

## **Syngene International Limited**

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Date: June 24, 2024

Dear Shareholder(s),

Sub: Communication on deduction of tax at source on Final Dividend for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company, at its Meeting held on April 24, 2024, has recommended a final dividend at the rate of 12.50%, i.e. Re. 1.25/- per Equity Share of Rs.10/- each of the Company for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024.

The dividend, as recommended by the Board of Directors, is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing 31st Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and will be paid to those shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members of the Company as at the close of business hours on Friday, June 28, 2024 ("Record Date").

Shareholders whose bank accounts are registered with the Depository Participant/ Registrar and Share Transfer Agent shall receive electronic credit of dividend, and in case of shareholders whose bank accounts are not registered/updated, dividend shall be paid through dividend warrants/demand drafts sent to their registered addresses.

As per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act), as amended from time to time, dividend paid by a company on or after April 1, 2020, is taxable in the hands of the shareholders. Further, the Company, in compliance with the provisions of the Act, would be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) / withhold taxes at the prescribed rates on the dividend paid to its shareholders. The withholding tax rate would vary depending on the residential status, category of shareholder and the documents submitted by them and accepted by the Company.

The shareholders are requested to update/verify the PAN, address, category, and residential status as per the Act, if not already done, with the Depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent - KFin Technologies Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode). The Company will rely on the details available with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) on the Record date.

This communication summarizes applicable TDS provisions of the Act for various shareholder categories, including Resident and Non-Resident shareholders. Shareholders are requested to take note of the following TDS rates and provide additional information to the Company, if applicable.

# I. Resident Shareholders

Section	Category	Rate of TDS	Documents required, if any
194	Insurance Company	Nil	Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as <u>Annexure 1</u> that shareholder is an Insurance Company and has full beneficial interest with respect to the shares owned by it along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate issued by the IRDAI/LIC/GIC.
196	Mutual Fund	Nil	Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as <u>Annexure 1</u> that shareholder is a Corporation established by or under a Central Act along with self-attested copy of PAN card and document evidencing that shareholder is covered under Section 196 of the Act.
196	Corporation established by or under a Central Act	Nil	Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as <u>Annexure 1</u> that shareholder is a Corporation established by or under a Central Act along with self-attested copy of PAN card and document evidencing that shareholder is covered under Section 196 of the Act.
197A(1E)	New Pension System Trust	Nil	Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as <u>Annexure 1</u> that shareholder is a New Pension System Trust specified under clause (44) of Section 10 of the Act along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate.
197A(1F)	Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) established in India	Nil	Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as <u>Annexure 1</u> that shareholder is an Alternative Investment Fund specified under clause (23FBA) of Section 10 of the Act and established as Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations or International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Regulations along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate.
197	Resident shareholders	Rate provided	Copy of Certificate issued under Section 197 of the Act is to be provided. The certificate

	obtaining certificate under Section 197 of the Act		should be valid for the financial year 2024- 25 and should cover dividend income
94 / 97A	Other Resident Shareholders	Nil	<ul> <li>Aggregate amount of dividend payable during the financial year 2024-25 does not exceed Rs.5,000.</li> <li>Duly filled and verified Form 15G (applicable to individual) (Form enclosed as Annexure 2) / Form 15H (applicable to an individual who is of the age of 60 years or more) (Form enclosed as Annexure 3) is to be furnished by eligible shareholders in duplicate along with self-attested copy of PAN card. Please note that all fields are mandatory to be filled up and Company will reject incomplete forms.</li> <li>Self-declaration to be provided as per format enclosed as per Annexure 1 that the dividend income is not subject to TDS and are governed by exemption provided under the Act along with self-attested copy of PAN card and documentary evidence supporting</li> </ul>
		10%	Shareholder having valid PAN
		20%	<ul> <li>Shareholder not having PAN / invalid PAN / not having linked with their Aadhaar wherever applicable. Every person who has been allotted a PAN and who is eligible to obtain Aadhaar is required to link the PAN with Aadhaar, failing which the PAN is deemed to be inoperative.</li> <li>Shareholder treated as Specified Person under section 206AB * of the Act</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> The Finance Act, 2021, has inserted the provisions of section 206AB - Special provision for deduction of tax at source for non-filers of income-tax return of the Act, with effect from July 01, 2021. Pursuant to the same, the Company would be liable to deduct tax at higher of the following rates on the amount of dividend paid/ credited to 'specified person':

- i. At twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or
- ii. At twice the rate(s) in force; or
- iii. At the rate of 5%.

The Income Tax Department has issued a compliance check utility to check whether a person is 'specified person' as defined under Section 206AB of the Act. Accordingly, for determining the TDS rate on dividend, the Company will be using said utility to determine the applicability of Section 206AB of the Act.

A non-resident who does not have the permanent establishment in India or a person who is not required to furnish the return of income for the assessment year relevant to the said previous year and is notified by the Central Government are excluded from the scope of a specified person under Section 206AB of the Act.

## **II. Non-Resident Shareholders**

Tax will be deducted on the amount of dividend payable to non-resident shareholders at the rate given below.

