



# BNP PARIBAS

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(incorporated in France)

### €80,000,000,000

## PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS

Under this €80,000,000,000 programme for the issuance of debt instruments (the “**Programme**”), BNP Paribas (the “**Issuer**” or the “**Bank**”) may from time to time issue Notes in bearer or registered form (respectively, “**Bearer Notes**” and “**Registered Notes**” and, together, the “**Notes**”) denominated in any currency agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below). This Base Prospectus (“**Base Prospectus**” or “**this Document**”) supersedes and replaces all previous offering circulars or prospectuses prepared in connection with the Programme. Any Notes (as defined below) issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Document are issued subject to the provisions described herein. This does not affect any Notes already in issue. Notes may be issued whose return (whether in respect of any interest payable on such Notes and/or their redemption amount) is linked to one or more Shares of any company(ies) (“**Share Linked Notes**”) or one or more indices (“**Index Linked Notes**”) or one or more inflation indices (“**Inflation Linked Notes**”) or one or more commodities (“**Commodity Notes**”) or one or more other underlying reference asset(s) or any combination thereof (“**Hybrid Notes**”) or one or more fund shares or units (“**Fund Linked Notes**”) or the credit of a specified entity or entities (“**Credit Linked Notes**”) or one or more foreign exchange rates (“**Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes**”) as more fully described herein. Notes may provide that settlement will be by way of cash settlement (“**Cash Settled Notes**”) or physical delivery (“**Physical Delivery Notes**”) as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

The Notes will be issued to one or more of the Dealers specified below (each a “**Dealer**” and together the “**Dealers**”, which expression shall include any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time) on a continuing basis by way of private or syndicated placements.

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the “**CSSF**”) in its capacity as competent authority under the Luxembourg Law on Prospectuses for Securities to approve this document as a Base Prospectus. Upon such approval, application may be made for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed on the Regulated Market or the EuroMTF Market (in each case, as defined below) operated by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. References in this Document to the “**Luxembourg Stock Exchange**” (and all related references) shall include the Regulated Market and/or the EuroMTF Market, as the case may be (as specified in the applicable Final Terms). In addition, references in this Document to Notes being “**listed**” (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or, as the case may be, an ISD Regulated Market (as defined below). The Luxembourg Stock Exchange’s Regulated Market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Investment Services Directive 93/22/EC (each such regulated market being an “**ISD Regulated Market**”). This Document may be used to list Notes on the regulated market “Bourse de Luxembourg” (the “**Regulated Market**”) or the EuroMTF exchange regulated market (the “**EuroMTF Market**”), in each case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, pursuant to the Programme. The Programme provides that Notes may be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s). The Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes.

Each issue of Bearer Notes will be represented on issue by a temporary global note in bearer form (each a “**Temporary Global Note**”) or a permanent global note in bearer form (each a “**Permanent Global Note**”). If a Global Note in bearer form is stated in the applicable Final Terms to be issued in new global note (“**NGN**”) form such Global Note will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the “**Common Safekeeper**”) for Euroclear Bank SA/NV, (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”).

Global Notes in bearer form which are not issued in NGN form (“**Classic Global Notes**” or “**CGNs**”) will be deposited on the issue date with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the “**Common Depositary**”).

Each issue of Registered Notes will initially be represented by one or more registered Global Notes.

### Arranger for the Programme

**BNP Paribas**

### Dealers

**BNP Paribas UK Limited**

**Barclays Capital**

**Citi**

**Credit Suisse**

**Goldman Sachs International**

**JPMorgan**

**Lehman Brothers**

**Merrill Lynch International**

**Morgan Stanley**

**UBS Investment Bank**

The date of this Base Prospectus is 30 May 2007.

*The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Document. The Issuer declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Document is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.*

*This Document is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are incorporated herein by reference as described in "Documents Incorporated by Reference" below. This Document shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Document.*

*Information contained in this Document which is sourced from a third party has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the relevant third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The Issuer has also identified the source(s) of such information. Final Terms will (if applicable) specify the nature of the responsibility (if any) taken by the Issuer for any information relating to any Underlying Reference (as defined in "Risk Factors" below) to which the Notes may be linked.*

*This Document (together with supplements to this Document from time to time (each a "**Supplement**") and together the "**Supplements**") comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of (i) Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and (ii) the relevant implementing measures in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and, in each case, for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuer. In relation to each separate issue of Notes, the final offer price and the amount of such Notes will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealers in accordance with prevailing market conditions at the time of the issue of the Notes and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.*

*The Dealers have not separately verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility is accepted by the Dealers as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Document or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme or the Notes. The Dealers accept no liability in relation to the information contained in this Document or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme or the Notes.*

*No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Document or any further information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any of the Dealers.*

*In connection with the issue and sale of Notes, none of the Bank or its affiliates will, unless agreed to the contrary in writing, act as a financial adviser to any holder of such Notes.*

*Neither this Document nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as recommendations by the Issuer or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Document or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should purchase any of the Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any of the Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Document nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any of the Notes.*

*The delivery of this Document does not at any time imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date of this Document or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme. Prospective investors should review, inter alia, the most recent financial statements of the Issuer when deciding whether or not to purchase any of the Notes.*

*This Document does not constitute, and may not be used for or in connection with, an offer to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or a solicitation by anyone not authorised so to act.*

*The distribution of this Document and the offer or sale of the Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession this Document or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Document and the offer or sale of the Notes in the European Economic Area (“EEA”) (and certain member states thereof), Japan and the United States (see “Subscription and Sale” below).*

*The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and include Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons (see “Subscription and Sale” below).*

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF ANY TRANCHE (AS DEFINED IN “TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES” BELOW) OF NOTES, THE DEALER OR DEALERS (IF ANY) NAMED AS THE STABILISING MANAGER(S) (THE “STABILISING MANAGER(S)”) (OR PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY STABILISING MANAGER(S)) IN THE APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS MAY OVER-ALLOT NOTES OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING THE MARKET PRICE OF THE NOTES AT A LEVEL HIGHER THAN THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE STABILISING MANAGER(S) (OR PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF A STABILISING MANAGER) WILL UNDERTAKE STABILISATION ACTION. ANY STABILISATION ACTION MAY BEGIN ON OR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ADEQUATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE FINAL TERMS OF THE OFFER OF THE RELEVANT TRANCHE OF NOTES IS MADE AND, IF BEGUN, MAY BE ENDED AT ANY TIME, BUT IT MUST END NO LATER THAN THE EARLIER OF 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE DATE OF THE RELEVANT TRANCHE AND 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLOTMENT OF THE RELEVANT TRANCHE. ANY STABILISATION ACTION OR OVER-ALLOTMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES.**

In this Document, references to “euro”, “EURO”, “Euro”, “EUR” and “€” refer to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union and as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, references to “\$”, “U.S.\$” and “U.S. dollars” are to United States dollars, references to “cents” are to United States cents, references to “yen” and “¥” are to Japanese yen, references to “sterling” and “£” are to pounds sterling and references to “CHF” are to Swiss francs.

#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The sections of this Document from, and including “BNP Paribas Group” to, but excluding, “Clearing Systems” below (such sections being the “BNP Paribas Disclosure”) contain forward-looking statements. BNP Paribas and the BNP Paribas Group (being BNP Paribas together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the “Group”) may also make written or oral forward-looking statements in their audited annual financial statements, in their interim financial statements, in their offering circulars, in press releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by their officers, directors or employees to third parties. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Bank’s and/or Group’s beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore undue reliance should not be placed on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Bank and the Group undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

## **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Most of the financial data presented or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is presented in euros. The Group began presenting its financial information in euros as of the advent of the euro on 1 January 1999.

The audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2005 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. The Group's fiscal year ends on 31 December and references in this information statement to any specific fiscal year are to the twelve-month period ended 31 December of such year.

In this information statement, all references to "billions" are references to one thousand million. Due to rounding, the numbers presented or incorporated by reference throughout this information statement may not add up precisely, and percentages may not reflect precisely absolute figures.

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## SUMMARY

*This summary must be read as an introduction to this Document. Any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Document as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive in each Member State of the European Economic Area no civil liability will attach to any Responsible Persons in any such Member State in respect of this Summary unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Document. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Document is brought before a court in a Member State of a European Economic Area State, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating this Document before the legal proceedings are initiated.*

*Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below and in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings in this summary.*

### Issuer

BNP Paribas

### Description of Issuer

The Group or the "**Bank**" (of which BNP Paribas is the parent company) is one of the top global players in financial services, conducting retail, corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management, insurance and specialised and other financial activities throughout the world. The Group is a leading European provider of corporate and investment banking products and services and a leading provider of private banking and asset management products and services throughout the world. It provides retail banking and financial services to over 20 million individual customers worldwide, in particular in Europe and the western United States, and has offices in more than 85 countries. According to rankings published in July 2006 by The Banker (based on 2005 figures):

- based on total assets, the BNP Paribas Group was the second largest banking group in France, the fourth largest in Europe and the sixth largest in the world; and
- based on Tier 1 capital, the BNP Paribas Group was the second, fifth and tenth largest banking group in France, Europe and the world, respectively.

At 31 December 2006, the Group had consolidated assets of €1,440.3 billion (compared to €1,258.1 billion at 31 December 2005), consolidated loans and receivables due from customers of €393.1 billion (compared to €301.2 billion at 31 December 2005), consolidated items due to customers of €298.7 billion (compared to €247.5 billion at 31 December 2005) and shareholders' equity (Group share including income for 2006) of €49.5 billion (compared to €40.7 billion at 31 December 2005). Pre-tax net income for the year ended 31 December 2006 was €10.6 billion (compared to €8.4 billion for the year ended 31 December 2005). Net income, Group share, for the year ended 31 December 2006 was €7.3 billion (compared to €5.9 billion for the year ended 31 December 2005).

The Group currently has long-term senior debt ratings of “Aa1” with stable outlook from Moody’s, “AA” with positive outlook from Standard & Poor’s and “AA” with stable outlook from Fitch Ratings. Moody’s has also assigned the Bank a Bank Financial Strength rating of “B” and Fitch Ratings has assigned the Bank an individual rating of “A/B”.

The Group has three divisions, as summarised below: Retail Banking, Asset Management and Services and Corporate and Investment Banking, the latter two of which also constitute “core businesses”. Operationally, the Retail Banking division is itself comprised of two core businesses: French Retail Banking and International Retail Banking and Financial Services.

Except where otherwise specified, all financial information and operating statistics are presented as of 31 December 2006.

#### **Risk Factors relating to the Issuer**

There are certain factors that may affect each Issuer’s ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued under the Programme. These include the following risk factors related to the Bank, its operations and its industry:

- (i) Many categories of risks are inherent in the Bank’s activities, including:
  - Credit Risk;
  - Market and Liquidity Risk;
  - Asset-Liability Management Risk;
  - Liquidity and Refinancing Risk;
  - Insurance Underwriting Risk;
  - Operational Risk;
  - Compliance Risk; and
  - Reputation Risk.
- (ii) Adverse market or economic conditions may cause a decrease in net banking income or profitability.
- (iii) The Bank may incur significant losses on its trading and investment activities due to market fluctuations and volatility.
- (iv) The Bank may generate lower revenues from brokerage and other commission- and fee-based businesses during market downturns.
- (v) A long term market decline can reduce liquidity in the market, making it harder to sell assets and possibly leading to material losses.
- (vi) Significant interest rate variations could adversely affect the Bank’s net banking income or profitability.

- (vii) A substantial increase in new provisions or a shortfall in the level of previously recorded provisions could adversely affect the Bank's results and financial strength.
- (viii) The Bank's competitive position could be harmed if its reputation is damaged.
- (ix) An interruption in or a breach of the Bank's information systems may result in lost business and other losses.
- (x) Unforeseen events can interrupt the Bank's operations and cause substantial losses and additional costs.
- (xi) The Bank is subject to a strict regulatory framework in the countries and regions in which it operates.
- (xii) The Bank's risk management policies, procedures and methods may leave it exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks, which could lead to material losses.
- (xiii) The Bank's hedging strategies may not prevent losses.
- (xiv) The Bank may have difficulty in identifying and executing acquisitions, which could materially harm the Bank's results of operations.
- (xv) Intense competition, especially in the Bank's home market of France, where it has the largest single concentration of businesses, could adversely affect the Bank's net banking income and profitability.

**Risk Factors generally relating to the Notes**

In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks related to the Notes issued under the Programme. These include the following:

- (i) The trading market for debt securities may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events;
- (ii) An active trading market for the Notes may not develop;
- (iii) A credit rate reduction relating to any securities of the Issuer by a statistical rating agency may result in a reduction in the trading value of the Notes;
- (iv) The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity;
- (v) A Noteholder's actual yield on the Notes may be reduced from the stated yield by transaction costs;
- (vi) A Noteholder's effective yield on the Notes may be diminished by the tax impact on that Noteholder of its investment in the Notes;
- (vii) Fixed Rate Notes may change in value due to changes in interest rates;



- (viii) Noteholders will not be able to calculate in advance their rate of return on Floating Rate Notes;
- (ix) Zero coupon bonds are subject to higher price fluctuations than non-discounted bonds;
- (x) Foreign currency bonds expose investors to foreign-exchange risk as well as to issuer risk; and
- (xi) Holders of Subordinated Notes risk receiving payments on any outstanding Subordinated Notes only after senior Noteholders and other senior creditors have been repaid in full, if and to the extent that there is still cash available for those payments.

**Additional Risk Factors relating to Notes with interest and/or principal linked to an Underlying Reference (as defined below) ("Underlying Reference Linked Notes")**

There are also additional factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks relating to Underlying Reference Linked Notes and Physical Delivery Notes. These include the following:

- (i) Investments in such Notes entail significant risks which may include, amongst others, interest rate, foreign exchange, time value, economic, financial and political risks and may not be appropriate for investors lacking financial expertise;
- (ii) Prospective investors in such Notes should recognise that amounts payable thereon will be linked to the performance of the relevant Underlying Reference, such amounts may be zero if the Underlying Reference does not perform and accordingly there may be no return made on the investment in the Notes and, unless the Notes are principally protected, some or all of the principal invested may be lost;
- (iii) Prospective investors in Notes should recognise that certain conflicts of interest may exist between the Issuer and its affiliates and Noteholders in connection with any hedging activities that the Issuer and/or any affiliates may have related to an Underlying Reference in connection with such Notes or any relationship the Issuer and/or any affiliate may have with an issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an Underlying Reference or constituent in respect of an Underlying Reference;
- (iv) The interim value of such Notes varies with the price value or level of the relevant Underlying Reference, as well as by a number of other interrelated factors. A small movement in such price, value or level may result in a significant change in the value of such Notes;
- (v) If the exposure to an Underlying Reference is leveraged in any respect, the effect of movements

in the price, value or level of such Underlying Reference on the amounts payable will be magnified and therefore poor performance of the Underlying Reference may diminish any positive performance in a relatively short time;

- (vi) It may not be possible to purchase or liquidate securities comprising any Underlying Reference at the prices used to calculate the value of such Underlying Reference;
- (vii) If a Market Disruption Event or failure to open of a relevant exchange occurs or exists on a specified date, any consequential postponement of such date or any alternative provisions for valuation provided in any such Notes may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of such Notes and may result in the postponement of the relevant due date of redemption;
- (viii) In the case of Index Linked Notes, if a relevant Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor in respect of the Index, but is calculated and announced by an acceptable successor sponsor or successor entity, as the case may be, or (ii) replaced by a permitted successor index, then that index will be deemed to be the index. If an Adjustment Event occurs:
  - (a) any amount payable under the Notes may be calculated on a modified basis; or
  - (b) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms the Notes may be redeemed prior to their maturity and the fair market value of a Note shall be payable, taking into account the relevant Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying hedging arrangements; or
  - (c) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent will calculate the Calculated Amount and on the Maturity Date the Issuer will redeem the Notes at the Calculated Amount plus accrued interest (calculated as provided in the Index Linked Conditions) or if greater par.
- (ix) In the case of Share Linked Notes, following the declaration by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, a corresponding adjustment may be made to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for such

occurrence;

- (x) In the case of Share Linked Notes, if a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share:
  - (a) an adjustment may be made to any of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for such occurrence; or
  - (b) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Extraordinary Event specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, such Notes may be redeemed in whole (or in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares, in part (such part representing the relevant affected Shares) prior to their maturity; or
  - (c) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Extraordinary Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms the Calculation Agent will calculate the Calculated Amount and on the Maturity Date the Issuer will redeem the Notes at the Calculated Amount plus accrued interest (calculated as provided in the Share Linked Conditions) or if greater par.
- (xi) In the case of Physical Delivery Securities, if a Settlement Disruption Event occurs or exists on the due date for redemption, settlement will be postponed until the next Settlement Business Day in respect of which there is no Settlement Disruption Event. The relevant Issuer in these circumstances also has the right to pay the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount in lieu of delivering the Entitlement. The Disruption Cash Redemption Amount may be less than the fair market value of the Entitlement and may be zero;
- (xii) In the case of Commodity linked Notes, if a Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price, Material Change in Formula or Material Change in Content occurs:
  - (a) any amount payable under the Notes may be calculated on a modified basis; or
  - (b) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms the Notes may be redeemed prior to their maturity and the fair market value of a Note shall be payable, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying hedging arrangements; or

- (c) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent will calculate the Calculated Amount and on the Maturity Date the Issuer will redeem the Notes at the Calculated Amount plus accrued interest (calculated as provided in the Index Linked Conditions) or if greater par.
  
