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## IRA Change of Beneficiary Form

### 1. Account Information.

HTS Account # : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Beneficiary Designation.

In the event of my death, pay the full value of my account (in equal proportions in the case of multiple beneficiaries unless I indicate otherwise) to the primary beneficiary(ies) as designated and fully identified below. I understand that if a primary beneficiary(ies) predeceases me, the remaining portion will be divided proportionately among any surviving primary beneficiaries.

If my primary beneficiary(ies) predecease me, pay the full value of my account to the named contingent beneficiary(ies) designated below. I understand that if a contingent beneficiary predeceases me, the remaining portion will be divided proportionately among any surviving named contingent beneficiaries. Contingent beneficiaries and per stirpes heirs will only inherit assets if there are no surviving primary beneficiaries at the time of the account holder's death.

If I do not designate a beneficiary or if all of my beneficiaries predecease me, pay the full value of my account to my estate. Should all my beneficiaries disclaim my assets, predecease me, or not survive me by 120 hours, the assets will be distributed to my estate.

I understand that I may change or revoke this designation at any time by completing a Change of Beneficiary Form, which will become effective after HTS confirms receipt of my properly completed Change of Beneficiary Form.

I understand that if HTS determines that my beneficiary designation is not clear with respect to the amount of the distribution, the date on which the distribution shall be made, or the identity of the beneficiary(ies) who will receive the distribution, regardless of the assistance of my Authorized Agent designated below or lack thereof, HTS has the right, in its sole discretion, to consult counsel and to institute legal proceedings to determine the proper distribution of my account, all at the expense of my account, before distributing or transferring my assets.

For any named primary beneficiary(ies), I understand that I may either select to name a contingent beneficiary(ies) or select per stirpes, but I cannot choose both for the same primary beneficiary. If both are selected, I understand and agree that HTS will only honor my named beneficiaries, whether primary or contingent. I am aware that per stirpes selection applies to natural and adopted children, but does not include stepchildren. Additionally, per stirpes may not be designated as a primary beneficiary.

It is extremely important that you clearly indicate the percentage each beneficiary is to receive; make sure the percentages add up to 100% for the primary beneficiaries and 100% for named contingent beneficiaries. If you do not indicate percentages in the primary or contingent beneficiary sections or if they do not equal 100%, my assets shall be divided equally among the surviving beneficiaries in the respective class.

#### Mandatory Question Regarding Non-Spouse Beneficiary(ies)

If you married and designating someone other than your spouse as a primary beneficiary of this account, please answer the following question: Is this account being funded by community property, separate property, or both? Note that if HTS determines that the nature of the funds in the account are different than you represent below, HTS has the right, in its sole discretion, to consult counsel and to institute legal proceedings to determine the proper distribution of your account, all at the expense of your account, before distributing or transferring your assets.

- Community Property
- Separate Property
- Both (community property and separate property)
- This question does not apply to me (I am designating my spouse as the only primary beneficiary, or I am not married)

If you selected "Community Property" or "Both (community property and separate property)", please have your spouse complete the spousal consent below, as HTS cannot process this application without a completed spousal consent.

#### HTS' Definition of Per Stirpes Distribution

If you indicate per stirpes distribution to your predeceased primary beneficiary(ies), you agree that the definition of per stirpes in this form will govern how HTS will distribute your account assets. Note that the definition of per stirpes in this form will be followed even though HTS' definition may differ from the definition of per stirpes under your particular state's laws and/or your Will or Trust. Please carefully review the definition of per stirpes below. Before completing and submitting this form to HTS, consult an attorney if you have any questions about per stirpes.

