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## **Announcement on Dividend payment of OTP Bank Plc.**

The Annual General Meeting of OTP Bank Plc. (Országos Takarékpénztár és Kereskedelmi Bank Nyilvánosan Működő Részvénytársaság), held on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2007 has decided to pay 144% dividend per share for common shares from the profits of the business year 2006.

The Bank, based on the resolution of the AGM is increasing this per share dividend with the per share amount of dividend calculated on the treasury shares. Accordingly the exact amount of dividend to be paid for each ordinary share having a face value of HUF 100 shall be HUF 145.08740937. The amount of effective dividend for each shareholder of ordinary shares shall be based on the number of shares owned and shall be established to the full forint, as per regulations of valid law.

### **I. General rules of dividend payment**

1. The first day of the dividend payment is Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2007. According to Article 13.10. of OTP Bank Plc.'s Article of Association the Company shall not be obliged to pay dividend on the shareholder's first time claim for dividend beyond five years following the date of beginning the payment of dividends.
2. Precondition of dividend payment is that the share ownership of the shareholder shall not violate the provisions of the Act CXII of 1996 (Hpt.) and the provisions of the Act CXX of 2001 (Tpt.).
3. Further condition for dividend payment is that the owner of the registered share shall be effectively entered into the Share Register of the Company and that the owner shall deliver to OTP Plc. data which are required by the effective taxation laws and which are necessary in order that OTP Plc. as paying agent can fulfil its taxation-related reporting obligations. In order to get registered the following data must be made available for OTP Bank Plc:
  - a) name of the shareholder (company name);
  - b) exact address of the shareholder (head-quarters);
  - c) in case of domestic natural persons, the personal data (name, birth name, mother's maiden name, place and date of birth), sex, nationality and taxation ID number;
  - d) in case of joint ownership the data as determined in points a, b, c and f in this paragraph for the owners and their joint representative;
  - e) the date of share purchase;
  - f) in case of nominees, it should notify the status of its clients.

### **II. The mode of dividend payment**

1. According to the point 13.5 of Article of Association and the relevant rules of KELER Ltd., OTP Bank Plc. requests KELER Ltd. for ownership identification, valid on the starting day of dividend payment as corporate action. Availability date of ownership identification will be 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007.
2. We call our shareholders' attention that according to the relevant rules of KELER Ltd., it provides ownership identification based on the data received from the depositaries managing the shareholder's account(s).
3. OTP Bank Plc. registers the shareholder in the Shareholders' Register relying upon the data according to the items I./3./a-e sent by KELER Ltd.

4. After registering the shareholder and verifying the Shareholders' Register, OTP Bank transfers the dividend to the depositary or to the shareholder's bank account if the shareholder instructed so the Bank.

### III. Taxation rules

1. For domestic natural persons the dividend is paid only if data specified in I./3/c) is provided to the Bank by KELER Ltd.

In case of missing taxation identification number no dividend will be paid by OTP Bank Plc. until it is presented.

According to the Act of CXVII. Of 1995 (§66/7) tax due to dividend incomes paid from profits of the business year 2006 is 10%. There won't be health care contribution deducted from dividend incomes.

2. For foreign shareholders the preferential taxation granted by the agreement between Hungary and the given country to avoid double taxation can be applied by OTP Bank Plc. if (1) the copy of the authentic translation of a document issued in the current year by the foreign tax authority to certify the shareholder's foreign residence furthermore (2) the authentic translation of profit drawing declaration issued in the current year by the shareholder or by the securities account manager on behalf of the shareholder (in case it is relevant regarding the taxation obligation) is sent by the shareholder or on its behalf by the depositary to the Money and Securities Market Back Office Directorate of OTP Bank Plc. (H-1131 Budapest, Babér u. 9.).

Lacking these documents general dividend taxes will be deducted from dividends of natural or legal person residing abroad.

Natural persons with foreign residence can claim back the difference of the subtracted dividend tax and their preferential tax subtraction at the Special Tax-payers' Directorate (Kiemelt Adózók Igazgatóság) of APEH (the Hungarian tax authority) relying upon the certificate issued at the payment, the certificate of foreign residence, the declaration of profit drawing party and the certificate of profit drawing party.

3. For domestic and foreign legal persons the total amount of the dividend is paid since OTP Bank is not obliged to deduct taxes; legal persons are exempt from dividend taxes.
4. In case foreign shareholders receive dividend payment through nominee, for the purpose of the tax certificate to be issued by OTP Bank as a paying agent, the nominee has to declare the relevant data of the foreign shareholder (name of the foreign beneficiary, residence/domicile, place and date of birth, nationality and HUF amount of the dividend paid/to be paid).

In case the authorized person on behalf of the shareholder claims that the holders or part of them are classified as non-natural persons, the dividends due to them will be paid out by OTP Bank without tax deduction. If the authorized person won't make such claim prior to the dividend payment, then such an amount is going to be deducted which is applicable for Hungarian natural persons.

OTP Bank Plc. when conciliating ownerships identity with Keler Ltd. accepts classification of owners' status by nominees as eligible as classification referred above.

The authorized person later can reclaim the deducted amount from the Special Tax-payers Directorate of APEH (the Hungarian Tax Authority).

5. OTP Bank Plc. can consider documents for notifying the rights of a foreign natural person and documents for declaration of owners' status by a nominee only in case these documents are available for the Money and Securities Market Back Office Directorate of OTP Bank Plc. before the calculation of dividends, but the latest until 14:00 CET on 7 June, 2007.

**Board of Directors**

**OTP Bank Plc.**