- (xiii) The Issuer may be entitled to vary the settlement of such Notes, by (i) delivering or procuring delivery of the Entitlement instead of making payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date or, as applicable, (ii) making payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date instead of delivering or procuring delivery of the Entitlement;
  
- (xiv) Option to substitute Relevant Assets or to pay the Alternate Redemption Amount: the Issuer may, if any Relevant Asset comprises assets which are not freely tradable, elect either (i) to substitute a Substitute Asset for the Relevant Asset or (ii) not to deliver or procure the delivery of the Entitlement or the Substitute Asset, but in lieu thereof to make payment on the Maturity Date of the Alternate Redemption Amount.
  
- (xv) An optional or other early redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of such Notes. In the case of such Notes having an optional redemption feature, prior to or during any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem such Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. The Final Terms may provide that the relevant Notes shall be redeemed early in specified circumstances. Following an optional or early redemption, a Noteholder may not be able to reinvest any redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate or with the prospect of returns as high as the interest rate or prospective returns on the relevant Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so on significantly less attractive terms. Prospective investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time;
  
- (xvi) If any interest amount is payable in respect of any such Notes, investors may not be entitled to receive any such interest amount on the relevant dates in certain specified circumstances so indicated in the Final Terms;
  
- (xvii) The Issuer may issue such Notes with interest determined by reference to any Underlying

Reference and/or payable in any currency which may be different from the currency in which such Notes are denominated and:

- (a) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
  - (b) payment of interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
  - (c) an Underlying Reference may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
  - (d) if the exposure to an Underlying Reference is leveraged in any respect, the effect of movements in the price, value or level of such Underlying Reference on interest payable will be magnified; and
  - (e) the timing of changes in an Underlying Reference may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations;
- (xviii) Amounts, formulae and other provisions relating to such Notes may be calculated by reference to a specific Valuation Date, Averaging Dates or Observation Dates and which may be postponed if certain events occur. The timing of such dates may affect the value of the relevant Notes such that the Noteholder may receive a lower Final Redemption Amount, Interest Amount or other amount than otherwise would have been the case;
- (xix) If the exposure of such Notes to one or more Underlying References is limited or capped to a certain level or amount, the relevant Notes will not benefit from any upside in the value of any such Underlying References beyond such limit or cap;
- (xx) Each Noteholder may receive a Final Redemption Amount and/or physical delivery of specified securities together with cash for roundings. The aggregate value of such specified securities and cash may be significantly less than the value of the Noteholder's investment in the relevant Notes;
- (xxi) The applicable Final Terms may specify that the Issuer will not provide post-issuance information, if not otherwise required by all applicable laws and regulations and Noteholders will have to obtain such information themselves from the sources identified; and
- (xxii) In the Case of Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency market which are

influenced by macro economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency control and restrictions). Fluctuations in exchange rates will effect the value of the Notes.

Please see “*Risk Factors*” below for further details.

**Legal and regulatory requirements**

Notes may also be issued to third parties other than Dealers on the basis of enquiries made by such third parties to the Issuer, including Dealers appointed in relation to issues of Notes denominated in particular currencies in compliance with applicable regulations and guidelines from time to time. Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see “*Subscription and Sale*”) including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Document.

**Programme Amount**

€80,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated on the Agreement Date) outstanding at any one time. As provided in the Programme Agreement the nominal amount of Notes outstanding under the Programme may be further increased.

**Currencies**

Notes may be denominated in any currency or currencies agreed between the Issuer and the Dealer(s), subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory restrictions. Payments in respect of Notes may, subject to compliance as aforesaid, be made in and/or linked to, any currency or currencies other than the currency in which such Notes are denominated.

**Form of Notes**

Notes will be issued in either bearer form or registered form outside the United States in transactions not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**Fixed Rate Notes**

Fixed rate interest will be payable on such day(s) as specified in the applicable Final Terms and on redemption.

Interest will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**Floating Rate Notes**

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest calculated:

- (a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement in the form of either (i) an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series) or (ii) the Master Agreement relating to foreign exchange

and derivative transactions published by the *Association Française des Banques/Fédération Bancaire Française* and evidenced by a Confirmation; or

- (b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (c) on such other basis as may be agreed in writing between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes will be payable, and will be calculated as specified prior to issue in the applicable Final Terms.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each issue of Floating Rate Notes. Interest will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Dual Currency Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies and based upon such rates of exchange as are agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Index Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Index Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Indices and/or formula as are agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Share Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Share Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Shares and/or formula as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Inflation Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Inflation Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Inflation Indices and/or formula as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Commodity Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Commodity Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Indices to Commodities and/or formula as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

<b>Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more foreign exchange rates and/or formula as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Hybrid Notes</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Hybrid Notes will be calculated by reference to any combination of Underlying References and/or formula as agreed between the issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) as set out in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Physical Delivery Notes</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Physical Delivery Notes and any delivery of any Relevant Asset(s) in respect of Physical Delivery Notes will be made in accordance with the terms of the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Fund Linked Notes</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and/or whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Fund Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to units, interests or shares in a single fund or basket of funds on such terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Credit Linked Notes</b>	Notes with respect to which payment of principal and/or interest is linked to the credit of a specified entity or entities will be issued on such terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Adjustments</b>	In the case of Physical Delivery Notes and Underlying Reference Linked Notes the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms will (where applicable) contain provisions relating to adjustments with respect to Relevant Assets (in the case of Physical Delivery Notes), any Underlying Reference (including, without limitation and where necessary, provisions relating to “ <b>Potential Adjustment Events</b> ”, “ <b>Settlement Disruption Event</b> ” and “ <b>Market Disruption Event</b> ” or equivalent provisions and details of the consequences of such events).
<b>Zero Coupon Notes</b>	Zero Coupon Notes will not bear interest other than in the case of late payment.
<b>Other Notes</b>	Terms applicable to any other type of Note which the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree from time to time to issue under the Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Denominations of Notes</b>	Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms save that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public</li> </ul>



in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus will be €1,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency); and

- (ii) the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

## Taxation

Payments of interest and other revenues with respect to the Notes constituting *obligations* will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des impôts*, as provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, to the extent that the Notes are issued (or deemed to be issued) outside the Republic of France. See “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Taxation*”

Notes constituting *obligations* under French law will be issued (or deemed to be issued) outside France (i) in the case of syndicated or non-syndicated issues of Notes, if such Notes are denominated in euro, (ii) in the case of syndicated issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro, if, *inter alia*, the Issuer and the relevant Dealers agree not to offer the Notes to the public in the Republic of France and such Notes are offered in France only through an international syndicate to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as described in Article L. 411-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* or (iii) in the case of issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro that are not offered and sold through an international syndicate, if each of the subscribers of the Notes is domiciled or resident for tax purposes outside the Republic of France and does not act through a permanent establishment of fixed base therein, in each case as more fully set out in the Circular 5 I-11-98 of the *Direction Générale des Impôts* dated 30 September 1998.

However, if so provided in the relevant Final Terms, Notes constituting *obligations* denominated in currencies other than euro may be offered without an international syndicate and may be placed with subscribers not all of whom are resident outside the Republic of France. In such cases, the Notes will not benefit from the exemption from deduction at source provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* and interest payments under such Notes made to a non-French resident will be exempt from withholding or deduction at source only if the beneficiary of the payment provides certification that he is not resident in the Republic of France, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, as more fully described in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes -*

*Taxation*".

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute *obligations* will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**Status of the Senior Notes**

Senior Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and un-subordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all its other direct, unconditional, unsecured and un-subordinated indebtedness (save for statutorily preferred exceptions).

**Status of the Subordinated Notes**

The Issuer may issue Subordinated Notes which comprise Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes, each as further described in "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below.

**Negative Pledge**

The terms of the Senior Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as described under Condition 2(c) of the Terms and Conditions of the relevant Notes.

**Rating**

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Details of the rating, if any, attributable to an issue of Notes will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Listing and admission to trading**

Notes of a particular Series may be listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or on such other or additional stock exchanges as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and references to listing shall be construed accordingly.

**Governing Law**

English law, other than Condition 2(b) which, if applicable, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of France.

**Selling Restrictions**

There are restrictions on the sale of Notes and the distribution of offering material — see "*Subscription and Sale*" below. United States: TEFRA D, Regulation S Category 2.

## RISK FACTORS

*Prospective purchasers of the Notes offered hereby should consider carefully, among other things and in light of their financial circumstances and investment objectives, all of the information in this Document and, in particular, the risk factors set forth below (which the Issuer, in its reasonable opinion, believes represents or may represent the risk factors known to it which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes) in making an investment decision. Noteholders may lose the value of their entire investment in certain circumstances.*

### **Risks Related to the Bank and its Operations**

See the section entitled Risk Factors contained on pages 5 to 10 of the Information Statement which is incorporated by reference in this document.

### **Risk Factors Relating to the Notes**

#### *General*

There are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks associated with an investment in Notes issued under the Programme. Such factors will vary depending on the type of Notes issued, in particular in relation to Notes, the interest and/or redemption amount is linked to the value of one or more index, share, inflation index, commodity, unit, interest or share in a fund, the credit of one or more reference entity or the combination of any of the foregoing or such other underlying or basis of reference (each an "**Underlying Reference**").

- Factors relating to Notes generally

*The trading market for debt securities may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events.*

The market for debt securities is influenced by the economic and market conditions, interest rates, currency exchange rates and inflation rates in Europe and other industrialised countries and areas. There can be no assurance that events in France, Europe or elsewhere will not cause market volatility or that such volatility will not adversely affect the price of Notes or that economic and market conditions will not have any other adverse effect.

*An active trading market for the Notes may not develop.*

There can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Notes will develop, or, if one does develop, that it will be maintained. If an active trading market for the Notes does not develop or is not maintained, the market or trading price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. If additional and competing products are introduced in the markets, this may adversely affect the value of the Notes. It is not possible to predict the price at which Notes will trade in the secondary market. The Issuer may, but is not obliged to, list Notes on a stock exchange. Also, to the extent Notes of a particular issue are redeemed in part, the number of Notes of such issue outstanding will decrease, resulting in a diminished liquidity for the remaining Notes of such issue. A decrease in the liquidity of an issue of Notes may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such issue of Notes.

*A credit rating reduction may result in a reduction in the trading value of Notes.*

The value of the Notes is expected to be affected, in part, by investors' general appraisal of the creditworthiness of the Issuer. Such perceptions are generally influenced by the ratings accorded to the outstanding Notes of the Issuer by standard statistical rating services, such as Moody's Investors Service Limited ("**Moody's**"), Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. ("**Standard & Poor's**") and Fitch Ratings Ltd. ("**Fitch**"). A reduction in, or a placing on credit watch of the rating, if any, accorded to outstanding debt securities of the Issuer by one of these or other rating agencies could result in a reduction in the trading value of the Notes.

*The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity.*

In the event that the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts in respect of any Notes due to any withholding as provided in Condition 6 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the Issuer

may and, in certain circumstances, shall (subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the prior written consent of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France) redeem all of the Notes then outstanding in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

The Final Terms for a particular issue of Notes may provide for early redemption at the option of the Issuer. Such right of termination is often provided for notes in periods of high interest rates. If the market interest rates decrease, the risk to Noteholders that the Issuer will exercise its right of termination increases. As a consequence, the yields received upon redemption may be lower than expected, and the redeemed face amount of the Notes may be lower than the purchase price for the Notes paid by the Noteholder. As a consequence, the Noteholder may not receive the total amount of the capital invested. In addition, investors that choose to reinvest monies they receive through an early redemption may be able to do so only in securities with a lower yield than the redeemed Notes.

*A Noteholder's actual yield on the Notes may be reduced from the stated yield by transaction costs.*

When Notes are purchased or sold, several types of incidental costs (including transaction fees and commissions) are incurred in addition to the current price of the security. These incidental costs may significantly reduce or even exclude the profit potential of the Notes. For instance, credit institutions as a rule charge their clients for own commissions which are either fixed minimum commissions or pro-rata commissions depending on the order value. To the extent that additional – domestic or foreign – parties are involved in the execution of an order, including but not limited to domestic dealers or brokers in foreign markets, Noteholders must take into account that they may also be charged for the brokerage fees, commissions and other fees and expenses of such parties (third party costs).

In addition to such costs directly related to the purchase of securities (direct costs), Noteholders must also take into account any follow-up costs (such as custody fees). Prospective investors should inform themselves about any additional costs incurred in connection with the purchase, custody or sale of the Notes before investing in the Notes.

*A Noteholder's effective yield on the Notes may be diminished by the tax impact on that Noteholder of its investment in the Notes.*

Payments of interest on the Notes, or profits realised by the Noteholder upon the sale or repayment of the Notes, may be subject to taxation in its home jurisdiction or in other jurisdictions in which it is required to pay taxes. The tax impact on an individual Noteholder in respect of any Notes may differ also in respect of Underlying Reference Linked Notes. BNP Paribas advises all investors to contact their own tax advisors for advice on the tax impact of an investment in the Notes.

#### *Change in value of Fixed Rate Notes*

Investors in Fixed Rate Notes are exposed to the risk that subsequent changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Notes.

*Investors will not be able to calculate in advance their rate of return on Floating Rate Notes.*

A key difference between Floating Rate Notes and Fixed Rate Notes is that interest income on Floating Rate Notes cannot be anticipated. Due to varying interest income, investors are not able to determine a definite yield of Floating Rate Notes at the time they purchase them, so that their return on investment cannot be compared with that of investments having longer fixed interest periods. If the terms and conditions of the Notes provide for frequent interest payment dates, investors are exposed to the reinvestment risk if market interest rates decline. That is, investors may reinvest the interest income paid to them only at the relevant lower interest rates then prevailing. In addition, the Issuer's ability to issue both Fixed Rate Notes may affect the market value and secondary market (if any) of the Floating Rate Notes (and vice versa).

*Zero coupon notes are subject to higher price fluctuations than non-discounted notes.*

Changes in market interest rates generally have a substantially stronger impact on the prices of zero coupon notes than on the prices of ordinary notes because the discounted issue prices are substantially below par. If market interest rates increase, zero coupon notes can suffer higher price losses than other notes having the same maturity and credit rating.

*Foreign currency Notes expose investors to foreign-exchange risk as well as to issuer risk.*

Holders of Notes denominated in any currency other than their domestic currency are exposed to the risk of changing foreign exchange rates. This risk is in addition to any performance risk that relates to the Issuer or the type of Note being issued.

*Holders of Subordinated Notes generally face a higher performance risk than holders of Senior Notes.*

In the event of any insolvency or liquidation of the Issuer, holders of Subordinated Notes would receive payments on any outstanding Subordinated Notes only after senior Noteholders and other senior creditors have been repaid in full, if and to the extent that there is still cash available for those payments. Thus, holders of Subordinated Notes generally face a higher performance risk than holders of senior Notes.

*Notes where denominations involve integral multiples*

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time (i) may not be able to transfer such Notes and (ii) may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and in each case would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

*Additional factors relating to Underlying Reference Linked Notes*

Investments in Underlying Reference Linked Notes entail significant risks and may not be appropriate for investors lacking financial expertise. Prospective investors should consult their own financial, tax and legal advisors as to the risks entailed by an investment in such Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of their particular circumstances and ensure that its acquisition is fully consistent with their financial needs and investment policies, is lawful under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and/or in which it operates, and is a suitable investment for it to make. The Issuer believes that such Notes should only be purchased by investors who are, or who are purchasing under the guidance of, financial institutions or other professional investors that are in a position to understand the special risks that an investment in these instruments involves, in particular relating to options and derivatives and related transactions, and should be prepared to sustain a total loss of the purchase price of their Notes.

Underlying Reference Linked Notes are securities which do not provide for predetermined redemption amounts and/or interest payments but amounts payable (whether in respect of principal and/or interest) or deliverable will be dependent upon the performance of the Underlying Reference which themselves may contain substantial credit, interest rate, foreign exchange, time value, political and/or other risks.

An investment in Underlying Reference Linked Notes therefore entails significant risks that are not associated with similar investments in a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security. These risks include, among other things, the possibility that:

- the Underlying Reference may be subject to significant changes, whether due to the composition of any such Underlying Reference itself, or because of fluctuations in value of the Underlying Reference;
- the resulting interest rate will be less (or may be more) than that payable on a conventional debt security issued by the Issuer at the same time;

- the holder of an Underlying Reference Linked Note could lose all or a substantial portion of the principal of such Note (whether payable at maturity or upon redemption or repayment), and, if the principal is lost, interest may cease to be payable on such Note;
- any Note that is indexed to more than one type of Underlying Reference, or on formulae that encompass the risks associated with more than one type of Underlying Reference, may carry levels of risk that are greater than Notes that are indexed to one type of Underlying Reference only;
- it may not be possible for investors to hedge their exposure to these various risks relating to Underlying Reference Linked Notes; and
- a significant market disruption could mean that any Underlying Reference cease to exist.

In addition, the value of Underlying Reference Linked Notes on the secondary market is subject to greater levels of risk than is the value of other Notes and the market price of such Notes may be very volatile or there may even be no (or very limited) secondary market at all. The secondary market, if any, for Underlying Reference Linked Notes will be affected by a number of factors, independent of the creditworthiness of the Issuer, the creditworthiness of any reference entity, the value of the applicable Underlying Reference, including the volatility of the Underlying Reference, the time remaining to the maturity of such Notes, the amount outstanding of such Notes and market interest rates. The value of the applicable Underlying Reference, depends on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events, over which the Issuer has no control.

Additionally, if the formula used to determine the amount of principal, premium and/or interest payable with respect to Underlying Reference Linked Notes contains a Weighting or leverage factor, the effect of any change in the Underlying Reference will be increased. The historical experience of the Underlying Reference should not be taken as an indication of future performance of such Underlying Reference during the term of any such Note.

