W-9 form – Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

For joint accounts, each account holder must complete a separate form. The form W-9 must be completed correctly without any alterations. If you make a mistake, please start again with a new form. Do not use liquid paper or any other correctional tool.

All W Forms must be completed in English.

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- **Line 2** Insert your business name/disregarded entity name **only** if the answer is different to your answer for Line 1.
- **Line 3** Only check **one** box in this section. If you are a limited liability company, check the LLC box and enter your tax classification as C (corporation), S (S Corporation) or P (partnership).
- **Line 4** (if applicable) Write down the 'Exempt Payee Code' and 'Exemption from FATCA reporting code' in the fields indicated.

Note: if you have any queries regarding these codes, please seek independent tax advice.

- Line 5 Enter your full street address.
- Line 6 Enter your city/town, country and/or state, post code/ZIP.
- **Line 7** We recommend that you **do not** list any account numbers as you may have to provide additional forms for accounts you have not included here.

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

- A For individuals or sole proprietors: enter your social security number (SSN).
- **B** For entities (ie businesses) enter your employer identification number (EIN).

Note: A valid US Tax identification number will always

- only include numbers (no letters or other characters)
- be made up of nine digits
- and never
- consist of nine of the same number
- be made up of nine sequential numbers either ascending or descending

If you have applied for a TIN or are about to, please enter "**Applied For**" in either the SSN or EIN boxes. You will have 60 days to provide us with the TIN.

Part II Certification

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C and D Please sign and date the form. If you are signing on behalf of an entity, please be sure you are authorised to do so.

Note: This form can only be signed under a Power of Attorney (POA) if the PAO specifically states that the agent/attorney is able to sign on tax matters or tax forms and a copy is provided or held, alternatively if an IRS Form 2848 is provided.

HSBC is unable to provide tax advice. For tax advice please refer to an independent tax advisor.

