

## CIPLA LIMITED TAXATION OF DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA

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#### TAXATION OF DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA

**Background:-** This communication provides a brief of the applicability of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) provisions under the Income Tax Act, 1961 for different shareholder categories. Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, dividends paid or distributed by a Company after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of shareholders. In addition, the company needs to deduct tax at source from dividends paid to shareholders. The rate of deduction of tax depends on residential status of the shareholder, and documents submitted by the shareholder and accepted by the Company.

#### For resident individual shareholders:

- The tax shall be deducted at 10%, if aggregate amount of dividend to be received by the shareholder during the given Financial Year (FY 2021-22) exceeds ₹ 5,000 and valid PAN is provided by the shareholder. However, if the shareholder provides the duly filled form 15G (applicable to any person other than a company or firm) or Form 15H (applicable to an individual above the age of 60 years) for relevant Financial Year (FY 2021-22) complete in all respects and all the required eligibility conditions are met, then NIL taxes shall be deducted at source.
- In case of invalid or non availability of PAN, tax shall be deducted at the rate of 20%.

# For resident shareholders other than individuals (HUF/ LLP/ AOP/ Companies/ Firm/Trust):

- The tax shall be deducted at 10%, on the entire amount of dividend to be received by the shareholder without any threshold. However, on submission of any lower withholding tax certificate or any exemption status under any provision of Income Tax Act obtained by the shareholder for Financial Year 21-22, the withholding tax shall be at the rate mentioned in the certificate issued by the authority and the same submitted to the company.
- In case of invalid or non-availability of PAN, the withholding tax shall be at 20%.



Resident shareholders who are eligible to provide declarations in Form 15G or 15H as may be applicable to them, may fill up the relevant declaration and submit at the following link <a href="https://easydividend.nexdigm.com/CIPLA-LIMITED">https://easydividend.nexdigm.com/CIPLA-LIMITED</a>

The User Manual for filling and submission of declarations on the above link is enclosed with this communication.

In the event any shareholder is unable to submit the declarations in Form 15G or 15H at the aforesaid link, they may e-mail the duly filled up and signed forms to dividend.cipla@nexdigm.com.

For other category shareholders, viz. Mutual Fund, Insurance Company, Alternate Investment Fund (AIF) Category I and II, Government (Central/State Government) etc.:

In order to provide **exemption from withholding** the taxes on dividend payable, the shareholder has to provide self-declaration along with the registration with concerned authorities about their category, such as:

- Declaration and Registration certificate by shareholder qualifying as Insurer as perSection 2(7A) of the Insurance Act, 1938
- Declaration and Registration certificate by Mutual Fund shareholder eligible forexemption u/s 10(23D) of the Income Tax Act, 1961
- Declaration and Registration certificate by Category I/II Alternate Investment Fund(AIF) registered with SEBI
- The aforesaid declarations can be directly e-mailed to dividend.cipla@nexdigm.com.

# For non-resident shareholders including Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI)/(FII) category:

The TDS shall be deducted at 20%, on the entire amount of dividend to be received by the shareholder without any threshold. However, as per Section 90(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, the non-resident shareholder has the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (tax treaty) between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e. to avail a lower rate of deduction of tax at source under an applicable tax treaty read with multilateral instruments, if applicable, non-



resident shareholders must provide the following:

- Self-attested copy of the PAN allotted by the Indian Income Tax authorities, if any
- Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) obtained from the taxauthorities of the country of which the shareholder is resident for FY 2021-22
- 3. Self-declaration in Form 10F for FY 2021-22 (Format is attached herewith)
- 4. Self-declaration, certifying the following points that is No PE declaration should coverbelow given points: (Format is attached herewith)
  - The non-resident shareholder is and will continue to remain a tax resident ofthe country of residence during FY 2021-22;
  - The non-resident shareholder is eligible to claim the beneficial DTAA rate for the purposes of tax withholding on dividend declared by the Company;
  - iii. The non-resident shareholder has no reason to believe that the claim forbenefits of the DTAA is impaired in any manner;
  - iv. The non-resident shareholder is the ultimate beneficial owner of the shareholding in the Company and dividend receivable from the Company.
  - v. The non-resident shareholder does not have a taxable presence or apermanent establishment in India during FY 2021-22.
- 5. The aforesaid documents can be directly e-mailed to <a href="mailto:dividend.cipla@nexdigm.com">dividend.cipla@nexdigm.com</a>.

