higher rate of 20%. For the purpose of TDS, the Company will verify the status of the shareholder whether he/she/it is a Specified Person or not from the Government enabled online facility and deduct tax at source accordingly.

The Government had made it mandatory for all taxpayers having a Aadhaar number to link it with their PAN. Last date of linking Aadhaar with PAN was 30th June 2023. If Aadhaar has not been linked with PAN by the shareholder, the PAN would have become inoperative with effect from 1st July, 2023 until the linking of Aadhaar with PAN and consequently tax will be withheld at higher rate.



For Non-resident Shareholders

- 4) Tax will be deducted at source in accordance with the provisions of the Act at applicable rates in force.
- 5) As per the relevant provisions of the Act, tax shall be deducted u/s. 195 r.w.s 115A @ 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on the amount of dividend.
- 6) As per the provisions of the Act, the non-resident shareholders can opt to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Treaty (DTAA/Tax Treaty) between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if such DTAA/Tax Treaty provisions are more beneficial to them. In order to avail the DTAA/Tax Treaty benefits, the non-resident shareholder is required to furnish all the following documents **on or before August 15, 2023** to the RTA viz., KFin Technologies Limited.

- a) Self-attested copy of Permanent Account Number (PAN), if allotted by the Indian Income Tax Authorities; or

Self-attested Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) issued by the tax authorities of the country of which shareholder is a tax resident, evidencing and certifying the shareholder's tax residency status for the Financial Year 2023-24.

- b) Completed and duly signed Self-Declaration in **Form 10F**, draft format available on the website of the Company : www.greatship.com.
- c) **Self-declaration** for the Financial Year 2023-24 in the prescribed format available on the website of the Company : www.greatship.com.

Shareholders having/holding PAN are required to file form 10F electronically on the Income-tax departments' website www.incometax.gov.in and upload TRC and self declaration on the website. Shareholders who do not hold a PAN are required to file TRC, Form 10F and the self declaration with the company / RTA physically.

- 6) The Company is under no obligation to apply the beneficial DTAA tax rate at the time of tax deduction/withholding on dividend amounts. Application of beneficial DTAA tax rate depends upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company of the documents submitted by the concerned Non-Resident shareholder.



- 7) In terms of Rule 37BA of the Income Tax Rules 1962, if the 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 a declaration with the Company and its RTA in the manner prescribed in the Rules **on or before August 15, 2023**. Such declaration should contain the name, address, PAN, of the person to whom such credit is to be granted and the reasons for granting credit to such person. **No request in this regard would be accepted by Company/RTA after the said date.**

Updation of PAN, email address and other details

Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, are requested to update their records such as tax residential status, permanent account number (PAN), registered email addresses, mobile numbers and other details with their relevant depositories through their depository participants. Shareholders holding shares in physical mode are requested to furnish details to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent KFin Technologies Limited. The Company is obligated to deduct tax at source (TDS) based on the records available with RTA and no request will be entertained for revision of TDS return.

Kindly note that in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS/withholding tax, the scanned copy of the duly signed documents as mentioned above are required to be emailed to the Company at dividendtax@greatship.com and to its RTA, viz., KFin Technologies Limited at einward.ris@kfintech.com on or before on or before August 15, 2023. No communication on the tax determination/ deduction shall be entertained thereafter.

The original documents may be sent in due course to the Company at its registered office or to its RTA at the following address :

KFin Technologies Ltd.
Unit: The Great Eastern Shipping Co. Ltd.
Karvy Selenium, Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli,
Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032

For withholding of taxes, the residential status of the shareholders will be considered as per the data available with the Company/RTA/the Depository Participants ('DPs'). In case there is change in their status, then the shareholders are requested to update their current status with the Company/RTA/the DPs **on or before August 15, 2023**.



You may kindly note that in case the tax on the dividend is deducted at a higher rate in absence of receipt of the aforementioned details/documents from you, there would still be an option available with you to file the return of income and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible.

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

Kindly note that no claim shall lie against the Company for tax deducted at source/withheld at source.

The Company shall arrange to email a soft copy of the TDS certificate at the shareholder's registered email ID post payment of the Interim Dividend. Shareholders will also be able to see the credit of TDS in Form 26AS, which can be downloaded from their e-filing account at <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>.

In case you require any other information/clarification with regard to the above, kindly write to us at dividendtax@greatship.com or our RTA at einward.ris@kfintech.com.

Disclaimer: This Communication should not be treated as a tax advice from the Company. Shareholders should obtain the tax advice related to their tax matters from a tax professional.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited

Anand Punde
Company Secretary.