Section	Category	Rate of TDS	Documents required, if any
196D(1A)	Category III AIF	10% plus applicable surcharge and cess	This rate is applicable for income received from securities (other than those covered under section 115AB of the Act) by Category III AIF located in any International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) of which all the units are held by non-residents other than unit held by a sponsor or manager (i.e., specified fund defined under clause (c) of the Explanation to section 10(4D) of the Act). Self-attested copy of PAN Card and registration certificate is to be provided.
195 / 197	Non-Resident shareholders obtaining certificate under section 195 / 197 of the Act		Copy of Certificate issued under section 195 / 197 of the Act is to be provided. The certificate should be valid for the financial year 2024-25 and should cover dividend income.
195 / 196D(1)	Non-resident shareholders / FII / FPI		Self-attested copy of PAN card, if any, allotted by the Income Tax Department, India. In case of non-availability of PAN, information is to be furnished as per format enclosed as <a href="Managements-Annexure">Annexure</a> 4.

In case of Foreign Institutional Investors and
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 is
to be provided.
See Note given below

#### Note:

As per Section 90 of the Act, a non-resident shareholder has an option to be governed by the Articles of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ('DTAA') between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if such DTAA provisions are more beneficial to such shareholder. To avail the DTAA benefits, the non-resident shareholder will have to provide the following documents:

- a. Self-attested copy of valid Tax Residency Certificate ('TRC') issued by the tax authority of the country of which shareholder is a tax resident along with e-filed Form 10F on the Indian income-tax e-filing portal <a href="https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/">https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/</a>
- b. Self-declaration certifying the following points (format enclosed as Annexure 5):
  - i. Shareholder is and will continue to remain a tax resident of the country of its residence during FY 2024-25 (i.e. 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025);
  - ii. Shareholder is the beneficial owner of the shares and is entitled to dividend receivable from the Company;
  - iii. Shareholder is eligible to claim benefits as per DTAA for the purposes of withholding tax on dividend declared by the Company;
  - iv. Shareholder has no permanent establishment/fixed base/place of effective management in India;Or

Dividend income is not attributable/effectively connected to any Permanent Establishment (PE) or fixed base in India;

Application of beneficial DTAA rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company of the documents submitted by the Non-Resident shareholder and meeting the requirements of the Act, read with applicable DTAA. In absence of the same, the Company will not be able to apply the beneficial DTAA rates at the time of deducting tax on dividend.

### **III. Other Points**

1. In terms of Rule 37BA of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 if dividend income on which tax will be deducted is assessable in the hands of a person other than the deductee, then deductee should furnish a declaration with the Company as per format enclosed as

<u>Annexure 6</u> The Company will deduct TDS in the name of other person at the rate applicable as mentioned above.

- 2. Updation of KYC details including PAN, Email ID, Mobile number, Bank and other details: SEBI vide its circulars has mandated payment of corporate benefits such as dividend, interest, etc. only through electronic mode effective from April 01, 2024 to those members who have their KYC details updated in their folios. Accordingly, members are requested to verify/update their KYC details with the Depository Participants (for members holding shares held in demat form)/Registrar and Share Transfer Agent(s) (for members holding shares held in Physical form).
- 3. Shareholders holding shares in multiple accounts with different status / category under single PAN, may note that, TDS will be deducted at applicable higher rate on the entire shareholding.
- 4. The aforesaid documents such as certificates, declarations, Form 15G/15H, etc., can be uploaded on <a href="https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/">https://ris.kfintech.com/form15/</a> on or <a href="before Friday">before Friday</a>, July 12, 2024 so as to enable the Company to determine applicable amount of TDS / withholding tax. Alternatively, physical documents may be sent to the RTA at the following address before the aforementioned date.

## **KFin Technologies Limited**

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The documents may also be emailed to the Company at the email ID <a href="mailto:dividend.tax1@syngeneintl.com">dividend.tax1@syngeneintl.com</a>. All communications/documentation/queries in this respect should be addressed to the said email id.

Any communication received post closing hours of Friday, July 12, 2024 shall not be considered.

- 5. Incomplete and/or unsigned forms, declarations and documents will not be considered by the Company for granting any exemption/relief.
- 6. In case tax on dividend income is deducted at a higher rate in the absence of receipt of duly filled and signed aforementioned details/documents from you, there would still be an option available with you to file the return of income and claim appropriate refund, if eligible. No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted.
- 7. Post payment of the said 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 <a href="https://www.incometax.gov.in">https://www.incometax.gov.in</a>.
- 8. In the event of any tax demand (including interest and penalty) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided / to be provided by the Shareholder(s), such Shareholder(s) will be responsible to indemnify the Company

and also, provide the Company with all information / documents and co-operate in any proceedings before the income tax authorities and/or appellate authorities.

We seek cooperation in this regard. Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **Syngene International Limited** 

Sd/-

Priyadarshini Mahapatra Head Legal & Company Secretary

**Disclaimer**: This communication shall not be treated as an advice from the Company or its affiliates or its Registrar & Transfer Agent. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax consultants with respect to specific tax implications arising out of receipt of dividend.