#### For non-filers of Return of Income: -

- The TDS shall be deducted at 20%, on the entire amount of dividend to be received by the shareholder. If the shareholder has not filed the return of income for last two financial years (i.e. FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20), and Tax Deducted at Source and Tax Collected at Source in each of these years in case of the shareholder is ₹ 50,000 or more.
- The non-resident who does not have a permanent establishment is excluded from the scope of a specified person.
- To substantiate this Non Resident have to submit the No PE declaration by emailing to <u>dividend.cipla@nexdigm.com</u>.



The shareholders are requested to kindly furnish requisite documents to the Company as stated above on or before 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 for applying the beneficial tax rate.

The Company will arrange to email a soft copy of the TDS certificate at the shareholders registered email ID within statutory timelines mentioned in the Income Tax Rules. Shareholders will also be able to see the credit of TDS in their Form 26AS, which can be downloaded from their e-filing account at <a href="https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in">https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in</a>

#### Note:-

- Individual shareholders are requested to ensure that the Aadhar number is linked with PAN, as per the timelines prescribed. In case of failure of linking Aadhar with PAN within the prescribed timelines, PAN shall be considered inoperative and, in such a scenario, tax shall be deducted at the rate of 20%.
- 2. All the documents submitted by shareholder will be verified by the Company / its authorised representative and the Company will consider the same while deducting the appropriate taxes if they are in accordance with the provisions of the Income TaxAct, 1961.
- For resident shareholders, the rate of TDS would not be increased by surcharge and cess. For non-resident shareholders, the rate of TDS would be increased by applicable surcharge and cess.
- 4. The Company is not obligated to apply the beneficial DTAA rates at the time of withholding tax on the dividend amount. 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.
- 5. If for any reason the tax on dividend is deducted at a higher rate for the shareholder, the shareholder still has the option to file the return of income and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible.
- 6. In the event of any income-tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided / to be provided by the shareholders, such shareholders will be responsible to pay and indemnify such income-tax demand (including



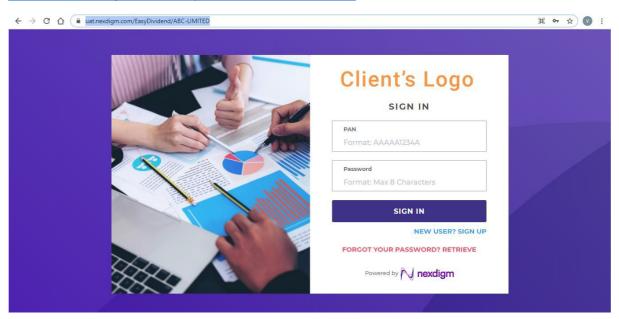
- interest, penalty, etc.) and provide the Company with all information / documents that may be necessary and co-operate in any proceedings before any income-tax/appellate authority.
- 7. The above withholding tax is in summarised form of law and not a detailed analysis nor any tax advice. For detailed tax advice related to their tax matters, shareholders are advised to consult their tax professionals.

### EASY DIVIDEND - Form 15G / 15H FILING - USER MANUAL

#### STEP 1:

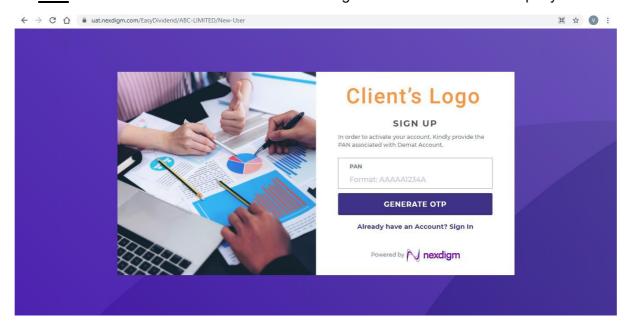
In order to furnish declaration in Form 15G / 15H, request you to click on the link provided to you in the email sent by Share Transfer Agent / RTA or the Company:

https://uat.nexdigm.com/EasyDividend/ABC-LIMITED



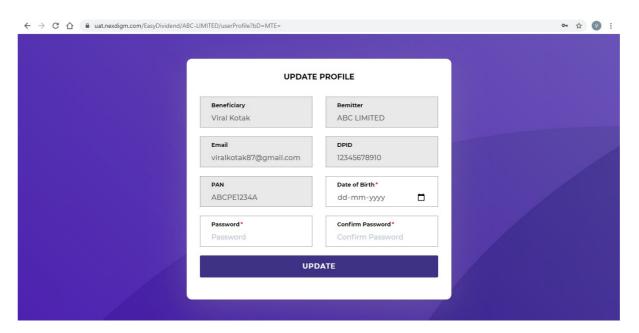
#### **STEP 2:**

Please click on <u>NEW USER? SIGN IN</u> if logging for the first time. On clicking the same, you will be asked to enter your PAN. Please enter the PAN and click on <u>GENERATE</u>
 OTP. The OTP will be received on the email registered with the RTA / Company.

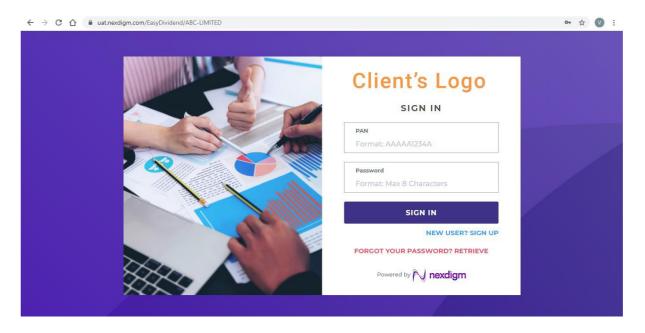




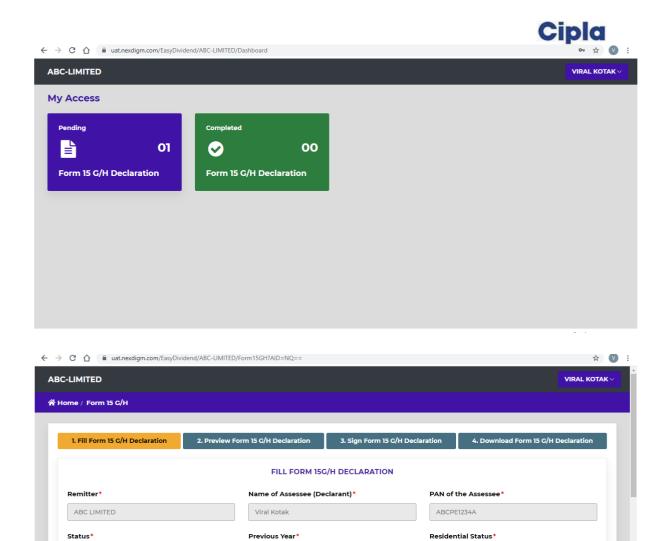
- After entering the OTP, you will be asked to mention your date of birth and set a password forlogin. Please mention the same.



- After setting the password, please login



- On logging in, please fill the details by clicking on Prepare and submit Form 15G / 15H



Resident

State\*

Road/Street/Lane

After filling the mandatory details, request you to click on <u>SAVE DRAFT</u> to save the declaration