Additionally, there may be regulatory and other ramifications associated with the ownership by certain investors of certain Underlying Reference Linked Notes.

The Bank and its affiliates do not provide any advice with respect to any Underlying Reference nor make any representation as to its quality, credit or otherwise, and investors in the Notes must rely on their own sources of analysis or credit analysis with respect to any Underlying Reference.

The risks reflect the nature of such a Note as an asset which, other factors held constant, tends to decline in value over time and which may become worthless when it expires or is redeemed. The risk of the loss of some or all of the purchase price of an Underlying Reference Linked Note upon redemption means that, in order to recover and realise a return upon his or her investment, a purchaser of such Note must generally be correct about the direction, timing and magnitude of an anticipated change in the value of the relevant Underlying Reference. Assuming all other factors are held constant, the lower the value of an Underlying Reference Linked Note and the shorter the remaining term of any such Note to redemption, the greater the risk that holders of such Notes will lose all or part of their investment.

#### *Market Disruption Events or Failure to Open of an Exchange*

If an issue of Underlying Reference Linked Notes includes provisions dealing with the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or failure to open of an exchange on a Valuation Date, Observation Date or an Averaging Date and the Calculation Agent determines that a Market Disruption Event or failure to open of an exchange has occurred or exists on such date, any consequential postponement of the Valuation Date, Observation Date or Averaging Date or any alternative provisions for valuation provided in any such Notes may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of such Notes. The timing of such dates (as scheduled or as so postponed or adjusted) may affect the value of the relevant Notes such that the Noteholder may receive a lower cash redemption amount and/or interest amount or other payment under the relevant Notes than otherwise would have been the case. The occurrence of such a Market Disruption Event or failure to open of an exchange in relation to any Underlying Reference comprising a basket may also have such an adverse effect on Notes related to

such basket. In addition, any such consequential postponement may result in the postponement of the date of redemption of the Notes.

#### *Limited Exposure to Underlying Reference*

If the applicable Final Terms provide that the exposure of any Underlying Reference Linked Notes to one or more Underlying References is limited or capped to a certain level or amount, such Notes will not benefit from any upside in the value of any such Underlying References beyond such limit or cap.

#### *The amount Payable on Redemption May Be Significantly Less than the Value of an Investment in the Notes*

Each Noteholder may receive an amount on redemption and/or physical delivery of securities together with cash for roundings in respect of any Underlying Reference Linked Notes. The amount payable on redemption and/or the aggregate value of securities physically delivered and cash may be significantly less than the value of the Noteholder's investment in such Notes. In particular, in the case of any such Notes exposed to the performance of a basket of Underlying References, the securities so delivered may relate to or, the cash redemption amount may be calculated by reference to, the worst performing Underlying Reference or any other formula specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### *Post-issuance Information*

Applicable Final Terms may specify that the Issuer will not provide post-issuance if not otherwise required by all applicable laws and regulations. In such an event, investors will not be entitled to obtain such information from the Issuer.

#### *Potential Conflicts of Interest*

The Bank and its affiliates may also engage in trading activities (including hedging activities) related to any Underlying Reference and other instruments or derivative products based on or related to the Underlying Reference of any such Notes for their proprietary accounts or for other accounts under their management and may pursue actions thereto without regard to the consequences for Noteholders. The Bank and its affiliates may also issue other derivative instruments in respect of the Underlying Reference of such Notes. The Bank and its affiliates may also act as an underwriter in connection with future offerings of an Underlying Reference or may act as financial adviser to the issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an Underlying Reference or a constituent of an Underlying Reference or in a commercial banking capacity for such entity. The Bank or its affiliates may acquire non-public information in respect of an Underlying Reference which will not be provided to Noteholders. Such activities could present certain conflicts of interest, could influence the prices of such Underlying Reference and could adversely affect the value of such Notes.

Because the Calculation Agent may be an affiliate of the Issuer, potential conflicts of interest may exist between the Calculation Agent and Noteholders, including with respect to certain determinations and judgments that the Calculation Agent must make, including whether a Market Disruption Event, a Settlement Disruption Event or an Extraordinary Fund Event has occurred. The Calculation Agent is obliged to carry out its duties and functions as Calculation Agent in good faith and using its reasonable judgment.

#### *Claims against Underlying Reference*

Underlying Reference Linked Notes do not represent a claim against or an investment in any Underlying Reference (or any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an Underlying Reference) and Noteholders will not have any right of recourse under the Notes to any such Underlying Reference (or any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an Underlying Reference). The Notes are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any Underlying Reference (or any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an Underlying Reference) and such entities have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions for any Noteholders.

#### *Additional Factors relating to Share Linked Notes*

In the case of Share Linked Notes following the declaration by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent

will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares and, if so, will (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect (provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Share) and (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment. Such adjustment may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of the affected Share Linked Notes.

In addition, in the case of Share Linked Notes, if a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to any Share, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i) or (ii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. Such adjustment may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of the affected Share Linked Notes; and
- (ii) redeem part (in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares) or all (in any other case) of the Notes. Following such redemption, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the relevant Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Prospective investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

#### *Additional Factors relating to Physical Delivery Notes*

In the case of Physical Delivery Notes (other than Credit Linked Notes), if a Settlement Disruption Event occurs or exists on the due date for redemption of the Notes, settlement will be postponed until the next Settlement Business Day in respect of which there is no Settlement Disruption Event. The Issuer in these circumstances also has the right to pay the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount in lieu of delivering the Entitlement. As described above, the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount may be less than the fair market value of the Entitlement.

#### *Additional Factors relating to Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes*

Exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency markets which are influenced by macro economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency controls and restrictions). In recent years, rates of exchange between some currencies have been volatile. This volatility may be expected in the future. Fluctuations that have occurred in any particular exchange rate in the past are not necessarily indicative, however, of fluctuation that may occur in the rate during the term of any Note. Fluctuations in exchange rates will affect the value of the Notes.

#### *Additional Factors relating to Fund Linked Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes where the amount of principal and/or interest payable are dependent upon the price or changes in the price of units, shares or interests in a fund or funds or where, depending on the price or changes in the price of units, shares or interests in such fund or funds, on redemption the Issuer's obligation is to deliver specified assets.

Prospective investors in any such Notes should be aware that depending on the terms of the Fund Linked Notes (i) they may receive no or a limited amount of interest, (ii) payment of principal or interest or delivery of any specified assets may occur at a different time than expected and (iii) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment. In addition, the movements in the price of



units, shares or interests in the fund or funds may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices and the timing of changes in the relevant price of the units or shares in the fund or funds may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the price or prices of the units, shares or interests in the fund or funds, the greater the effect on yield. Prospective investors should also be aware that in the event of the occurrence of one or more Extraordinary Fund Events the Issuer may take the action specified in the applicable Final Terms which may include adjusting or redeeming the Notes or substituting the affected share, unit or interest in the relevant fund.

The market price of such Notes may be volatile and may depend on the time remaining to the redemption date and the volatility of the price of units, shares or interests in the fund or funds. The price of units, shares or interests in a fund may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions, including factors affecting the exchange(s) or quotation system(s) on which any units, shares or interests in the fund or funds may be traded.

Prospective investors should review carefully the prospectus, information memorandum and/or offering circular (if any) issued by any relevant fund before purchasing any Notes. None of the Issuer, any Affiliate of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent make any representation as to the creditworthiness of any relevant fund or any such fund's administrative, custodian, investment manager or adviser.

#### *Additional Factors relating to Credit Linked Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes where the amount of principal and/or interest payable are dependent upon whether certain events ("**Credit Events**") have occurred in respect of a specified entity (the "**reference entity**") and, if so, on the value of certain specified assets of the reference entity or where, if such events have occurred, on redemption the Issuer's obligation is to deliver certain specified assets.

Prospective investors in any such Notes should be aware that depending on the terms of the Credit Linked Notes (i) they may receive no or a limited amount of interest, (ii) payment of principal or interest or delivery of any specified assets may occur at a different time than expected and (iii) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment.

The market price of such Notes may be volatile and will be affected by, amongst other things, the time remaining to the redemption date and the creditworthiness of the reference entity which in turn may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions.

Where the Notes provide for physical delivery, the Issuer may determine that the specified assets to be delivered are assets which for any reason (including, without limitation, failure of the relevant clearance system or due to any law, regulation, court order or market conditions or the non-receipt of any requisite consents with respect to the delivery of assets which are loans) it is impossible or illegal to deliver on the specified settlement date. Any such determination may delay settlement in respect of the Notes and/or cause the obligation to deliver such specified assets to be replaced by an obligation to pay a cash amount which, in either case, may affect the value of the Notes and, in the case of payment of a cash amount, will affect the timing of the valuation of such Notes and as a result, the amount of principal payable on redemption. Prospective Investors should review the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the applicable Final Terms to ascertain whether and how such provisions should apply to the Notes.

The Issuer's obligations in respect of Credit Linked Notes are irrespective of the existence or amount of the Issuer's and/or any affiliates' credit exposure to a reference entity and the Issuer and/or any affiliate need not suffer any loss nor provide evidence of any loss as a result of the occurrence of a Credit Event.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Document should be read and construed in conjunction with the following documents which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Document and that have been filed with the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive and the relevant implementing measures in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Document:

- (a) an information statement relating to BNP Paribas, dated 30 May 2007 (the “**Information Statement**”);
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas as at, and for the years ended, 31 December 2005 and 2006 (the “**2005 Financial Statements**” and the “**2006 Financial Statements**” respectively, such financial statements being available as part of the respective statutory auditors’ reports thereon (together, the “**Auditors’ Reports**”), and the related notes and the Auditors’ Reports as contained, respectively, in BNP Paribas’ Annual Reports for 2005 (the “**2005 BNPP Annual Report**”) and in BNP Paribas’ *document de référence* in English for 2006 (the “**2006 BNP Paribas Registration Document**”);

save that any statement contained herein or in a document all or the relative portion of which is incorporated by reference herein shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Document to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document all or the relevant portion of which is incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

The information incorporated by reference above is available as follows:

Information Incorporated by Reference	Reference
<i>Information Statement</i>	
Risk Factors	Pages 5 to 10 of the Information Statement
Selected Financial Data	Pages 11 to 14 of the Information Statement
Recent Developments including the Issuer’s 1st quarter results for the 3 month period ended 31 March 2007	Pages 65 to 75 of the Information Statement
Business of the Group	Pages 76 to 96 of the Information Statement
Risk Management	Pages 97 to 127 of the Information Statement
Governmental Supervision and Regulation of BNP Paribas in France	Pages 128 to 130 of the Information Statement
Capital Adequacy of the BNP Paribas Group	Pages 131 to 137 of the Information Statement
Management of the Bank	Pages 138 to 144 of the Information Statement
Independent Statutory Auditors	Page 145 of the Information Statement
<i>2005 Financial Statements</i>	
Consolidated Balance Sheet	Page 189 of the 2005 BNP Paribas Annual Report
Consolidated Profit & Loss Account	Page 188 of the 2005 BNP Paribas Annual Report
Consolidated Statement of Cashflows	Page 192 of the 2005 BNP Paribas Annual Report
Appendices/Notes	Pages 193 to 313 of the 2005 BNP Paribas Annual Report
Statutory Auditor’s Report of the Consolidated Financial Statements	Pages 314 to 315 of the 2005 BNP Paribas Annual Report
<i>2006 Financial Statements</i>	
Consolidated Balance Sheet	Page 105 of the 2006 BNP Paribas Registration

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Consolidated Profit & Loss Account	Page 104 of the 2006 BNP Paribas Registration Document
Consolidated Statement of Cashflows	Page 108 of the 2006 BNP Paribas Registration Document
Appendices/Notes	Pages 109 to 191 of the 2006 BNP Paribas Registration Document
Statutory Auditor's Report of the Consolidated Financial Statements	Pages 192 to 193 of the 2006 BNP Paribas Registration Document

Any information not listed in the cross reference list but included in the documents incorporated by reference, is given for information purposes only.

The Issuer will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Document has been delivered, upon the oral or written request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which or portions of which are incorporated herein by reference. Written or oral requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuer at its principal office set out at the end of this Document. In addition, such documents will be available free of charge from the specified office in Luxembourg of BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch, and will, along with this Base Prospectus, be available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

The Issuer has given an undertaking in connection with the listing of the Notes on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange to the effect that, so long as any Note remains outstanding and listed on such Exchange, in the event of any adverse change in the condition of the Issuer which is material in the context of the Programme and which is not reflected in this Document, the Issuer will prepare a further supplement to this Document or publish a new base prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. If the terms of the Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Document, as supplemented, inaccurate or misleading, a new base prospectus will be prepared.

In relation to any issue of Notes, the applicable Final Terms should be read in conjunction with this Document.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

*The following overview does not purport to be complete and is qualified by the remainder of this Document and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Series (as defined below in “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”) of Notes, the applicable Final Terms. Subject as provided in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, any of the following (including, without limitation, the type of Notes which may be issued pursuant to the Programme) may be varied or supplemented as agreed between the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s) and the Principal Paying Agent (if applicable). Words and expressions defined in “Form of the Notes” and the “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” shall have the same meaning in this overview:*

<b>Issuer</b>	BNP Paribas
<b>Arranger</b>	BNP Paribas
<b>Dealers</b>	BNP Paribas UK Limited Barclays Bank PLC Citigroup Global Markets Limited Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited Goldman Sachs International J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. Lehman Brothers International (Europe) Merrill Lynch International Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc UBS Limited
<b>Legal and regulatory requirements</b>	Notes may also be issued to third parties other than Dealers on the basis of enquiries made by such third parties to the Issuer, including Dealers appointed in relation to issues of Notes denominated in particular currencies in compliance with applicable regulations and guidelines from time to time. Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see “ <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ” below) including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Document.
<b>Distribution</b>	Notes may be distributed on a syndicated or a non-syndicated basis.
<b>Principal Paying Agent</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Registrar</b>	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
<b>Programme Amount</b>	€80,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated on the Agreement Date) outstanding at any one time. As provided in the Programme Agreement the nominal amount of Notes outstanding under the Programme may be further increased.
<b>Description</b>	Programme for the Issuance of Debt Instruments.
<b>Currencies</b>	Notes may be denominated in any currency or currencies agreed between the Issuer and the Dealer(s), subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory restrictions. Payments in respect of Notes may, subject to compliance as aforesaid, be made in and/or linked to, any currency or currencies other than the currency in which

such Notes are denominated.

**Redenomination**

The applicable Final Terms may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro.

**Maturities**

Any maturity in excess of one day (except in the case of Subordinated Notes when the minimum maturity will be five years or, in any case, such other minimum maturity as may be required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority). No maximum maturity is contemplated and Notes may be issued with no specified maturity dates provided, however, that Notes will only be issued in compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements.

**Issue Price**

Notes may be issued at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par and either on a fully paid or partly paid basis.

**Form of Notes**

Notes will be issued in either bearer form or registered form outside the United States in transactions not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. Bearer Notes will initially be represented by one or more temporary Bearer Global Notes which:

- (a) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in a new global note ("**NGN**") form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the "**Common Safekeeper**") for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; and
- (b) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form,

will be deposited with a depositary or, as the case may be, common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other agreed clearing system (including Euroclear France (as defined herein)) and which will be exchanged for one or more permanent Bearer Global Notes or for definitive Bearer Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period (if any) as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) in each case not earlier than the Exchange Date (as defined in "*Form of the Notes*" below) upon certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership. A permanent Bearer Global Note may be exchanged in whole (but not in part) for definitive Bearer Notes only in the limited circumstances described in "*Form of the Notes*" below except where the applicable Final Terms and permanent Bearer Global Note specify that definitive Bearer Notes shall be available upon request (notwithstanding the absence of such limited circumstances). Interests in a temporary or permanent Bearer Global Note will be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or any other agreed clearing system (including Euroclear France (as defined herein)).

One or more Registered Global Notes which will be

delivered to a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for, and registered in the name of, a nominee of a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Registered Notes will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes and vice versa. A Registered Global Note will be exchangeable for definitive Registered Notes in certain limited circumstances specified in “*Form of the Notes*” below.

#### **Fixed Rate Notes**

Fixed rate interest will be payable on such day(s) as specified in the applicable Final Terms and on redemption.

Interest will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Floating Rate Notes**

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest calculated:

- (a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement in the form of either (i) an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series) or (ii) the Master Agreement relating to foreign exchange and derivative transactions published by the *Association Française des Banques/Fédération Bancaire Française* and evidenced by a Confirmation; or
- (b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (c) on such other basis as may be agreed in writing between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes will be payable, and will be calculated as specified prior to issue in the applicable Final Terms.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each issue of Floating Rate Notes. Interest will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Dual Currency Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies and based upon such rates of exchange as are agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to issue and set out

in the applicable Final Terms.

**Index Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Index Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Indices and/or formula as are agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to issue and set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Share Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Share Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Shares and/or formulae as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to issue and set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Inflation Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Inflation Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more inflation indices and/or formulae as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more foreign exchange rates and/or formulae as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Commodity Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Commodity Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more Indices to Commodities and/or formulae as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Hybrid Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Hybrid Notes will be calculated by reference to any combination of Underlying References and/or formulae as agreed between the issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Physical Delivery Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal and/or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Physical Delivery Notes and any delivery of any Underlying Asset(s) in respect of Physical Delivery Notes will be made in accordance with the terms of the applicable Final Terms.

