KIND ATTENTION TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

TDS on Interim Dividend for FY 2020-21

The Board of Directors of NHPC has declared and approved interim Dividend for FY 2020-21 amounting to Rs. 1.25/- in its meeting held on 11.02.2021. The record date for eligibility of interim dividend is 23.02.2021.

Pursuant to Finance Act, 2020, dividend income shall be taxable in the hands of shareholders w.e.f. April 1, 2020 and the Company shall be required to deduct Tax At Source ("TDS") from dividend paid to shareholders at the prescribed rates in the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("the IT Act"). The shareholders are requested to complete and/ or update their Residential Status, PAN, Category as per the IT Act with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents - KFin Technologies Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode) and depositories (in case of shares held in demat mode).

A. <u>For Resident Shareholders:</u>

i. TDS shall be deducted at the rate of 7.5% under Section 194 of the IT Act on the amount of dividend declared and paid by the Company in the financial year 2020-21 provided valid PAN is registered by the shareholders. If the valid PAN is not registered, the TDS shall be deducted at the rate of 20% under Section 206AA of the IT Act.

ii. However, no tax shall be deducted on the dividends paid to resident individuals if aggregate dividend distributed or likely to be distributed during the financial year does not exceed Rs. 5,000/-.

iii. In case where the shareholder provides valid Form 15G (for individuals, with no tax liability on total income and income not exceeding maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax) or Form 15H (for individual above the age of 60 years with no tax liability on total income), no TDS shall be deducted.

iv. In case of resident insurance companies, no TDS shall be deducted upon furnishing of declaration that they are beneficial owners of shares held.

B. <u>For Non- resident shareholders:</u>

i. Tax is required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 of the IT Act at applicable rates in force. As per the relevant provisions of the IT Act, the tax shall be withheld @ 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on the amount of dividend payable. However, as per Section 90 of the IT Act, a non-resident shareholder has the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement ("DTAA") between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if they are more beneficial to the shareholder. For this purpose, i.e. to avail the tax treaty benefits, the non-resident shareholder will have to provide all of the following documents:

(a) Self-attested copy of PAN allotted by the Indian Income Tax Authorities;

(b) Self-attested copy of valid Tax Residency Certificate obtained from the Tax Authorities of the country of which the shareholder is a resident (valid for financial year 2020-21);

(c) Self-declaration in Form 10F;

(d) Self-declaration to the following effect:

- shareholder is and will continue to remain a tax resident of the country of its residence during the financial year 2020-21;
- shareholder is eligible to claim the beneficial DTAA rate for the purposes of tax withholding on dividend declared by the Company;
- shareholder has no reason to believe that its claim for the benefits of the DTAA is impaired in any manner;
- shareholder is the ultimate beneficial owner of its shareholding in the Company and dividend receivable from the Company; and
- shareholder does not have a taxable presence or a permanent establishment in India during the financial year 2020-21 in accordance with the applicable DTAA.

ii. Application of beneficial DTAA rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company, of the documents submitted by non-resident shareholders.

iii. Notwithstanding the above, tax shall be deducted at source @ 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on dividend paid to Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) under Section 196D of the IT Act. Such TDS rate shall not be reduced on account of the application of the lower DTAA rate, if any.

C. **Aforementioned documents are required to be uploaded by shareholders on the KFin Technologies Private Limited (Registrar & Transfer Agent of the Company) portal Dividend Tax Exemption Forms Registration or should be submitted by e-mail at einward.ris@kfintech.com or investorcellnhpc@gmail.com for claiming TDS exemption/lower deduction by 11:59 P.M. IST on February 26, 2021. No communication would be accepted from shareholders after the said date regarding nil/lower tax matters.**

D. In case tax on dividend is deducted at a higher rate in the absence of receipt of the aforementioned details/ documents or upon documents being found to be non satisfactory on review by the Company, the shareholder would still have the option of claiming refund of the excess tax paid at the time for filing their income tax return. No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted.

E. Shareholders may note that, since the tax consequences are dependent on facts and circumstances of each case, they are advised to consult their own tax consultant with respect to specific tax implications arising out of receipt of dividend.

Click on below links to download the form :-

Form 15G

Form 15H

Form 10F

Self-declaration by Non Resident