2021-2022

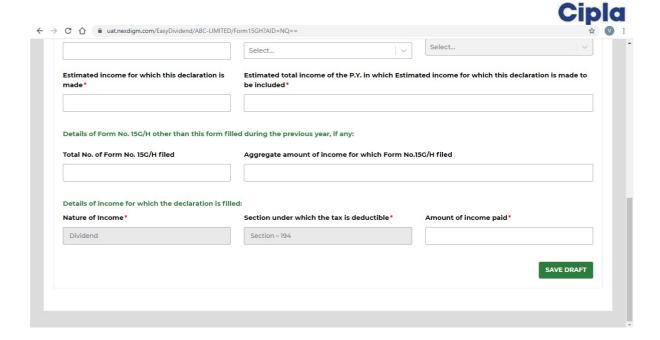
Name of Premises

Town/City/District\*

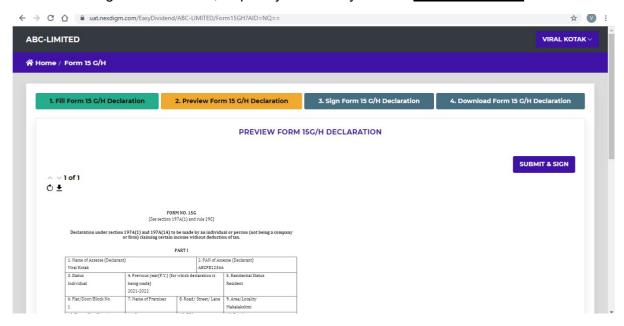
Individual

Area/Locality\*

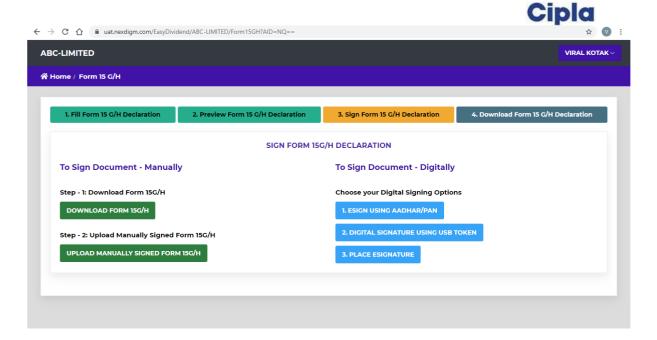
Flat/Door/Block No.\*



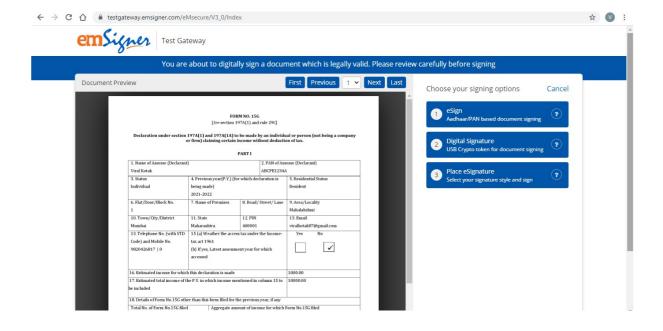
- After saving the declaration, request you to kindly click on **SUBMIT & SIGN** 

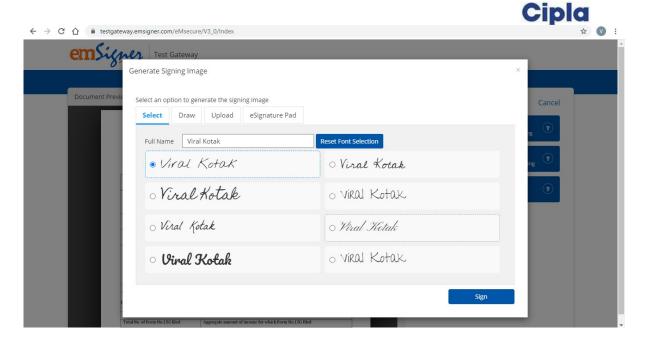


- This will enable you to sign using multiple options:
  - 1. You can sign by uploading manually signed form;
  - 2. You can e-sign using Aadhar / PAN;
  - 3. You can sign using Digital Signature Certificate (DSC Token);
  - 4. You can e-sign using placing your own signature (either by mentioning name or drawing oruploading signature)

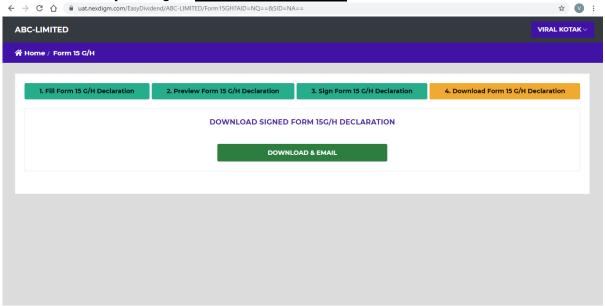


 If you upload the manually signed form, you will be allowed to download and email the signed declaration. However, if you select digital signing options, after clicking on the preferred signingoption, you will be redirected to emsigner gateway for signing the declaration.





 After signing the document, you will be allowed to download the signed form for records by clicking on <u>DOWNLOAD & EMAIL</u>



- You have successfully furnished the declaration. You can log out from the application. Thankyou.