**Fund Linked Notes**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and/or whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Fund Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to units, shares or interests in a single fund or basket of funds on such terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**Credit Linked Notes**

Notes with respect to which payment of principal and interest is linked to the credit of a specified entity or entities will be issued on such terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the

applicable Final Terms.

### **Adjustments**

In the case of Underlying Reference Linked Notes, the Conditions and/or applicable Final Terms will (where applicable) contain provisions relating to adjustments with respect to Underlying Reference settlement disruption and market disruption (including, without limitation and where necessary, appropriate definitions of “**Potential Adjustment Events**” “**Market Disruption Event**” or equivalent provisions and details of the consequences of such events).

### **Zero Coupon Notes**

Zero Coupon Notes will not bear interest other than in the case of late payment.

### **Other Notes**

Terms applicable to any other type of Note which the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree from time to time to issue under the Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

### **Redemption and Purchase**

The applicable Final Terms will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Following an Event of Default, no part of Subordinated Notes may be redeemed prior to five years (or in any case, such other minimum period as may be required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority) from the relevant Issue Date and no part of any Notes denominated in any other Specified Currency may be redeemed prior to such other minimum time as may be required by the relevant monetary authority.

Any early redemption of Subordinated Notes under Condition 5(b) or (c) of the terms and conditions of the relevant Notes will be subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France.

Any early redemption or purchase (in the open market) by the Issuer of more than 10 per cent. of the nominal amount of any issue of Subordinated Notes (either individually or when aggregated with any previous redemption or purchase) will be subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France.

In the case of Subordinated Notes, no redemption of the Notes at the option of the Noteholders is permitted.

### **Denominations of Notes**

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms save that:

- (a) the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the



European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require that publication of a prospectus will be €1,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency); and

- (b) the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

## Taxation

Payments of interest and other revenues with respect to the Notes constituting *obligations* will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, as provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, to the extent that the Notes are issued (or deemed to be issued) outside the Republic of France. See “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Taxation*”

Notes constituting *obligations* under French law will be issued (or deemed to be issued) outside France (i) in the case of syndicated or non-syndicated issues of Notes, if such Notes are denominated in euro, (ii) in the case of syndicated issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro, if, *inter alia*, the Issuer and the relevant Dealers agree not to offer the Notes to the public in the Republic of France and such Notes are offered in France only through an international syndicate to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as described in Article L. 411-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* or (iii) in the case of issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro that are not offered and sold through an international syndicate, if each of the subscribers of the Notes is domiciled or resident for tax purposes outside the Republic of France and does not act through a permanent establishment of fixed base therein, in each case as more fully set out in the Circular 5 I-11-98 of the *Direction Générale des Impôts* dated 30 September 1998.

However, if so provided in the relevant Final Terms, Notes constituting *obligations* denominated in currencies other than euro may be offered without an international syndicate and may be placed with subscribers not all of whom are resident outside the Republic of France. In such cases, the Notes will not benefit from the exemption from deduction at source provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* and interest payments under such Notes made to a non-French resident will be exempt from withholding or deduction at source only if the beneficiary of the payment provides certification that he is not resident in the Republic of France, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, as more fully described in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Taxation*”.

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute *obligations* will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

#### **Status of the Senior Notes**

Senior Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and un-subordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all its other direct, unconditional, unsecured and un-subordinated indebtedness (save for statutorily preferred exceptions).

#### **Status of the Subordinated Notes**

The Issuer may issue Subordinated Notes which comprise Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes:

Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and ordinary subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and will have a fixed maturity date. Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of the Noteholders and (if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) the Couponholders to payment under the Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and (if applicable) relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and, subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and (if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) Couponholders will be paid in priority to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes. The relative Coupons will not be subordinated (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms).

Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and ordinary subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and will have no fixed maturity date. Payment of interest in respect of Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes may be deferred in accordance with the provisions of Condition 3(g). Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of Noteholders and Couponholders to payment under the Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and Couponholders will be paid in priority to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes.

The proceeds of issues of Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes may be used for offsetting losses of the Issuer and, thereafter, to allow it to continue its activities in accordance with French banking regulations. The proceeds of such issues will be classed amongst the funds of the Issuer in accordance with Article 4(c) of *Règlement* No. 90-02 of the *Comité de la réglementation bancaire et financière*. This provision does not in any way affect any French law applicable to accounting principles relating to allocation of losses nor the duties of the shareholders and does not in any way affect the rights of the Noteholders and Couponholders to receive payment of principal and interest under the Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Coupons in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant Notes.

Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes, will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and deeply subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and will have no fixed maturity date. Payment of interest in respect of Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes may be deferred in accordance with the provisions set out in the applicable Final Terms. The proceeds of issues of Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes may be used for off-setting losses of the Issuer and, thereafter, to allow it to continue its activities in accordance with French banking regulations.

Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of Noteholders and Couponholders to payment under the Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes and relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and, subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and Couponholders will be paid after *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Ordinary Subordinated Notes.

**Negative Pledge**

The terms of the Senior Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as described under Condition 2(c) of the Terms and Conditions of the relevant Notes.

**Rating**

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Details of the rating, if any, attributable to an issue of Notes will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Listing and admission to trading**

Application has been made to the CSSF to approve this document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and to be listed on the Official List of the

Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Notes may be listed or admitted to trading on other stock exchanges or markets as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and references to listing shall be construed accordingly. The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and, if so, on which stock exchange(s).

**Governing Law**

The Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, other than Condition 2(b) in relation to Subordinated Notes which, if applicable, will be governed by the laws of France.

**Selling Restrictions**

There are restrictions on the sale of Notes and the distribution of offering material — see “*Subscription and Sale*” below. EEA, United States, UK, France, Japan, Italy and the Netherlands: TEFRA D, Regulation S Category 2.

**Final Terms/Prospectuses/  
Supplements**

The Final Terms will contain the information items permitted under Article 22.4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”). A Prospectus may be used for any Tranche of Notes under the Programme, and such prospectus will include the final terms and conditions for such Notes and, *inter alia*, incorporate by reference all or any part of this Document. A Supplement shall mention every significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Document which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Notes and which arises or is noted between the time when this Document is approved by the CSSF and the final closing of any offer to the public or, as the case may be, the time when trading on an ISD Regulated Market begins.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following are the terms and conditions of the Notes which will include the additional terms and conditions contained in Annex 1 in the case of Index Linked Notes, the additional terms and conditions contained in Annex 2 in the case of Share Linked Notes, the additional terms and conditions contained in Annex 3 in the case of Inflation Linked Notes, the additional terms and conditions contained in Annex 4 in the case of Commodity Linked Notes and the additional terms and conditions contained in Annex 5 in the case of Fund Linked Notes or any other Annex (each, an “Annex” and, together the “Annexes”) which may be added from time to time in the case of any Notes linked to any other Underlying Reference (the “Terms and Conditions” or the “Conditions”) which, subject to completion and amendment and as supplemented or varied in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Final Terms for the purpose of a specific issue of Notes, will be attached to or incorporated by reference into each global Note and which will be endorsed upon each definitive Note. The applicable Final Terms will be incorporated into, or attached to, each Global Note and endorsed upon each definitive Note. Reference should be made to “Form of the Notes” below for a description of the content of Final Terms which will include the definitions of certain terms used in the following Terms and Conditions or specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.*

This Note is one of a Series of the Notes (“Notes”, which expression shall mean (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a Note in global form (a “Global Note”, which term shall include any Bearer Global Note or Registered Global Note), units of the lowest Specified Denomination (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) in the Specified Currency of the relevant Notes, (ii) definitive Notes issued in exchange (or part exchange) for a Global Note and (iii) any Global Note) issued subject to, and with the benefit of, an amended and restated agency agreement (the “Agency Agreement”, which expression includes the same as it may be updated or supplemented from time to time) dated 30 May 2007 and made between BNP Paribas as issuer (the “Issuer”), BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch as Luxembourg listing agent, issuing agent, principal paying agent, exchange agent and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, calculation agent (the “Principal Paying Agent”, “Exchange Agent” and “Calculation Agent” which expressions shall include any successor as principal paying agent, exchange agent or any other calculation agent specified in the applicable Final Terms), BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch as registrar (the “Registrar”, which expression shall include any successor registrar) and the other paying agents and transfer agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the “Paying Agents” and “Transfer Agents” which expressions shall include any additional or successor paying agents or transfer agents). The Principal Paying Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agents and Exchange Agent are referred to together as the “Agents”.

As used herein, “Tranche” means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and “Series” means each original issue of Notes together with any further issues expressed to form a single series with the original issue which are denominated in the same Specified Currency and which have the same Maturity Date, Interest Basis and Interest Payment Dates (if any) and the terms of which (save for the Issue Date or Interest Commencement Date and the Issue Price) are otherwise identical (including whether or not the Notes are listed) and the expressions “Notes of the relevant Series” and “holders of Notes of the relevant Series” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

To the extent the Final Terms for the Series of Notes specifies other Terms and Conditions which are in addition to, or inconsistent with, these Terms and Conditions, such new Terms and Conditions shall apply to this Series of Notes.

The holders for the time being of the Notes (“Noteholders”), which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided in Condition 1, the holders of the Coupons (as defined below) appertaining to interest-bearing definitive Bearer Notes (the “Couponholders”), the holders of the Talons (as defined below) and the holders of the Receipts (as defined below) (the “Receiptholders”) are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, which are binding on them. Certain statements in these Terms and Conditions are summaries of, and are

subject to, the detailed provisions of the Agency Agreement. Copies of the Agency Agreement (which contains the form of Final Terms) and the Final Terms for the Notes of this Series are available from the principal office of the Principal Paying Agent and the Paying Agents set out at the end of these Terms and Conditions.

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of the amended and restated deed of covenant (the “**Deed of Covenant**”) dated 30 May 2007 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by a common depository on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”).

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system (including The Depository Trust Company and Euroclear France and the *Intermédiaires financiers habilités* authorised to maintain accounts therein (together, “**Euroclear France**”)) approved by the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or defined or set out in the applicable Final Terms (which term, as used herein, means, in relation to this Note, the Final Terms attached hereto or endorsed hereon) shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of any inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

## **1 Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer**

### **(a) Form, Denomination and Title**

The Notes are in bearer form (“**Bearer Notes**”) or registered form (“**Registered Notes**”) in the Specified Currency and Specified Denomination(s) and definitive Notes will be serially numbered. This Note is a Senior Note or a Subordinated Note as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. This Note is, to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms, a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note or a Note linked to one or more underlying reference asset or basis (an “**Underlying Reference(s)**”) specified in the applicable Final Terms such as an Index Linked Note, a Share Linked Note, a Commodity Linked Note, an Inflation Linked Note, a Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Note, a Hybrid Note, a Fund Linked Note, a Credit Linked Note, a Physical Delivery Note or a Dual Currency Note, or any appropriate combination thereof or, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, any other type of Note specified in the applicable Final Terms. If it is a definitive Bearer Note, it is issued with coupons for the payment of interest (“**Coupons**”) attached and, if applicable, talons for further Coupons (“**Talons**”) attached unless it is a Zero Coupon Note in which case references to interest (other than in the case of late payment) and Coupons in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable. If it is a definitive Bearer Note redeemable in instalments it is issued with receipts (“**Receipts**”) for the payment of instalments of principal prior to stated maturity attached. Wherever Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Credit Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes or Hybrid Notes are issued to bear interest on a fixed or floating rate basis or on a non-interest-bearing basis, the provisions in these Terms and Conditions relating to Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes or Zero Coupon Notes respectively shall, where the context so admits, apply to such Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Credit Linked Notes or Hybrid Notes unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms. Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to Coupon(s), Couponholder(s) or coupon(s) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talon(s), Talonholder(s) or talon(s). The applicable Final Terms will specify whether settlement shall be by way of cash payment (“**Cash Settled Notes**”) or by physical delivery

("Physical Delivery Notes"). Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to Physical Delivery Notes shall mean Notes in respect of which an Entitlement (being the number of underlying equity, bond, security or such other asset as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms (the **Relevant Asset(s)**") plus/minus any amount due to/from the Noteholder in respect of each Note) is deliverable and/or payable by reference to one or more Relevant Assets as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree and as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

If Averaging is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will state the relevant Averaging Dates and, if an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day, whether Omission, Postponement or Modified Postponement (each as defined in the relevant Annex) applies.

References in these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Cash Settled Notes shall be deemed to include references to (a) Physical Delivery Notes which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request cash settlement upon redemption of such Notes pursuant to Condition 4(B)(i) and where settlement upon redemption is to be by way of cash payment, and (b) Physical Delivery Notes where settlement upon redemption is to be automatically varied to be by way of cash payment pursuant to Condition 4(B)(ii). References in these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Physical Delivery Notes shall be deemed to include references to Cash Settled Notes which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request physical delivery of the relevant Entitlement in settlement upon redemption of such Notes pursuant to Condition 4(B)(ii) and where settlement upon redemption is to be by way of physical delivery.

Notes may, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, allow Noteholders upon redemption of such Notes to elect for settlement by way of cash payment or by way of physical delivery or by such other method of settlement as is specified in the applicable Final Terms. Those Notes where the Noteholder has elected for cash payment will be Cash Settled Notes and those Notes where the Noteholder has elected for physical delivery will be Physical Delivery Notes. The rights of a Noteholder as described in this paragraph may be subject to the Issuer's right to vary settlement upon redemption of Notes as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and will be subject to the Issuer's right to substitute assets or pay the Alternate Cash Amount (as defined below) in lieu of physical delivery in accordance with these Conditions.

Subject as set out below, title to the Bearer Notes, the Coupons and the Receipts will pass by delivery and title to Registered Notes will pass upon registration of transfers in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The holder of each Coupon or Receipt, whether or not such Coupon or Receipt is attached to a Bearer Note, in his capacity as such, shall be subject to and bound by all the provisions contained in the relevant Note. The Issuer and any Paying Agent, to the extent permitted by applicable law, may deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note, Coupon or Receipt as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Bearer Note, Coupon or Receipt shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Bearer Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out below.

The Issuer has appointed the Registrar at its office specified below to act as registrar of the Registered Notes. The Issuer shall cause to be kept at the specified office of the Registrar for the time being at 33 rue de Gasperich, Howald - Hesperange, L-2085 Luxembourg, a register (the "**Register**") on which shall be entered, *inter alia*, the name and address of the holder of the Registered Notes and particulars of all transfers of title to the Registered Notes.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Bearer Global Note or a Registered Global Note (each as defined in (vi) below) held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and the Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions “**Noteholder**” and “**Noteholders**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

**(b) Transfers of Registered Notes**

(i) Transfers of interests in Registered Global Notes

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be effected by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and, in turn, by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Note will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be transferable for Notes in definitive form or for a beneficial interest in another Registered Global Note only in the Specified Denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Agency Agreement.

(ii) Transfers of Registered Notes in definitive form

Subject as provided in paragraph (v) below, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Registered Note in definitive form may be transferred in whole or in part (in the Specified Denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms). In order to effect any such transfer (i) the holder or holders must (a) surrender the Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing and (b) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent and (ii) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in Schedule 8 to the Agency Agreement). Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where



the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail to such address as the transferee may request, a new Registered Note in definitive form of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Registered Note in definitive form, a new Registered Note in definitive form in respect of the balance of the Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor.

(iii) Registration of transfer upon partial redemption

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 5, the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

(iv) Costs of registration

Noteholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

(v) Exchanges and transfers of Registered Notes generally

Holders of Registered Notes in definitive form may exchange such Notes for interests in a Registered Global Note of the same type at any time. Prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (as defined below), transfers by the holder of, or of a beneficial interest in, a Global Note may only be made to a transferee in the United States or who is a U.S. person pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”).

(vi) Definitions

In this Condition, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

“**Bearer Global Note**” means a global note (temporary or permanent) in bearer form;

“**Distribution Compliance Period**” means the period that ends 40 days after the completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Notes, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant Lead Manager (in the case of a syndicated issue);

“**Registered Global Note**” means a global note in registered form; and

“**Regulation S**” means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

## 2 Status of the Notes and Negative Pledge

### (a) Status (Senior Notes)

If the Notes are “**Senior Notes**”, the Notes and (if applicable) the relative Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer (save for statutorily preferred exceptions).

**(b) Status (Subordinated Notes)**

“**Subordinated Notes**” comprise Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes, (together the “**Ordinary Subordinated Notes**”) and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes.

(i) Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes

If the Notes are “**Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes**”, the Notes are direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and ordinary subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and have a fixed maturity date. Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of the Noteholders and (if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) the Couponholders to payment under the Dated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and (if applicable) relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and, subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and (if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) Couponholders will be paid in priority to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes. The relative Coupons will not be subordinated (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms).

(ii) Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes

If the Notes are “**Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes**”, the Notes are direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and ordinary subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and have no fixed maturity date. Payment of interest in respect of Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes may be deferred in accordance with the provisions of Condition 3(g).

Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of Noteholders and Couponholders to payment under the Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and, subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and Couponholders will be paid in priority to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes.