If a primary beneficiary with per stirpes selected as his or her contingent beneficiary predeceases me, HTS will distribute the primary beneficiary's share to his or her living children (natural or legally adopted; **stepchildren are not legally defined as descendants for these purposes**) if any, in equal shares. **If you wish to include any stepchildren, you should name and fully identify your natural, legally adopted, and stepchildren as contingent beneficiaries rather than selecting per stirpes.** If the predeceased primary beneficiary has no living natural or legally adopted children, that primary beneficiary's portion will be distributed to the other primary beneficiaries, if any, in equal shares. If all per stirpes beneficiaries predecease me, HTS will distribute my account assets to my estate. I understand that per stirpes cannot be named as a primary beneficiary. I also understand and agree that I may either select to name a contingent beneficiary(ies) or select per stirpes as the secondary beneficiary of a named primary beneficiary, but I cannot choose both for the same primary beneficiary. If both are selected, I understand and agree that HTS will only honor my named beneficiaries, whether primary or contingent.

Name and Address	Birth Date	Social Security #*	Relationship	Beneficiary Type*	Share %*
				<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Per Stirpes	_____%
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				<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Per Stirpes	_____%

**Authorized Party**

If I indicate per stirpes, HTS will require the Authorized Party designated herein to assist HTS with the identity of the per stirpes beneficiary(ies) prior to distributing my account assets. I understand and agree that I will keep my designated Authorized Party up to date and will notify HTS should I wish to change my Authorized Party or should my Authorized Party predecease me or elect not to serve as my Authorized Party.

HTS is entitled to rely on my authorized agent when distributing my account assets. However, I also agree that HTS has no obligation to locate or identify any beneficiary(ies) or to independently verify any information submitted by my Authorized Party prior to distributing my account assets. I, my estate, and my successors in interest further understand and agree that, notwithstanding this Beneficiary section and any information or instructions provided by my Authorized Party, HTS may, in its sole discretion, require additional documentation, consult, or institute legal proceedings in order to determine the proper identity of my beneficiaries, all of which shall be at the expense of my account.

<b>Name of Authorized Party (First Name)</b>	<b>(Middle Initial)</b>	<b>(Last Name)</b>	<b>Relationship to You</b>		
<b>Home Street Address (P.O. Boxes are not accepted)</b>			<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
<b>Email Address(es)</b>			<b>Telephone Number</b>		

**3. Spousal Consent.** (Required if participant's spouse is not designated as the sole primary beneficiary, and the account is being funded in whole or in part with community property.)

As the spouse of the participant in the above-named Plan, I acknowledge that I understand my rights to be named the Primary Beneficiary of my spouse's account balance. I hereby consent to the designation made by my spouse to have the death benefit paid to the beneficiary(ies) named on my spouse's most current Beneficiary Designation instead of to me. I further acknowledge that I understand that the effect of my consent may be to forfeit benefits which I would be entitled to receive upon my spouse's death; that my spouse may not name a non-spouse beneficiary unless I consent to it; that the trustees may or may not permit me to revoke my consent to waiver at a later date; and that my spouse may not change beneficiary(ies) to anyone other than myself without my consent.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Signature (Required if not sole primary beneficiary.) Date

**4. Agreement.**

I state that:

- All previous designation(s) of beneficiary(ies), with respect to the above designated Individual Retirement Account, are hereby revoked.
- The individual(s) listed above are hereby designated as beneficiary(ies) of the above designated Individual Retirement Account.
- I understand this Change of Beneficiary will be effective on the date of receipt by Hilltop Securities Inc. and that upon any change of beneficiary, the right of all previously designated beneficiaries to receive benefit under this account shall cease.
- I retain the right to revoke this designation of beneficiary and to designate a new beneficiary at any time by written communication to Hilltop Securities Inc. / 1201 Elm Street, Suite 3500 / Dallas, TX 75270.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature Date

**Additional Guidance**

It is in your best interest to seek the guidance of your tax or legal professional before completing this form because of the potentially significant financial and estate planning consequences associated with beneficiaries naming successor IRA beneficiaries. Please see the Death Distribution information contained within your IRA adoption agreement and disclosure. For more information, refer to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 590 or visit the IRS Website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)