

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

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**FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION
Regarding Dividends and Distributions For 2012***To the Common and Preferred Stockholders:*

Dividends and distributions paid for 2012 by General American Investors Company, Inc. on shares of its Common and Preferred Stock should be reported for Federal income tax purposes as follows:

<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount Per Share</u>		
			<u>Ordinary Dividends (a)</u>	<u>Qualified Dividends (b)</u>	<u>Capital Gain Distributions (c)</u>
<u>Taxable as:</u>					
<i>Common Stock:</i>					
November 19, 2012	December 28, 2012	\$1.400000	\$0.170000	\$0.170000	\$1.230000
December 24, 2012	January 31, 2013	\$0.600000	\$0.059686	\$0.059686	\$0.540314
<i>Preferred Stock:</i>					
March 7, 2012	March 26, 2012	\$0.371875	\$0.042434	\$0.042434	\$0.329441
June 7, 2012	June 25, 2012	\$0.371875	\$0.042434	\$0.042434	\$0.329441
September 7, 2012	September 24, 2012	\$0.371875	\$0.042434	\$0.042434	\$0.329441
December 7, 2012	December 24, 2012	\$0.371875	\$0.042434	\$0.042434	\$0.329441

- (a) The total of Ordinary Dividends, including Qualified Dividends, are included in Box 1a of Form 1099-DIV.
 (b) A subset of Ordinary Dividends included in Box 1b of form 1099-DIV.
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 (c) Designated as a "Capital Gain Dividend" and included in Box 2a of Form 1099-DIV.

The Ordinary Dividends paid to Preferred Stockholders during 2012 and to Common Stockholders on December 28, 2012 and January 31, 2013 qualify to the extent of 72.7% for the dividends received deduction allowed corporations.

Dividends and distributions paid on shares of Common Stock are taxable as indicated above whether the stockholder chose to receive them in additional shares of stock or in cash. For stockholders who received additional shares in payment of the December 28th distribution, the cost basis is \$28.135 per share and the holding period for such stock began on December 28, 2012. For stockholders who received additional shares in payment of the January 31st distribution, the cost basis is \$29.06 per share and the holding period for such stock begins on January 31, 2013.

We are not permitted to provide tax advice. For further assistance, we suggest that you contact your tax adviser.

During 2012, the Company made no investment in direct obligations of the U.S. Government.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU KEEP THIS NOTICE AND THE ACCOMPANYING FORM 1099-DIV FOR USE IN PREPARING YOUR FEDERAL TAX RETURN FOR 2012.

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