The proceeds of issues of Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes may be used for off-setting losses of the Issuer and, thereafter, to allow it to continue its activities in accordance with French banking regulations. The loss will be charged first against accumulated profits, then against reserves and capital, and finally, if needed, against the subordinated loans and unpaid interest thereon (including interest on the Notes) which include a clause providing for the absorption of the losses, in order to allow the Issuer to fulfil the regulatory requirements applicable to banks prevailing in France, especially those relating to solvency ratios, and in order to allow the Issuer to continue its activities. The proceeds of such issues will be classed amongst the funds of the Issuer in accordance with Article 4(c) of *Règlement* No. 90-02 of the *Comité de la réglementation bancaire et financière*. This provision does not in any way affect any French law applicable to accounting principles relating to allocation of losses nor the duties of the shareholders and does not in any

way affect the rights of the Noteholders and Couponholders to receive payments of principal and interest under Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes and relative Coupons in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

(iii) **Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes**

If the Notes are "**Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes**", the Notes are direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and deeply subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer and have no fixed maturity date. Payment of interest in respect of Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes may be deferred in accordance with the provisions set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Subject to applicable law, in the event of the voluntary liquidation of the Issuer, bankruptcy proceedings, or any other similar proceedings affecting the Issuer, the rights of Noteholders and Couponholders to payment under the Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes and relative Coupons will be subordinated to the full payment of the unsubordinated creditors (including depositors) of the Issuer and, subject to such payment in full, such Noteholders and Couponholders will be paid after *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer and Ordinary Subordinated Notes.

The proceeds of issues of Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes may be used for off-setting losses of the Issuer and, thereafter, to allow it to continue its activities in accordance with French banking regulations.

(c) **Negative Pledge (Senior Notes)**

The Issuer undertakes that, so long as any of the Notes or Coupons shall remain outstanding, it will not create any lien, pledge or other charge upon any of its present or future property, rights and assets as security for any notes or bonds (*obligations*) which are for the time being, or are capable of being, quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt with on any stock exchange unless the Notes are secured rateably by such lien, pledge or charge.

This paragraph (c) does not apply to Subordinated Notes.

**3 Interest**

(a) **Interest on Fixed Rate Notes**

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will accrue in respect of each Interest Period (which expressions shall in these Terms and Conditions mean the period from (and including) an Interest Period End Date (or if none the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Period End Date (each such latter date the "**Interest Period End Final Date**" for the relevant Interest Period)). Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date. If an Interest Payment date falls after the Interest Period End Final Date in respect of the relevant Interest Period, no additional interest or other amount shall be payable as a result of such interest being payable on such later date. If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to an Interest Period End Date or an Interest Payment Date and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, should occur or (y) if any Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (i) The Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (ii) The Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (iii) The Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

If no Business Day Convention is specified as applicable to an Interest Period End Date in the applicable Final Terms and the Notes are in definitive form except as provided in the applicable Final Terms:

- (A) The amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Interest Period ending on (but excluding) the Interest Period End Final Date in respect of such Interest Period, will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount; and
- (B) The amount of interest payable on any other Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

Interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to: (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of Interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Fixed Interest Period:

- (A) if **“Actual/Actual (ISMA)”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the **“Accrual Period”**) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or

- (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
  - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; and
  - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (B) if “**30/360**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Conditions:

“**Determination Date(s)**” means the date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Determination Period**” means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to but excluding the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

“**Fixed Interest Period**” means the period from and including an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the next (or first) Interest Payment Date; and

“**sub-unit**” means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

**(b) *Interest on Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References***

Each Floating Rate Note and, subject to the provisions of Condition 3(d) below and unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Index Linked Note, Share Linked Note, Inflation Linked Note, , Commodity Linked Note, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Note, Fund Linked Note, Hybrid Note and Notes linked to other Underlying References bears interest on its nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, in accordance with Condition 3(e)) in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall in these Terms and Conditions mean the period from (and including) an Interest Period End Date (or if none the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Period End Date (each such latter date the “**Interest Period End Final Date**” for the relevant Interest Period)). For the purposes of this Condition 5(b) “**Interest Period End Date**” shall mean either: (i) the

specified Interest Period End Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms or (ii) if no Interest Period End Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Period End Date or, in the case of the first Interest Period End Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date. If an Interest Payment Date falls after an Interest Period End Final Date in respect of the relevant Interest Period, no additional interest or other amount shall be payable as a result of such interest being payable on such later date.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to an Interest Period End Date or an Interest Payment Date and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, should occur or (y) if any Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (A) In any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, occurred; or
- (B) The Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (C) The Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (D) The Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Period End Date or Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Conditions, “**Business Day**” means a day which is both:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

- (b) either (A) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (any such centre, an **"Additional Business Centre"** and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (B) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day (a **"Target Settlement Day"**) on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System (the **"TARGET System"**) is open.

- (i) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

- (ii) ISDA Determination

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the **"ISDA Definitions"**) and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London interbank offered rate ("**LIBOR**") or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("**EURIBOR**") for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (ii), "**Floating Rate**", "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Designated Maturity**" and "**Reset Date**" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

- (iii) AFB Determination

Where so specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest will be payable on such dates, at such a rate (the **"AFB Rate"**) and in such amounts, plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), as would have been payable (regardless of any event of default or termination event thereunder) by the Issuer if it had entered into an interest rate swap transaction governed by an agreement in the form of the Master Agreement

relating to foreign exchange and derivatives transactions (an “**AFB Agreement**”), as in effect on the date of issue of the Notes, published by the *Association Française des Banques/Fédération Bancaire Française* and evidenced by a Confirmation (as defined in the AFB Agreement) with the holder of the relevant Note under which:

- (A) the Issuer was the Floating Amount Payer;
- (B) the Principal Paying Agent (as defined herein) was the Agent (as defined in the AFB Agreement) or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (C) the Interest Commencement Date was the Transaction Date;
- (D) the lowest Specified Denomination was the Notional Amount;
- (E) the Interest Payment Dates were the Floating Amount Payment Dates; and
- (F) all other terms were as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

When the preceding sentence applies, in respect of each relevant Interest Payment Date:

- (1) the amount of interest determined for such Interest Payment Date will be the Interest Amount for the relevant Interest Period for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions as though determined under sub-paragraph (v) below;
- (2) the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period will be the Floating Rate (as defined in the AFB Agreement) determined by the Principal Paying Agent in accordance with the preceding sentence; and
- (3) the Principal Paying Agent will be deemed to have discharged its obligations under subparagraph (v) below if it has determined the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amount payable on such Interest Payment Date in the manner provided in the preceding sentence.

(iv) Screen Rate Determination

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation; or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate(s) which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at the Specified Time indicated in the applicable Final Terms (which will be 11.00 a.m., London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.



The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (A) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (B) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the Specified Time indicated above or in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Final Terms may if agreed by the relevant Dealer(s) set out such provisions in full.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(v) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amount

The Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References, will, on or as soon as practicable after each date on which the Rate of Interest is to be determined (the “**Interest Determination Date**”), determine the Rate of Interest (subject to any Minimum Interest Rate or Maximum Interest Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms) for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References, the Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Principal Paying Agent or Calculation Agent, as applicable, will calculate the amount of interest (the “**Interest Amount**”) payable on the Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes, Share Linked Notes and Notes linked to other Underlying References in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit (defined above) of the relevant Specified Currency, one half of such a sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note, Index Linked Note, Share Linked Note, Inflation Linked Note, Commodity Limited Note, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Note, Fund Linked Note, Hybrid Note or a Note linked to another Underlying Reference in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (1) if “Actual/365” or “Actual/Actual ISDA” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (2) if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (3) if “Actual/365 (sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (4) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (5) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (a) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (b) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)); and
- (6) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the Interest Period unless, in the case of an Interest Period ending on the Maturity Date, the Maturity Date is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the applicable Final Terms specifies that the relevant Day Count Fraction is “unadjusted”, the Interest Period and the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms, be affected by the application of any Business Day Convention.

(vi) **Minimum and/or Maximum Interest Rate**

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above (as appropriate) is less than such Minimum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Interest Rate.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above (as appropriate) is greater than such

Maximum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Interest Rate.

(vii) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amount

The Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer (such notifications to occur no later than the Business Day following such determination), (in the case of Notes which are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of such stock exchange so require) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and, if applicable, to any other stock exchange on which the relevant Notes are for the time being listed. In addition, the Principal Paying Agent (except where the relevant Notes are unlisted and are in global form and held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg in which event there may be substituted for such publication the delivery of such notice to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication to the holders of the Notes) shall publish or cause to be published such Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Luxembourg Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. For the purposes of these Conditions, the expression "**Luxembourg Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for business in Luxembourg.

(viii) Certificates to be Final

All certificates, communications, determinations, calculations and decisions made for the purposes of the provisions of this paragraph (b), by the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent and all Noteholders, and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Noteholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) **Zero Coupon Notes**

Where a Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable prior to the Maturity Date and is not paid when due, the amount due and repayable shall be the amount determined in accordance with Condition 5(e) at its Amortised Face Amount. As from the Maturity Date, any overdue principal of such Note shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the Accrual Yield specified in the applicable Final Terms. Such interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before any judgment) until the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the holder of such Note. Such interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each and in the case of an incomplete month the actual number of days elapsed in such incomplete month or on such other basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(d) **Interest on Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund**

***Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes, Notes linked to other Underlying References and Dual Currency Notes***

In the case of Index Linked Notes, Share Linked Notes, Inflation Linked Notes, , Commodity Linked Notes, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Notes, Fund Linked Notes, Hybrid Notes, Notes linked to other Underlying References, and Dual Currency Notes, where the Rate of Interest and/or the Interest Amount (whether on any Interest Payment Date, early redemption, maturity or otherwise) falls to be determined by reference to one or more Inflation or other Indices, Shares, Commodities, Formula, exchange rates, fund share, units or interests (or any combination thereof) and/or otherwise, the Rate of Interest and/or the Interest Amount shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(e) *Interest on Partly Paid Notes***

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes) interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(f) *Interest Payments***

Interest will be paid subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Condition 4. Interest will cease to accrue on each Note (or, in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) on the due date for redemption thereof unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal or the payment, and/or delivery of the Entitlement (if applicable), is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest will continue to accrue (as well after as before any judgment) at the Fixed Rate or, as the case may be, the Rate of Interest or as otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the holder of such Note and (ii) the day on which the Principal Paying Agent has notified the holder thereof (either in accordance with Condition 12 or individually) of receipt of all sums due in respect thereof up to that date.

**(g) *Deferral of Interest – Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes***

In the case of Undated Ordinary Subordinated Notes, and when so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Board of Directors of the Issuer may decide, prior to any date for the payment of interest, to suspend payment of the interest accrued during any interest period if at the most recent Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Issuer which preceded the corresponding date for the payment of interest no dividend was declared, paid or set apart for payment on or with respect to any class of share capital of the Issuer provided that notice of such decision is given to the relevant Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as reasonably practicable following the taking of such decision and in any event not later than seven days prior to any date for the payment of interest. In such a case, any interest so suspended shall constitute “**Arrears of Interest**” (which term shall include interest on such unpaid interest) the payment of which shall be deferred until the date for the payment of interest immediately following the date upon which any dividend has been declared, paid, or set aside for payment on or with respect to any class of share capital of the Issuer at the most recent Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Issuer. Arrears of Interest shall bear interest (which shall accrue on a daily basis) at the same rate of interest as the Notes to which they relate.

Arrears of Interest may at the option of the Issuer be paid in whole or in part at any time upon the expiry of not less than seven days’ notice to such effect given to the Noteholders in accordance with these Conditions, but all Arrears of Interest shall (subject to applicable laws and regulations) become due in full on whichever is the earliest of (i) the date for the payment of interest immediately following the date upon which a dividend is next declared, paid or set aside as aforesaid, or (ii) the date set

for any redemption or purchase pursuant to Condition 5(b) or (c) (in the case of redemption) or 5(f) (in the case of purchase), provided all the Notes are so purchased, or (iii) the commencement of “*liquidation judiciaire*” or “*liquidation amiable*” procedures as contemplated by Condition 8(b).

If notice is given by the Issuer of its intention to pay the whole or part of Arrears of Interest, the Issuer shall be obliged (subject to applicable laws and regulations) to do so upon the expiry of such notice.

Where Arrears of Interest are paid in part, each such payment shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the full amount of the Arrears of Interest accrued in respect of the earliest Interest Period in respect of which Arrears of Interest have accrued and have not been paid in full.

#### **4 Payments, Physical Delivery and Exchange of Talons**

For the purposes of this Condition 4, references to payment or repayment (as the case may be) of principal and/or interest and other similar expressions shall, where the context so admits, be deemed also to refer to delivery of any Entitlement(s).

##### **(a) Method of Payment**

Payments of principal (other than instalments of principal prior to the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date (the “**Record Date**”). Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if (i) a holder does not have a Designated Account or (ii) the principal amount of the Notes held by a holder is less than U.S.\$250,000 (or integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof) (or its approximate equivalent in any other Specified Currency), payment will instead be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank (as defined below). For these purposes, “**Designated Account**” means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and “**Designated Bank**” means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.

Payments of interest and payments of instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day) before the Record Date at his address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at his risk. Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Note, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) and instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of the Registered Notes which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until

such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Note on redemption and the final instalment of principal will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Registered Note.

Holders of Registered Notes will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Registered Note as a result of a cheque posted in accordance with this Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.

Neither the Issuer nor any of the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of the definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made against presentation or surrender of such Bearer Notes or Coupons, as the case may be, at any specified office of any Paying Agent. Payments of principal in respect of instalments (if any), other than the last instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made against surrender of the relevant Receipt. Payment of the last instalment will be made against surrender of the relevant Bearer Note. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of such instalment together with the relevant definitive Bearer Note against which the amount will be payable in respect of that instalment. If any definitive Bearer Notes are redeemed or become repayable prior to the Maturity Date in respect thereof, principal will be payable on surrender of each such Note together with all unmatured Receipts appertaining thereto. Unmatured Receipts and Receipts presented without the definitive Bearer Notes to which they appertain do not constitute obligations of the Issuer. All payments of interest and principal with respect to Bearer Notes will be made only against presentation and surrender of the relevant Bearer Notes, Coupons or Receipts outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)) except as otherwise provided in the third succeeding paragraph. No payments with respect to the Bearer Notes will be made by mail to an address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained by the holder in the United States.

Subject as provided below and, in the case of Physical Delivery Notes, subject also as provided in the applicable Final Terms, payments in respect of definitive Notes (other than Dual Currency Notes) denominated in a Specified Currency (other than euro) or, in the case of Dual Currency Notes, payable in a Specified Currency (other than euro) will (subject as provided below) be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on, or, at the option of the holder and upon 15 days' prior notice to the Principal Paying Agent, by transfer to an account (in the case of payment in yen, to a non-resident of Japan, a non-resident account) in the Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency. Payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by euro-cheque. The applicable Final Terms may also contain provisions for variation of settlement where, for reasons beyond the control of the Issuer or any Noteholder (including, without limitation, unlawfulness, illegality, impossibility, *force majeure*, non-transferability or the like, each a "**Payment Disruption Event**"), the Issuer is not able to make, or any Noteholder is not able to receive, as the case may be, payment on the due date and in the Specified Currency of any amount of principal or interest due under the Notes.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will be made in the manner specified above and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside of the United States. A record of each payment made on such Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which such Global Note is presented for the purpose of making such payment, and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments in respect of Bearer Notes denominated and payable in U.S. dollars will be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in the United States if (a) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount due on the Bearer Notes in the manner provided above when due and (b) payment of the full amount due at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions.

The holder of the relevant Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the payment obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes must look solely to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of the relevant Global Note. No person other than the holder of the relevant Global Note shall have any claim against the Issuer in respect of any payments due on that Global Note.

Fixed Rate Bearer Notes in definitive form should be presented for payment with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall include Coupons to be issued on exchange of Talons which will have matured on or before the relevant redemption date), failing which the full amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the full amount of such missing unmatured Coupon which the sum so paid bears to the total amount due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Any amount so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relevant missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6) for the payment of such sum due for payment, whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 9 or, if later, five years from the due date for payment of such Coupon. Upon any Fixed Rate Bearer Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the due date for redemption of any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note, Share Linked Note, Inflation Linked Note, Commodity Linked Note, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Note, Fund Linked Note or Hybrid Note in definitive bearer form all unmatured Coupons relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them. Where any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note, Share Linked Note, Inflation Linked Note, Commodity Linked Note, Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Note, Fund Linked Note or Hybrid Note is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto, payment of all amounts due in relation to such Note shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer may decide.

If any date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, then the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment of the amount due until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other sum in respect of any such delay.

For these purposes, “**Payment Day**” means any day which (subject to Condition 9) is:

a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (A) the relevant place of presentation;
- (B) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation and any Additional Financial Centre, which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET System is open.

If the due date for redemption of any interest bearing Note in definitive form is not a due date for the payment of interest relating thereto, interest accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the last preceding due date for the payment of interest (or from the Interest Commencement Date) will be paid against surrender of such Note.

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to, and including, the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 10. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

The names of the initial Principal Paying Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or to approve any change in the specified office of any Paying Agent, provided that:

- (i) so long as any Notes are listed on any stock exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent, which may be the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) and a Transfer Agent, which may be the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) with a specified office in the place required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange; and
- (ii) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar; and
- (iii) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within continental Europe other than the jurisdiction of the Issuer; and
- (iv) the Issuer undertakes that it will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusion of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-



27 November 2000 or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall immediately appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 4(a). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12.

Payments in respect of the Notes will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 6.

**(b) Physical Delivery Notes**

**(A) Physical Delivery**

**(1) Asset Transfer Notices**

In relation to Physical Delivery Notes, in order to obtain delivery of the Entitlement(s) in respect of any Note, the relevant Noteholder must:

- (X) if such Note is represented by a Global Note, the relevant Noteholder must deliver to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable), with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent not later than the close of business in each place of reception on the Cut-Off Date, a duly completed Asset Transfer Notice in the form set out in the Agency Agreement; and
- (Y) if such Note is in definitive form, the relevant Noteholder must deliver (i) if this Note is a Bearer Note, to any Paying Agent or (ii) if this Note is a Registered Note, to the Registrar or any Paying Agent, in each case, with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent not later than the close of business in each place of reception on the Cut-Off Date, a duly completed Asset Transfer Notice in the form set out in the Agency Agreement.