#### Format for Self Declaration for No PE and Beneficial Owner

Date:
To Cipla Limited Cipla House, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013.
Folio Number / DP ID/ Client ID – Mention all the account details
With reference to the captioned subject, and in relation to the appropriate withholding of taxes on the Dividend payable to me / us by <b>Cipla Limited</b> (the Company), I / We hereby declare as under:
<ol> <li>I /We, (Name of the shareholder) confirm that I am / We are tax residents of(Name of Country) and I / We do not have a permanent establishment / fixed place of business / profession in India as contemplated under Income Tax Act 1961,during financial year 1st April 2021 -31st March 2022.</li> </ol>
2) Further I /We confirm that we are resident of (Name of Country) within the meaning of the Article 4 of India (Name of Country) Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) and I /We are eligible to claim the benefit of India (Name of Country) Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instrument (MLI), wherever applicable.
3) I / We do not have a permanent establishment / fixed place of business / profession in India as contemplated under Article 5 of India(Name of Country) Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instruments, wherever applicable, during the financial year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022;
4) We do not have any business connection in India within the meaning of section 9(1)(i) of the Income Tax act, 1961 of India including the threshold limit prescribed for significant economic presence (SEP) in explanation 2(A)(a) and 2(A)(b) for the Financial Year 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022
5) I / We hereby declare that, I am /we are the beneficial owner of the share/shares held in the Company as well as the dividend arising from such shareholding and I/ we have the right to use and enjoy the dividend received/ receivable from the above shares and such right is not constrained by any contractual and/ or legal obligation to pass on such dividend to another person.
6) I/We hereby confirm that we do not have a place of effective management, taxable presence or fixed based in India as per the said tax treaty read with the provisions laid down in MLI, wherever applicable, during the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 and none of the key management and commercial decisions for the conduct of business in substance are made in India;
7) Dividend paid by Cipla Limited to us is attributable to tax in(Name of the country) and is thus, eligible for claiming treaty benefits of Double Tax Avoidance agreement (DTAA) between India and(Name of the country) read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instrument (MLI), wherever applicable;

	I/We hereby furnish a copy of valid Tax Residency Certificate dated Tax Identification number issued by along 10F duly filled and signed for the period 1st April 2021- 31st March 2	with a copy of Form			
	I confirm that being individual my aggregate presence in India for 2021– March 2022 does not exceed 120 days.	r the period of April			
10) I / We have satisfied the conditions mentioned in the Limitation of Benefit clause, as appearing in DTAA between India and(Name of the country);					
I/ We further indemnify Cipla Limited for any penal consequences arising out of any acts of commission or omission initiated by Cipla Limited by relying on my/our above averment.					
For Na	ng you. aithfully, me of the shareholder rt signature>>				
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Note: Kindly strikethrough whichever is not applicable

#### FORM NO. 10F

[See sub-rule (1) of rule 21AB]

## <u>Information to be provided under sub-section (5) of section 90 orsub-section (5) of section 90A of the Income-tax Act, 1961</u>

I	*son/daughter of Shri in the		
to the	(designation) do provide the following in e previous year	eof f	or the
Sl.No.	Nature of information	:	Details#
(i)	Status (individual, company, firm etc.) of the assessee	:	
(ii)	Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the assessee if allotted	:	
(iii)	Nationality (in the case of an individual) or Country or specified territory of incorporation or registration (in the case of others)	:	
(iv)	Assessee's tax identification number in the country or specified territory of residence and if there is no such number, then, a unique number on the basis of which the person is identified by the Government of the country or the specified territory of which the assessee claims to be a resident	<u>.</u>	
(v)	Period for which the residential status as mentioned in the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A is applicable		
(vi)	Address of the assessee in the country or territory outside India during the period for which the certificate, mentioned in $(v)$ above, is applicable	:	
90A f	ave obtained a certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section the Government of		
	Signature:		
	Name:		
	Address:		
	Permanent Account Number:		

<u>Verification</u>	
stated above is correct, com	do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and beliefwhat is plete and is truly stated.
Verified today the	day of
	Signature of the person providing the information
Place:	

#### Notes:

- \*Delete whichever is not applicable.
- #Write N.A. if the relevant information forms part of the certificate referred to in subsection
- (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A.