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From GIBAATWW

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ATTN: INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS/FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

WE HEREBY INFORM YOU, THAT ERSTE BANK DER OESTERREICHISCHEN SPARKASSEN AG (ERSTE BANK VIENNA) IS GOING TO IMPLEMENT A CENTRAL TECHNICAL PLATFORM FOR THE PROCESSING OF ALL OUTGOING AND INCOMING CROSS-BORDER COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS OF MEMBER BANKS OF ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBER BANKS IN ALL CURRENCIES OTHERS THAN CZK, SKK, RON, HRK, HUF, RSD .

THE CENTRAL PROCESSING WILL START ON THE 28TH OF JANUARY 2008.

BEGINNING WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE YOU WILL RECEIVE COMMERCIAL CROSS BORDER PAYMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBERS: ERSTE BANK VIENNA, CESKA SPORITELNA, A.S., ERSTE AND STEIERMAERKISCHE BANK D.D., ERSTE BANK A.D. NOVI SAD, ERSTE BANK HUNGARY NYRT., BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA, SLOVENSKA SPORITELNA, A.S., AND MOST OF THE AUSTRIAN SAVINGS BANKS VIA THE BIC-CODE OF ERSTE BANK VIENNA – GIBAATWWXXX

BIC OF ORDERING ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBER WILL BE PROVIDED IN FIELD 52A OR FIELD 72/INS/.

CONSEQUENTLY, ALSO COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS (MT 103/MT 103+ AND SEPA CREDIT TRANSFERS) IN ALL CURRENCIES OTHER THAN THOSE LOCAL ONES OF OUR ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE SHOULD BE SENT TO ERSTE BANK VIENNA – GIBAATWWXXX DIRECTLY WITH THE BIC OF THE ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBER IN THE FIELD 57A.

CESKA SPORITELNA A.S.	GIBACZPXXXX
ERSTE AND STEIERMAERKISCHE BANK D.D.	ESBCHR22XXX
ERSTE BANK A.D. NOVI SAD	GIBARS22XXX
ERSTE BANK HUNGARY NYRT	GIBAHUHBXXX
ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL BANK (AND ALL BRANCHES)	RNCBROBUXXX
SLOVENSKA SPORITELNA A.S.	GIBASKBXXXX

GIBAATWW IS DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN EBA EURO1/STEP1 AND TARGET2. THEREFORE EBA EURO 1 AND STEP 1 PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SEND AND SHALL RECEIVE THEIR PAYMENTS VIA EBA EURO 1 AND STEP 1 UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED. BANKS WHICH DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN EBA BUT MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNT WITH GIBAATWWXXX SHOULD PAY DIRECTLY OR IN CASE AN ACCOUNT RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT EXIST VIA TARGET 2. IF NONE OF THESE OPTIONS ARE APPLICABLE YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SEND AN MT103 TO GIBAATWWXXX COVERED THROUGH OUR MAJOR CORRESPONDENTS FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AS PUBLISHED ON ERSTE BANK VIENNA S WEB SITE.

SEPA CREDIT TRANSFER INCLUDING EU REGULATED PAYMENTS BASED ON REGULATION 2560/2001 SHALL GET ROUTED VIA PAN-EUROPEAN CLEARINGHOUSE EBA STEP 2. THE BIC S GIBACZPXXXX GIBAHUHBXXX RNCBROBUXXX GIBASKBXXXX AND GIBAATWWXXX ARE REACHABLE VIA NABAATWWXXX.

FOR ALL AFFECTED PAYMENTS THE TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBER WILL APPLY BEING TECHNICALLY HANDLED BY THE CENTRAL PROCESSING PLATFORM. THEREFORE, PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CLAIMS CONCERNING THOSE TRANSACTIONS TO ERSTE BANK VIENNA (GIBAATWWXXX) WHO WILL SETTLE ALL RELATED CHARGES FROM ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBER ACCORDING TO THE APPLICABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

INVESTIGATIONS FOR THOSE CROSS-BORDER COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS SENT VIA THE PLATFORM WILL BE HANDLED BY THE INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT IN ERSTE BANK VIENNA.

ALL COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS IN LOCAL CURRENCIES OF ERSTE BANK GROUP MEMBERS, CZK, HRK, HUF, RON, RSD AND SKK ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE NEW CENTRAL PROCESSING PLATFORM. THEREFORE, COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS IN THOSE CURRENCIES WILL BE SENT BY AND SHOULD GET ROUTED TO THE RESPECTIVE GROUP MEMBERS DIRECTLY VIA THEIR RESPECTIVE BIC ADDRESSES WITH UNCHANGED SETTLEMENT AND INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES.

THE ROUTING TABLES AND SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR ALL OTHER (NON-COMMERCIAL) TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE NEW CENTRAL PROCESSING PLATFORM AND SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

FOR ANY OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT REQUIRE PLEASE CONTACT MR. GERHARD SPRITZENDORFER:
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