Copies of the Asset Transfer Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of the Registrar or any Paying Agent.

An Asset Transfer Notice may only be delivered (i) if such Note is represented by a Global Note, in such manner as is acceptable to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or (ii) if such Note is in definitive form, in writing.

If this Note is in definitive form, this Note must be delivered together with the duly completed Asset Transfer Notice.

The Asset Transfer Notice shall:

- (i) specify the name, address and contact telephone number of the relevant Noteholder and the person from whom the Issuer may obtain details for the delivery of the Entitlement;
- (ii) specify the series number of the Notes and the number of Notes which are the subject of such notice;
- (iii) in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, specify the nominal amount of Notes which are the subject of such

notice and the number of the Noteholder's account at the relevant Clearing System to be debited with such Notes and irrevocably instruct and authorise the relevant Clearing System to debit the relevant Noteholder's account with such Notes on or before the Delivery Date;

- (iv) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and, in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, an authority to the relevant Clearing System to debit a specified account of the Noteholder with the relevant Clearing System in respect thereof and to pay such Expenses;
- (v) include such details as are required for delivery of the Entitlement which may include account details and/or the name and address of any person(s) into whose name evidence of the Entitlement is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing the Entitlement are to be delivered and specify the name and number of the Noteholder's account to be credited with any cash payable by the Issuer, either in respect of any cash amount constituting the Entitlement or any dividends relating to the Entitlement or as a result of the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event or a Failure to Deliver and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount or Failure to Deliver Redemption Amount, as applicable, or as a result of the Issuer electing to pay the Alternate Cash Redemption Amount;
- (vi) certify that the beneficial owner of each Note is not a U.S. person (as defined in the Asset Transfer Notice), the Note is not being redeemed within the United States or on behalf of a U.S. person and no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with any redemption thereof;
- (vii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,

all as provided in the Agency Agreement.

If Condition 4(b)(B) applies, the form of Asset Transfer Notice required to be delivered will be different from that set out above. Copies of such Asset Transfer Notice may be obtained from the Registrar or any Paying Agent.

(2) Verification of the Noteholder

In the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, upon receipt of an Asset Transfer Notice, the relevant Clearing System shall verify that the person delivering the Asset Transfer Notice is the holder of the Notes described therein according to its records. Subject thereto, the relevant Clearing System will confirm to the Principal Paying Agent the series number and number of Notes the subject of such notice, the relevant account details and the details for the delivery of the Entitlement of each Note. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Paying Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. The relevant Clearing System will on or before the Delivery Date debit the securities account of the relevant Noteholder with the relevant Notes.

(3) Determinations and Delivery

Any determination as to whether an Asset Transfer Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made, in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, by the relevant Clearing System or, in the case of Notes in definitive form, by the relevant Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, or in each case in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent(s) and the relevant Noteholder. Subject as set out below, any Asset Transfer Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Paying Agent immediately after being delivered or sent as provided in paragraph (1) above, shall be null and void.

If such Asset Transfer Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of, in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, the relevant Clearing System, or, in the case of Notes in definitive form, by the relevant Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, or in each case in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Asset Transfer Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered as provided above.

No Asset Transfer Notice may be withdrawn after receipt thereof by the relevant Clearing System, the Registrar or a Paying Agent, as the case may be, as provided above. After delivery of an Asset Transfer Notice, the relevant Noteholder may not transfer the Notes which are the subject of such notice.

The Entitlement will be delivered at the risk of the relevant Noteholder, in the manner provided below on the date fixed for redemption (such date, subject to adjustment in accordance with this Condition, the "**Delivery Date**"), provided that the Asset Transfer Notice is duly delivered as provided above on or prior to the Cut-Off Date.

If a Noteholder fails to give an Asset Transfer Notice as provided herein with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent, on or prior to the Cut-Off Date, then the Entitlement will be delivered as soon as practicable after the date fixed for redemption (in which case, such date of delivery shall be the Delivery Date) at the risk of such Noteholder in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances such Noteholder shall not be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, as a result of such Delivery Date falling after the date fixed for redemption and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

The Issuer shall at the risk of the relevant Noteholder, deliver or procure the delivery of the Entitlement for each Note, pursuant to the details specified in the Asset Transfer Notice or in such commercially reasonable manner as the Calculation Agent shall in its sole discretion determine and notify to the person designated by the Noteholder in the relevant Asset Transfer Notice. All costs, taxes, duties and/or expenses including stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax and/or other costs, duties or taxes ("**Expenses**") arising from the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of such Notes shall be for the account of the relevant Noteholder and no delivery of the Entitlement shall be made until all Expenses have been paid to the satisfaction of the Issuer by the relevant Noteholder.

(4) General

Notes held by the same Noteholder will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Notes, provided that, the aggregate Entitlements in respect of the same Noteholder will be rounded down to the nearest whole unit of the Relevant Asset or each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, in such manner as the Calculation Agent shall determine. Therefore, fractions of the Relevant Asset or of each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, will not be delivered and no cash adjustment will be made in respect thereof.

Following the Delivery Date of a Share all dividends on the relevant Shares to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Delivery Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares. Any such dividends to be paid to a Noteholder will be paid to the account specified by the Noteholder in the relevant Asset Transfer Notice as referred to in Condition 4(b)(A)(1).

For such period of time after delivery of the Entitlement as the Issuer or any person acting on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the securities comprising the Entitlement (the “**Intervening Period**”), none of the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Registrar or any other person shall at any time (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to any Noteholder any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or, except as provided herein, payment whatsoever received by that person in respect of such securities or obligations, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights attaching to such securities or obligations or (iii) be under any liability to a Noteholder in respect of any loss or damage which such Noteholder may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of that person being registered during such Intervening Period as legal owner of such securities or obligations.

(5) Settlement Disruption

If, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, delivery of the Entitlement using the method of delivery specified in the applicable Final Terms or such commercially reasonable manner as the Calculation Agent has determined is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event (as defined below) having occurred and continuing on the Delivery Date, then the Delivery Date shall be postponed to the first following Settlement Business Day in respect of which there is no such Settlement Disruption Event, provided that, the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Note by delivering the Entitlement using such other commercially reasonable manner as it may select and in such event the Delivery Date shall be such day as the Issuer deems appropriate in connection with delivery of the Entitlement in such other commercially reasonable manner. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Settlement Disruption Event affects some but not all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement, the Delivery Date for the Relevant Assets not affected by the Settlement Disruption Event will be the originally designated Delivery Date. For so long as delivery of the Entitlement is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its

sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Note by payment to the relevant Noteholder of the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. Payment of the Disruption Cash Redemption Amount will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Noteholder shall be entitled to any payment in respect of the relevant Note in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Entitlement due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

For the purposes hereof:

**“Disruption Cash Redemption Amount”**, in respect of any relevant Note, shall be the fair market value of such Note (taking into account, where the Settlement Disruption Event affected some but not all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement and such non affected Relevant Assets have been duly delivered as provided above, the value of such Relevant Assets), less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion;

**“Settlement Business Day”** has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

**“Settlement Disruption Event”** means, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Relevant Asset(s) using the method specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(6) Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity

If “Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity” is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms and in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, it is impossible or impracticable to deliver, when due, some or all of the Relevant Assets (the **“Affected Relevant Assets”**) comprising the Entitlement, where such failure to deliver is due to illiquidity in the market for the Relevant Assets (a **“Failure to Deliver”**), then:

- (i) subject as provided elsewhere in the Terms and Conditions, any Relevant Assets which are not Affected Relevant Assets, will be delivered on the originally designated date of redemption in accordance with this Condition 4(b); and
- (ii) in respect of any Affected Relevant Assets, in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Note by payment to the relevant Noteholder of the Failure to Deliver Redemption Amount (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. Payment of the Failure to Deliver Redemption Amount will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as

soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 that the provisions of this Condition 4(b)(A)(6) apply.

For the purposes hereof, “**Failure to Deliver Redemption Amount**” in respect of any relevant Note shall be the fair market value of such Note (taking into account, the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement which have been duly delivered as provided above, the value of such Relevant Assets), less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion.

(B) *Variation of Settlement*

- (i) If the applicable Final Terms indicate that the Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of the Notes, the Issuer may at its sole and unfettered discretion in respect of each such Note, elect not to pay the relevant Noteholders the Final Redemption Amount or to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the relevant Noteholders, as the case may be, but, in lieu thereof to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement or make payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date to the relevant Noteholders, as the case may be. Notification of such election will be given to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12.
- (ii) If specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall, in respect of each Note, in lieu of delivering or procuring the delivery of the Entitlement to the relevant Noteholders, make payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date to the relevant Noteholders.

(C) *Issuer’s Option to Substitute Assets or to pay the Alternate Cash Redemption Amount*

Notwithstanding any provision of these Conditions to the contrary, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion in respect of such Notes, if the Calculation Agent determines (in its sole and absolute discretion) that the Relevant Asset or Relevant Assets, as the case may be, comprises shares which are not freely tradable, elect either (i) to substitute for the Relevant Asset or the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, an equivalent value (as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion) of such other shares which the Calculation Agent determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, are freely tradable (the “**Substitute Asset**” or the “**Substitute Assets**”, as the case may be) or (ii) not to deliver or procure the delivery of the Entitlement or the Substitute Asset or Substitute Assets, as the case may be, to the relevant Noteholders, but in lieu thereof to make payment to the relevant Noteholder on the Settlement Date of an amount equal to the fair market value of the Entitlement on the Valuation Date as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion by reference to such sources as it considers appropriate (the “**Alternate Cash Redemption Amount**”). Notification of any such election will be given to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 and in the event that the Issuer elects to pay the Alternate Cash Redemption Amount such notice shall give details of the manner in which such amount shall be paid.

For purposes hereof, a “**freely tradable**” share shall mean (i) with respect to the United States, a share which is registered under the Securities Act or not restricted under the Securities Act and which is not purchased from the issuer of such share and not purchased from an affiliate of the issuer of such share or which otherwise meets the requirements of a freely tradable share for

purposes of the Securities Act, in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or (ii) with respect to any other jurisdiction, a share not subject to any legal restrictions on transfer in such jurisdiction.

**(D) *Rights of Noteholders and Calculations***

None of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent and the Agents shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in any calculation or determination in respect of the Notes.

The purchase of Notes does not confer on any holder of such Notes any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attaching to any Relevant Asset.

**5 Redemption and Purchase**

**(a) *Final Redemption***

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its relevant Final Redemption Amount (or, in the case only of Physical Delivery Notes by delivery of the Entitlement (as provided in Condition 4(b) above), specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms. This Note may not be redeemed other than in accordance with these Conditions.

**(b) *Redemption for Taxation Reasons***

- (i) If in respect of the Notes the Issuer would, as a result of any change in, or in the official interpretation or administration of, any laws or regulations of France or any other authority thereof or therein be required to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 6, the Issuer may at its option at any time (in the case of Notes other than Floating Rate Notes) or on any Interest Payment Date (in the case of Floating Rate Notes) but subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France, on giving not more than 45 nor less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders (in accordance with Condition 12) which notice shall be irrevocable, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount (as defined below) together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date upon which the Issuer could make payment without withholding for such taxes.
- (ii) If the Issuer would, on the next due date for payment of any amount in respect of the Notes, be prevented by French law from making such payment notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 6, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Principal Paying Agent and shall, subject in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France, at any time (in the case of Notes other than Floating Rate Notes) or on any Interest Payment Date (in the case of Floating Rate Notes) redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount (as defined below) together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, upon giving not less than 7 nor more than 45 days' prior notice to the Noteholders (in accordance with Condition 12), provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount of interest payable in respect of the Notes or, if such date is already past, as soon as practicable thereafter.

**(c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)**

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may subject in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France, having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Principal Paying Agent;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any partial redemption must be of a nominal amount equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Higher Redemption Amount. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("**Redeemed Notes**") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "**Selection Date**"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 12 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of definitive Notes outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

In the case of Subordinated Notes, no redemption at the option of the Issuer will be permitted prior to five years from the date of issue thereof.

**(d) Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders (Noteholder Put)**

In the case of Subordinated Notes, no redemption of the Notes at the option of the Noteholder is permitted. If Noteholder Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms and provided that this Note is not a Subordinated Note, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 12 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver at the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Registrar or Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise



in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of the Registrar or any Paying Agent (a “**Put Notice**”) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition, accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Registrar or the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control in accordance with the Agency Agreement. If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Registrar or Paying Agent concerned of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary for them to the Registrar or Paying Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if this Note is represented by a Global Note, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Note to the Agent for notation accordingly.

Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 8.

**(e) Early Redemption**

For the purposes of paragraph (b) above, Condition 8 and any circumstances where the Notes are to be redeemed prior to their Maturity Date at their Early Redemption Amount (as defined below), each Note will be redeemed at an amount (the “**Early Redemption Amount**”) calculated as follows, together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable:

- (i) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note or a Note whose Early Redemption Amount is linked to an index, a formula or other Underlying Reference) with a Final Redemption Amount equal to its nominal amount, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof; or
- (ii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be lesser or greater than its nominal amount or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated or a Note whose Early Redemption Amount is linked to an index, a formula or other Underlying Reference, at the amount set out in, or determined in the manner set out in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is set out in the Final Terms, at its nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of Physical Delivery Notes, as determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (iv) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note the Early Redemption Amount of which is not linked to an index, a formula or other Underlying Reference at an amount (the “**Amortised Face Amount**”) equal to the sum of:
  - (A) the Reference Price specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (B) the product of the Accrual Yield specified in the applicable Final Terms (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than a full year, it shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each and, in the case of an incomplete month, the number of days elapsed in such incomplete month or such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**(f) Purchases**

The Issuer may at any time purchase Notes (together with (in the case of definitive Bearer Notes of this Series) all unmatured Receipts or Coupons appertaining thereto) at any price in the open market or otherwise.

In the case of Subordinated Notes, where (i) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes remaining outstanding after such purchase is less than 90 per cent. of the total nominal amount of such Notes originally issued or (ii) in the case of an *Offre Publique d'Achat* ("**Public Repurchase Offer**") or an *Offre Publique d'Echange* ("**Public Exchange Offer**"), such purchase can only be made with the prior written consent of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France.

**(g) Cancellation**

All Notes which are redeemed or purchased by the Issuer will forthwith be cancelled (together, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, with all unmatured Coupons and Receipts presented therewith) and accordingly may not be re-issued or resold.

**(h) Instalments**

Each Note in definitive form which is redeemable in instalments will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates specified in the applicable Final Terms. All instalments (other than the final instalment) will be paid by surrender of, in the case of a definitive Bearer Note, the relevant Receipt (which must be presented with the Note to which it appertains) and, in the case of a definitive Registered Note, the relevant Note and issue of a new Note in the nominal amount remaining outstanding, all as more fully described in Condition 4.

**(i) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes**

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (b), (c) or (d) above is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iv) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which the Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (1) the date on which all amounts due in respect of the Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (2) the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Principal Paying Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12.

**(j) Partly Paid Notes**

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5 as amended or varied by the information specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## 6 Taxation

- (a) Tax exemption for Notes issued or deemed to be issued outside France:** Interest and other revenues with respect to Notes which constitute *obligations* and which, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, are being issued or deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France benefit from the exemption, provided for in

Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, from deduction of tax at source set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*. Accordingly such payments do not give the right to any tax credit from any French source.

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute *obligations* will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

As to the meaning of the expression “issued or deemed to be issued outside France” see “General Description of the Programme - Taxation” above.

- (b) **Additional Amounts:** If French law should require that payments in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any taxes or duties whatsoever, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:
- (i) **Other Connection:** presented for payment by or on behalf of, a Noteholder or, if applicable, a Receiptholder or Couponholder, as the case may be, who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Republic of France other than the mere holding of the Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
  - (ii) **Presentation more than 30 days after the Relevant Date:** presented more than 30 days after the relevant Date except to the extent that the Noteholder or, if applicable, a Receiptholder or Couponholder, as the case may be, would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
  - (iii) **Payment to individuals under French law:** where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other EU Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
  - (iv) **Payment by another paying agent:** presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder of any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be, who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU; or
  - (v) **Notes not issued or deemed to be issued outside France:** where the applicable Final Terms specify that Condition 6(c) applies to the Notes and the Noteholder does not satisfy the requirements conditioning the exemption of withholding tax provided for in Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts* (see *Conditions 6(c) and 6(d) below*).

As used in these Conditions, “**Relevant Date**” in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon means the date on which payment in respect of it first becomes due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or, in the case of materialised Notes (if earlier) the date seven days after that on which notice is duly given to the Noteholders that, upon further presentation of the Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation.

References in these Conditions to (i) “**principal**” shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) “**interest**” shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 5 or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) “**principal**” and/or “**interest**” shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

- (c) **Tax exemption for Notes not issued or deemed to be issued outside France:** Interest and other revenues with respect to Notes which constitute *obligations* and which, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, are not being issued or deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France will not be entitled to the provisions of Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* but will only benefit from the exemption from deduction of tax at source provided for in, and subject to the provisions of, Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, which requires, *inter alia*, certification of non-French residency.
- (d) **Certification of Non-Residency in France:** Each Noteholder shall be responsible for supplying certification of non-French residency (a form of which shall be available at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents or in such other form as may be required by the French tax authorities from time to time) in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*.
- (e) **Supply of Information:** Each Noteholder shall be responsible for supplying, in a timely manner, any information as may be required in order to comply with the identification and reporting obligations imposed on it by the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any European Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such Directive.

## 7 Redenomination

### (a) *Redenomination*

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, on giving prior notice to the Principal Paying Agent, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and at least 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12, elect that, with effect from the Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Notes shall be redenominated in euro.

The election will have effect as follows:

- (i) the Notes and the Receipts shall be deemed to be redenominated into euro in the denomination of euro 0.01 with a principal amount for each Note and Receipt equal to the principal amount of that Note or Receipt in the Specified Currency, converted into euro at the Established Rate, provided that, if the Issuer determines, with the agreement of the Principal Paying Agent, that the then market practice in respect of the redenomination into euro of internationally offered securities is different from the provisions specified above, such provisions shall be deemed to be amended so as to comply with such market practice and the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholders, the stock exchange (if any) on which the Notes may be listed and the Paying Agents of such deemed amendments;
- (ii) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (iv) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Notes will be calculated by reference to the aggregate principal amount of Notes presented (or, as the case may be, in respect of which Coupons are

presented) for payment by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment shall be rounded down to the nearest euro 0.01;

- (iii) if definitive Notes are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they shall be issued at the expense of the Issuer in the denominations of euro 1,000, euro 10,000, euro 100,000 and (but only to the extent of any remaining amounts less than euro 1,000 or such smaller denominations as the Principal Paying Agent may approve) euro 0.01 and such other denominations as the Principal Paying Agent shall determine and notify to the Noteholders;
- (iv) if issued prior to the Redenomination Date, all unmatured Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency (whether or not attached to the Notes) will become void with effect from the date on which the Issuer gives notice (the “**Exchange Notice**”) that replacement euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons are available for exchange (provided that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them. The payment obligations contained in any Notes and Receipts so issued will also become void on that date although those Notes and Receipts will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New euro-denominated Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be issued in exchange for Notes, Receipts and Coupons denominated in the Specified Currency in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent may specify and as shall be notified to the Noteholders in the Exchange Notice. No Exchange Notice may be given less than 15 days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest on the Notes;
- (v) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, other than payments of interest in respect of periods commencing before the Redenomination Date, will be made solely in euro as though references in the Notes to the Specified Currency were to euro. Payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque;
- (vi) if the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes and interest for any period ending on or after the Redenomination Date is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on a Fixed Interest Date, it will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit (defined above) of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention;
- (vii) if the Notes are Floating Rate Notes, the applicable Final Terms will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest; and
- (viii) such other changes shall be made to these Conditions as the Issuer may decide, after consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, and as may be specified in the notice, to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments denominated in euro.

**(b) Definitions**

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

“**Established Rate**” means the rate for the conversion of the Specified Currency (including compliance with rules relating to roundings in accordance with applicable European Community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 109I(4) of the Treaty;

“euro” means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty;

“Redenomination Date” means (in the case of interest bearing Notes) any date for payment of interest under the Notes or (in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) any date, in each case specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Noteholders pursuant to paragraph (a) above and which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Specified Currency first participates in the third stage of European economic and monetary union; and

“Treaty” means the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam.

## 8 Events of Default and Enforcement

### (a) Events of Default

In the case of Senior Notes, the holder of any such Note may give written notice to the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent that the Senior Note is, and it shall accordingly forthwith become, immediately due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount, together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to the date of repayment, in any of the following events (“Events of Default”):

- (i) the Issuer fails to pay any amount payable in respect of the Senior Notes or any of them when due and payable and such default is not remedied within 30 days after the relevant due date; or
- (ii) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Senior Notes and such default is not remedied within 45 days after notice of such default has been given to the Principal Paying Agent by any Noteholder; or
- (iii) the Issuer applies for the appointment of an ad hoc representative (*mandataire ad hoc*) under French bankruptcy law, or enters into an amicable procedure (*procédure de conciliation*) with creditors or ceases its payments, or a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or for a transfer of the whole of its business (*cession totale de l'entreprise*), or the Issuer is subject to similar proceedings, or, in the absence of legal proceedings, the Issuer makes a conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors, or a resolution is passed by the Issuer for its winding-up or dissolution, except in connection with a merger or other reorganisation in which all of the Issuer's assets are transferred to, and all of the Issuer's debts and liabilities (including the Notes) are assumed by, another entity which continues the Issuer's activities.

### (b) Enforcement (Subordinated Notes – General)

In the case of Subordinated Notes, the holder of any Subordinated Note may, upon written notice to the Principal Paying Agent given before all defaults have been cured, cause such Subordinated Note to become due and payable, together with accrued interest (and Arrears of Interest, if applicable) thereon, if any, as of the date on which said notice is received by the Principal Paying Agent, in the event that an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire* or *liquidation amiable*) of the Issuer.

## 9 Prescription

Claims for payment of principal in respect of the Notes shall be prescribed upon the expiry of 10 years from the due date thereof and claims for payment of interest (if any) in respect of the Notes shall be prescribed upon the expiry of five years, from the due date thereof. There shall

not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition 9 or Condition 4 above.

## **10 Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

If any Note (including any Global Note), Receipt, Coupon or Talon is mutilated, defaced, stolen, destroyed or lost it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, upon payment by the claimant of the costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued. Cancellation and replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons shall be subject to compliance with such procedures as may be required under any applicable law and subject to any applicable stock exchange requirements.

## **11 Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to issue further notes, such further notes forming a single series with the Notes so that such further notes and the Notes carry rights identical in all respects (or in all respects save for their Issue Date, Interest Commencement Date, Issue Price and/or the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon). For the purposes of French law, such further notes shall be assimilated (*assimilables*) to the Notes as regards their financial service provided that the terms of such further notes provide for such assimilation.

## **12 Notices**

- (a) All notices to the holders of Registered Notes will be valid if mailed to their registered addresses.
- (b) All notices regarding Notes, both Bearer and Registered, will be valid if published once (i) in a leading English language daily newspaper with general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*), and (ii) so long as the Notes of this Series are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and so long as the rules of that exchange so require, in a daily newspaper with general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be the *d'Wort* or the *Tageblatt*) or on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first such publication. Receiptholders and Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of the Notes of this Series in accordance with this Condition.
- (c) Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as all the Global Note(s) for this Series (whether listed or not) is or are held in its or their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted, in relation only to such Series, for such publication as aforesaid in Condition 12(b), the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes except that if the Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of that stock exchange so require, the relevant notice will in any event be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by the rules of that stock exchange. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.
- (d) Notices to be given by any holder of any Notes shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent. Whilst any Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by a holder of any of the Notes so represented to the Principal Paying Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be, in such manner as

the Principal Paying Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg may approve for this purpose.

- (e) All notices given to Noteholders (irrespective of how given) shall also be delivered in writing to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of listed Notes, to the relevant stock exchange.

### **13 Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver**

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or Noteholders holding not less than 5 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereof, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons), the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any such adjourned meeting not less than one-third, in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. In addition, in the case of an issue of Subordinated Notes, any proposed modification of any provision of the Notes (including a modification of the provisions as to subordination referred to in Condition 2(b) requiring a quorum of not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding can only be effected subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat général de la commission bancaire* in France. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law of the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 as soon as practicable thereafter.

### **14 Agents and Registrar**

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents will act solely as agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligations or relationship of agency or trust to or with the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, except that (without affecting the obligations of the Issuer to the Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders, to repay Notes and pay interest thereon) funds received by the Principal Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes shall be held by it in trust for the Noteholders and/or Receiptholders or Couponholders until the expiration of the relevant period of prescription under Condition 9. The Issuer will agree to perform and observe the obligations imposed upon it under the Agency Agreement. The Agency Agreement contains provisions for the indemnification of the



Paying Agents and for relief from responsibility in certain circumstances, and entitles any of them to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and any of its subsidiaries without being liable to account to the Noteholders, Receiptholders or the Couponholders for any resulting profit.

**15 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

The Notes shall not confer any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of the Notes, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

**16 Governing Law and submission to jurisdiction**

**(a) Governing law**

The Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the Notes (except for Condition 2(b), to the extent applicable, which is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with French law), the Receipts and the Coupons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

**(b) Submission to jurisdiction**

The Issuer agrees, for the exclusive benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as “**Proceedings**”) arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer hereby irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and hereby further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

**(c) Appointment of Process Agent**

The Issuer appoints BNP Paribas, London Branch, currently of 10 Harewood Avenue, London NW1 6AA (Attention: the Commercial Legal Banking Department) as its agent for service of process, and undertakes that, in the event of BNP Paribas, London Branch ceasing so to act or ceasing to be registered in England, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve proceedings in any other manner permitted by law.

**(d) Other documents**

The Issuer has in the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts and appointed an agent for service of process in terms substantially similar to those set out above.

## ANNEX 1

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INDEX LINKED NOTES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Index Linked Notes shall comprise the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out on page 37 (the “General Conditions”) and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the “Index Linked Conditions”), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Conditions and the Index Linked Conditions, the Index Linked Conditions set out below shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the General Conditions and/or the Index Linked Conditions and (ii) the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail.*

#### 1 Market Disruption

**“Market Disruption Event”** means, in relation to Notes relating to a single Index or basket of Indices:-

- (x) in respect of a Composite Index:
  - (i) (a) the occurrence or existence, in respect of any Component Security, of:
    - (1) a Trading Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that (x) for the purposes of the occurrence of a Knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event begins or ends at the time when the level of such Index triggers respectively the Knock-in Level or the Knock-out Level or (y) in all other circumstances that ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded;
    - (2) an Exchange Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that (x) for the purposes of the occurrence of a knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event begins or ends at the time when the level of such Index triggers respectively the Knock-in Level or the Knock-out Level or (y) in all other circumstances that ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded; or
    - (3) an Early Closure in respect of such Component Security; and
  - (b) the aggregate of all Component Securities in respect of which a Trading Disruption, an Exchange Disruption or an Early Closure occurs or exists comprises 20 per cent. or more of the level of such Index; or
- (ii) the occurrence or existence, in respect of futures or options contracts relating to such Index, of: (a) a Trading Disruption; (b) an Exchange Disruption, which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the Valuation Time in respect of the Related Exchange; or (c) an Early Closure, in each case in respect of such futures or options contracts.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists in respect of a Component Security at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of such Component Security at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Component Security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that Component Security to (y)

the overall level of such Index, in each case using the official opening weightings as published by the Sponsor as part of the market "opening data"; and

- (y) in the case of Indices other than Composite Indices, the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that (x) for the purposes of the occurrence of a Knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event begins or ends at the time when the level of such Index triggers respectively the Knock-in Level or the Knock-out Level or (y) in all other circumstances ends at the relevant Valuation Time, or (iii) an Early Closure. For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a security included in such Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of such Index attributable to that security and (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event. For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of such Index exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a security included in such Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (i) the portion of the level of such Index attributable to that security and (ii) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 of the General Conditions of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day would have been an Averaging Date or a Valuation Date.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day would have been an Averaging Date, an Observation Date, a Knock-in Determination Day, a Knock-out Determination Day or a Valuation Date.

## 2 Adjustments to an Index

### (a) Successor Index Sponsor Calculates and Reports an Index

If a relevant Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor sponsor acceptable to the Calculation Agent, or (ii) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of that Index, then in each case that index (the "**Successor Index**") will be deemed to be the Index.

### (b) Modification and Cessation of Calculation of an Index

If (i) on or prior to the last Valuation Date, last Observation Date, last Averaging Date, the last Knock-in Determination Day or the last Knock-out Determination Day, the relevant Index Sponsor makes or announces that it will make a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Index or in any other way materially modifies that Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain that Index in the event of changes in constituent stock and capitalisation, contracts or commodities and other routine events) (an "**Index Modification**"), or permanently cancels a relevant Index and no Successor Index exists (an "**Index Cancellation**"), or (ii) on a Valuation Date, an Observation Date, an Averaging Date, a Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day, the Index Sponsor or (if applicable) the Successor Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce a relevant Index (an "**Index Disruption**" and, together with an Index Modification and an Index Calculation, each an "**Index Adjustment Event**"), then,

- (i) the Calculation Agent shall determine if such Index Adjustment Event has a material effect on the Notes and, if so, shall calculate the relevant Settlement Price using, in lieu of a published level for that Index, the level for that Index as at the Valuation Time on that Valuation Date, Observation Date, Averaging Date, Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the change, failure or cancellation, but using only those securities/commodities that comprised that Index immediately prior to that Index Adjustment Event; or
  - (ii) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, on giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12, the Issuer shall redeem all but not some only of the Notes, each Note being redeemed by payment of an amount equal to the fair market value of a Note taking into account the Index Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12; or
  - (iii) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the fair market value of each Note taking into account the Index Adjustment Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (the "**Calculated Amount**") as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Adjustment Event (the "**Calculated Amount Determination date**") and on the Maturity Date shall redeem each Note at an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to (x) the Calculated Amount plus interest accrued from and including the Calculated Amount Determination Date to but excluding the Maturity Date at a rate equal to Issuer's funding cost at such time or (y) if greater, at its nominal amount.
- (c) Notice
- The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable, notify the relevant Agent of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraph (b) above and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto and such Agent shall make available for inspection by Noteholders copies of any such determinations.

### 3 Correction of Index

With the exception of any corrections published after the day which is three Exchange Business Days prior to the due date for any payment under the Notes calculated by reference to the level of an Index, if the level of the Index published on a given day and used or to be used by the Calculation Agent to make any determination under the Notes, is subsequently corrected and the correction published by the relevant Index Sponsor within 30 days of the original publication, the level to be used shall be the level of the Index as so corrected. Corrections published after the day which is three Exchange Business Days prior to a due date for payment under the Notes calculated by reference to the level of the Index will be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purposes of determining the relevant amount to be paid.

### 4 Additional Disruption Events

- (a) If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (if applicable) (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
  - (ii) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Adjustment Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, redeem the Notes by giving notice to holders in accordance with General Condition 12. If the Notes are so redeemed the Issuer will pay an amount to each holder in respect of each Note held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Note taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the holders in accordance with General Condition 12, or
  - (iii) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the fair market value of each Note taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (the "**Calculated Additional Disruption Amount**") as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event (the "**Calculated Additional Disruption Amount Determination Date**") and on the Maturity Date shall redeem each Note at an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to (x) the Calculated Additional Disruption Amount plus interest accrued from and including the Calculated Additional Disruption Amount Determination Date to but excluding the Maturity Date at a rate equal to Issuer's funding cost at such time or (y) if greater, at its nominal amount.
- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the holders in accordance with Condition 12 stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

## 5 Knock-in Event and Knock-out Event

If "**Knock-in Event**" is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then, unless otherwise specified in such Final Terms, payment under the relevant Notes subject to a Knock-in Event shall be conditional upon the occurrence of such Knock-in Event.

If "**Knock-out Event**" is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then, unless otherwise specified in such Final Terms, payment under the relevant Notes subject to a Knock-out Event shall be conditional upon the occurrence of such Knock-out Event.

If the Knock-in Valuation Time or the Knock-out Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms is the Valuation Time and if any Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day is a Disrupted Day, then such Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day will be deemed not to be a Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day for the purposes of determining the occurrence of a Knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event.

If the Knock-in Valuation Time or the Knock-out Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms is any time or period of time during the regular trading hours on the relevant Exchange and if on any Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day and at any time during the one hour period that begins and/or ends at the time on which the level of the Index triggers the Knock-in Level or the Knock-out Level, a Market Disruption Event occurs or exists, then the Knock-in Event or the Knock-out Event shall be deemed not to have occurred.

## Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

**“Knock-in Event”** means (i) in the case of a single Index, that the level of the Index determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-in Valuation Time on any Knock-in Determination Day is and (ii) in the case of a basket of Indices, that the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values of each Index as the product in respect of each Index of (x) the level of such Index as of the Knock-in Valuation Time on any Knock-in Determination Day and (y) the relevant Weighting is (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Knock-in Level specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Knock-in Level”** means (i) in the case of a single Index, the level of the Index specified and (ii) in case of a basket of Indices, the level in each case specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Knock-in Determination Day”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or each Scheduled Trading Day during the Knock-in Determination Period subject to, in either case, the provisions of “Market Disruption” set out in Index Linked Condition 1 above. For the purposes of such Condition 1, any Knock-in Determination Day will be treated as a Valuation Date and the provisions contained in the definition of “Valuation Date” set out below shall apply. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Knock-in Determination Day”;

**“Knock-in Determination Period”** means, in respect of a single Index or a basket of Indices the period which commences on, and includes, the Knock-in Period Beginning Date and ends on, and includes, the Knock-in Period Ending Date.

**“Knock-in Period Beginning Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

**“Knock-in Period Ending Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

**“Knock-in Valuation Time”** means the time or period of time on any Knock-in Determination Day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or in the event that the applicable Final Terms do not specify a Knock-in Valuation Time, the Knock-in Valuation Time shall be the Valuation Time.

**“Knock-out Determination Day”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or each Scheduled Trading Day during the Knock-out Determination Period subject to, in either case, the provisions of “Market Disruption” set out in Condition 1 above. For the purposes of such Condition 1, any Knock-out Determination Day will be treated as a Valuation Date and the provisions contained in the definition of “Valuation Date” set out below shall apply. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Knock-out Determination Day”;

**“Knock-out Determination Period”** means the period which commences on, and includes, the Knock-out Period Beginning Date and ends on, and includes, the Knock-out Period Ending Date.

**“Knock-out Event”** means (i) in the case of a single Index, that the level of the Index determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-out Valuation Time on any Knock-out Determination Day is and (ii) in the case of a basket of Indices, that the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values of each Index as the product in

respect of each Index of (x) the level of such Index as of the Knock-out Valuation Time on any Knock-out Determination Day and (y) the relevant Weighting is (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Knock-out Level as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Knock-out Level**” means (i) in the case of a single Index the level of the Index and (ii) in the case of a basket of Indices, the level, in each case specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Index Linked Condition 2 above.

“**Knock-out Period Beginning Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

“**Knock-out Period Ending Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

“**Knock-out Valuation Time**” means the time or period of time on any Knock-out Determination Day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or in the event that the applicable Final Terms do not specify a Knock-out Valuation Time, the Knock-out Valuation Time shall be the Valuation Time

## 6 Automatic Early Redemption Event

If “**Automatic Early Redemption Event**” is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if on any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date the Automatic Early Redemption Event occurs, then the Notes will be automatically redeemed in whole, but not in part, on the Automatic Early Redemption Date immediately following such Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date and the Early Redemption Amount payable by the Issuer on such date upon redemption of each Note shall be an amount in the Relevant Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms equal to the relevant Automatic Early Redemption Amount.

“**Automatic Early Redemption Amount**” means (a) an amount in the Settlement Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms or if such amount is not specified, (b) the product of (i) the denomination of each Note and (ii) the relevant Automatic Early Redemption Rate relating to that Automatic Early Redemption Date.

### Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

“**Automatic Early Redemption Date**” means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Automatic Early Redemption Event**” means (i) in case of a single Index that the level of the Index determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date is, and (ii) in the case of a basket of Indices, the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values of each Index of each Index as the product of (x) the level of such Index as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date and (y) the relevant Weighting is, (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Automatic Early Redemption Level as specified in the Final Terms.

“**Automatic Early Redemption Level**” means the level of the Index specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms, subject to “Adjustment to the Index” set forth in Index Linked Condition 2 above.

“**Automatic Early Redemption Rate**” means, in respect of any Automatic Early Redemption Date, the rate specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date”** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the corresponding provisions in the definition of “Valuation Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Valuation Date” were to “Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date”.

7 Definitions

**“Additional Disruption Event”** means any of Change of Law, Failure to Deliver, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow and/or Loss of Stock Borrow, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Affiliate”** means in relation to any entity (the **“First Entity”**), any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the First Entity, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the First Entity or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the First Entity. For these purposes **“control”** means ownership of a majority of the voting power of an entity;

**“Averaging Date”** means each date specified as an Averaging Date in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) If **“Omission”** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then such date will be deemed not to be an Averaging Date for the purposes of determining the relevant Settlement Price provided that, if through the operation of this provision no Averaging Date would occur, then the provisions of the definition of **“Valuation Date”** will apply for purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on the final Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day; or
- (b) if **“Postponement”** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then the provisions of the definition of **“Valuation Date”** will apply for the purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on that Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day irrespective of whether, pursuant to such determination, that deferred Averaging Date would fall on a day that already is or is deemed to be an Averaging Date; or
- (c) if **“Modified Postponement”** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms then:
  - (i) where the Notes are Index Linked Notes relating to a single Index, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below). If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether such Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of **“Valuation Date”** below;
  - (ii) where the Notes are Index Linked Notes relating to a basket of Indices, the Averaging Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (the **“Scheduled Averaging Date”**) and the Averaging Date for each Index affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below) in relation to such Index. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption



immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether such Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date) in respect of such Index, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level, price or amount for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of "**Valuation Date**" below; and

- (iii) for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions "**Valid Date**" means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date does not or is not deemed to occur;

"**Change in Law**" means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (A) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (B) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority), the Issuer determines in its sole and absolute discretion that it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of relevant hedge positions relating to an Index;

"**Component Security**" means each and any component security of any Index;

"**Composite Index**" means any Index specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if not specified, any Index the Calculation Agent determines as such;

"**Disrupted Day**" means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which: (i) the Index Sponsor fails to publish the level of the Index; (ii) the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session; or (iii) a Market Disruption Event has occurred; and
- (b) in the case of any Index which is not a Composite Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which the Exchange or the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during their regular trading session or a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

"**Early Closure**" means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the Exchange in respect of any Component Security or the Related Exchange prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing is announced by such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) at least one hour prior to the earlier of: (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) on such Exchange Business Day; and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day; and
- (b) in the case of any Index which is not a Composite Index, the closure on any Exchange Business Day with respect to such Index of any relevant Exchange(s) relating to securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of such Index or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day;

"**Exchange**" means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, in respect of each Component Security, the principal stock exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded, as determined by the Calculation Agent, any successor thereto or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the shares underlying the Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the shares on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange); and
- (b) in the case of any Index which is not a Composite Index, means in respect of such Index each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Index in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the securities/commodities comprising such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the securities/commodities comprising such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange);

**“Exchange Business Day”** means the relevant Exchange Business Day specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Exchange Business Day is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, Exchange Business Day (All Index Basis) shall be deemed to apply;

**“Exchange Business Day (All Index Basis)”** means, any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time;

**“Exchange Business Day (Per Index Basis)”** means:

- (a) in the case of any Composite Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the Index Sponsor publishes the level of such Index; and (ii) the Related Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding such Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time; and
- (b) in any other case, any Scheduled Trading Day on which the relevant Exchange and Related Exchange in respect of such Index is open for trading during its respective regular trading session, notwithstanding any such Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**“Exchange Disruption”** means, with respect to:

- (a) in the case of any Composite Index, any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, (A) any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security; or (B) in futures or options contracts relating to such Index on the Related Exchange; and
- (b) in the case of any Index which is not a Composite Index, any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (A) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for on any relevant Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the relevant Index, or (B) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Index on any relevant Related Exchange;

**“Hedging Disruption”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity price risk or any other relevant price risk including but not limited to the currency risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (B) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s);

**“Hedging Shares”** means the number of securities/commodities comprised in an Index that the Issuer deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of entering into and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes;

**“Increased Cost of Hedging”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk (including, without limitation, equity price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging;

**“Increased Cost of Stock Borrow”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates would incur a rate to borrow any security/commodity comprised in an Index that is greater than the Initial Stock Loan Rate;

**“Indices”** and **“Index”** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Index Linked Conditions, the indices or index specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly; and

**“Index Sponsor”** means, in relation to an Index, the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to such Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of such Index on a regular basis during each Scheduled Trading Day, which as of the Issue Date of the Notes is the index sponsor specified for such Index in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Initial Stock Loan Rate”** means, in respect of a security/commodity comprised in an Index, the initial stock loan rate specified in relation to such security or commodity in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Loss of Stock Borrow”** means that the Issuer and/or any Affiliate is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to borrow (or maintain a borrowing of) any securities/commodities comprised in an Index in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares at a rate equal to or less than the Maximum Stock Loan Rate;

**“Maximum Stock Loan Rate”** means, in respect of a security/commodity comprised in an Index, the Maximum Stock Loan Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Observation Date”** means each date specified as an Observation Date in the applicable Final Terms, or if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Observation Date”;

**“Observation Period”** means the period specified as the Observation Period in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Related Exchange”** means, in respect of Index Linked Notes and in relation to an Index, each exchange or quotation system on which option contracts or futures contracts relating to such Index are traded, or each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Index in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the

original Related Exchange), provided that where “All Exchanges” is specified as the Related Exchange in the applicable Final Terms, “**Related Exchange**” shall mean each exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Index;

“**Scheduled Closing Time**” means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours;

“**Scheduled Trading Day**” means the relevant Scheduled Trading Day specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Scheduled Trading Day is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, Scheduled Trading Day (All Index Basis) shall be deemed to apply;

“**Scheduled Trading Day (All Index Basis)**” means in respect of any Index which is not a Composite Index, any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange in respect of each such Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions;

“**Scheduled Trading Day (Per Index Basis)**” means:

- (a) in respect of any Composite Index, any day on which (i) the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of such Index; and (ii) the Related Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session; and
- (b) in any other case any day on which the relevant Exchange and Related Exchange in respect of such Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

“**Scheduled Valuation Date**” means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been a Valuation Date;

“**Screen Page**” means the page specified in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor page or service thereto;

“**Settlement Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, and subject as referred to in “Valuation Date” below or “Averaging Date” above, as the case may be:

- (i) in the case of Index Linked Notes relating to a single Index, an amount equal to the official closing level of the Index or, in relation to a Composite Index, the official closing level of such Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor, in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index determined by the Calculation Agent as set out in the applicable Final Terms at the Relevant Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date; and
- (ii) in the case of Index Linked Notes relating to a basket of Indices, an amount equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Index as the official closing level for each Index or, in relation to a Composite Index, the official closing level of such Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor, in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the level of each Index determined by the Calculation Agent as set out in the applicable Final Terms at the Relevant Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and, in either case, multiplied by the relevant Weighting;

“**Specified Maximum Days of Disruption**” means eight (8) Scheduled Trading Days or such other number of Scheduled Trading Days specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Disruption**” means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise: (i) relating to any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security; or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the Related Exchange; and
- (b) in the case of an Index which is not a Composite Index, any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (a) relating to securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of such Index on any relevant Exchange(s) or (b) in futures or options contracts relating to such Index on any relevant Related Exchange;

**“Valuation Date”** means the Coupon Valuation Date and/or the Redemption Valuation Date, as the case may be, specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if such day is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately succeeding Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such day is a Disrupted Day. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) in the case of Index Linked Notes relating to a single Index, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the Settlement Price by determining the level of the Index as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day of each security/commodity comprised in the Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant security/commodity on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security/commodity as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day); or
- (b) in the case of Index Linked Notes relating to a basket of Indices, the Valuation Date for each Index, not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date, and the Valuation Date for each Index, affected (each an **“Affected Item”**) by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for the Affected Item, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Price using, in relation to the Affected Item, the level or value as applicable, determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms, or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of that Index as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day of each security/commodity comprised in that Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant

security/commodity on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security/commodity as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day) and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; and

**“Valuation Time”** means:

- (a) the Relevant Time specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) in the case of a Composite Index, means in respect of such Index: (i) for the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred: (a) in respect of any Component Security, the Scheduled Closing Time on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security, and (b) in respect of any options contracts or futures contracts on the Index, the close of trading on the Related Exchange; and (ii) in all other circumstances, the time at which the official closing level of the Index is calculated and published by the Index Sponsor; and
- (c) in the case of any Index which is not a Composite Index, means the Scheduled Closing Time on the Exchange on the relevant date. If the Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Valuation Time is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time.

## ANNEX 2

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SHARE LINKED NOTES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Share Linked Notes shall comprise the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out on page 37 (the “General Conditions”) and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the “Share Linked Conditions”), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Conditions and the Share Linked Conditions, the Share Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the General Conditions and/or the Share Linked Conditions and (ii) the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail.*

#### 1 Market Disruption

“**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to Notes relating to a single Share or a basket of Shares, in respect of a Share, the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, which in either case the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that (x) for the purpose of the occurrence of a Knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event begins and/or ends at the time on which the price of the Shares triggers respectively the Knock-in Price or a Knock-out Price or (y) in all other circumstances ends at the relevant Valuation Time, or (iii) an Early Closure.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day, would have been an Averaging Date, an Observation Date, a Knock-in Determination Date, a Knock-out Determination Day or a Valuation Date.

#### 2 Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency

(a) “**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following:

- (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless resulting in a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of any such Shares to existing Noteholders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (ii) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing Noteholders of the relevant Shares of (a) such Shares or (b) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, equally or proportionately with such payments to Noteholders of such Shares or (c) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction or (d) any other type of securities, rights or certificates or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or in other consideration) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (iii) an extraordinary dividend as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (iv) a call by a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid;
- (v) a repurchase by the Basket Company or its subsidiaries or Share Company or its subsidiaries, as the case may be, of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise;

- (vi) in respect of a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, an event that results in any shareholder rights being distributed or becoming separated from shares of common stock or other shares of the capital stock of such Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, pursuant to a shareholder rights plan or arrangement directed against hostile takeovers that provides upon the occurrence of certain events for a distribution of preferred stock, certificates, debt instruments or stock rights at a price below their market value as determined by the Calculation Agent, provided that any adjustment effected as a result of such an event shall be readjusted upon any redemption of such rights; or
- (vii) any other event having, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

Following the declaration by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares and, if so, will (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect (provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Share) and (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange.

Upon the making of any such adjustment by the Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12, stating the adjustment to any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

- (b) **“De-Listing”** means, in respect of any relevant Shares, the Exchange announces that pursuant to the rules of such Exchange, such Shares cease (or will cease) to be listed, traded or publicly quoted on the Exchange for any reason (other than a Merger Event or Tender Offer) and are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on an exchange or quotation system located in the same country as the Exchange (or, where the Exchange is within the European Union, in a member state of the European Union).

**“Insolvency”** means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or winding-up of or any analogous proceeding affecting the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, (i) all the Shares of that Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) Noteholders of the Shares of that Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, become legally prohibited from transferring them.

**“Merger Date”** means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**“Merger Event”** means, in respect of any relevant Shares, any (i) reclassification or change of such Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such Shares outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation,



amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such Shares outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such Shares (other than such Shares owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Basket Company or its subsidiaries or the Share Company or its subsidiaries, as the case may be, with or into another entity in which the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such Shares outstanding but results in the outstanding Shares (other than Shares owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding Shares immediately following such event, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before (a) in the case of Cash Settled Notes, the last occurring Valuation Date or where Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the final Averaging Date or (b) in the case of Physical Delivery Notes, the relevant Maturity Date.

**“Nationalisation”** means that all the Shares or all or substantially all the assets of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority, entity or instrumentality thereof.

**“Tender Offer”** means a takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person that results in such entity or person purchasing, or otherwise obtaining or having the right to obtain, by conversion or other means, greater than 50 per cent. and less than 100 per cent. (the **“Percentage Range”**) of the outstanding voting shares of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent, based upon the making of filings with governmental or self-regulatory agencies or such other information as the Calculation Agent deems relevant.

**“Tender Offer Date”** means, in respect of a Tender Offer, the date on which the voting shares in the amount of the Percentage Range are actually purchased or otherwise obtained, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) (if applicable), (v) or (vi) (if applicable) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The relevant adjustments may include, without limitation, adjustments to account for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares or to the Notes. The Calculation Agent may (but need not) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange; or

- (ii) in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares redeem the Notes in part by giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12. If the Notes are so redeemed in part the portion (the "**Redeemed Amount**") of each Note representing the affected Share(s) shall be redeemed and the Issuer will (i) pay to each Noteholder in respect of each Note held by him an amount equal to the fair market value of the Redeemed Amount, taking into account the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion; and (ii) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for such redemption in part. For the avoidance of doubt the remaining part of each Note after such cancellation and adjustment shall remain outstanding with full force and effect. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12;
- (iii) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Extraordinary Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, on giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12, redeem all but not some only of the Notes, each Note being redeemed by payment of an amount equal to the fair market value of a Note taking into account the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12;
- (iv) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Extraordinary Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the fair market value of each Note taking into account the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (the "**Calculated Amount**") as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Extraordinary Event (the "**Calculated Amount Determination Date**") and on the Maturity Date shall redeem each Note at an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to (x) the Calculated Amount plus interest accrued from and including the Calculated Amount Determination Date to but excluding the Maturity Date at a rate equal to Issuer's funding cost at such time or (y) if greater, its nominal amount;
- (v) following such adjustment to the settlement terms of options on the Shares traded on such exchange(s) or quotation system(s) as the Issuer in its sole discretion shall select (the "**Options Exchange**"), require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Options Exchange. If options on the Shares are not traded on the Options Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any one or more

of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Options Exchange to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Options Exchange if such options were so traded; or

- (vi) If the applicable Final Terms provide that “**Share Substitution**” is applicable, then on or after the relevant Merger Date, Tender Offer Date, or the date of the Nationalisation, Insolvency or De-Listing (as the case may be) the Calculation Agent may adjust the basket of Shares to include a share selected by it in accordance with the criteria for share selection set out below (the “**Substitute Shares**”) in place of the Shares(s) (the “**Affected Share(s)**”) which are affected by such Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or De-Listing and the Substitute Shares will be deemed to be “Shares” and the relevant issuer of such shares, a “**Share Company**” or a “**Basket Company**” for the purposes of the Notes, and the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, provided that in the event that any amount payable under the Notes was to be determined by reference to the Initial Price of the Affected Share, the Initial Price of each Substitute Share will be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Initial Price} = A \times (B / C)$$

where:

“A” is the official closing price of the relevant Substitute Share on the relevant Exchange on the Substitution Date;

“B” is the Initial Price of the relevant Affected Share; and

“C” is the official closing price of the relevant Affected Share on the relevant Exchange on the Substitution Date.

Such substitution and the relevant adjustment to the Basket will be deemed to be effective as of the date selected by the Calculation Agent (the “**Substitution Date**”) in its sole and absolute discretion and specified in the notice referred to in sub-paragraph (c) below which may, but need not, be the Merger Date or Tender Offer Date or the date of the Nationalisation, Insolvency or De-Listing, as applicable.

The Weighting of each Substitute Share will be equal to the Weighting of the relevant Affected Share.

In order to be selected as a Substitute Share, the relevant share must be a share which, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Calculation Agent:

1. is not already comprised in the basket of Shares;
2. the relevant issuer in respect of which belongs to a similar economic sector as the Share Company or Basket Company in respect of the Affected Share; and
3. the relevant issuer in respect of which is of comparable market capitalisation, international standing and exposure as the Share Company or Basket Company in respect of the Affected Share.

- (c) Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 stating the occurrence of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, including, in the case of a Share Substitution, the identity of the Substitute Shares and the Substitution Date.

### 3 Correction of Share Price

With the exception of any corrections published after the day which is three Exchange Business Days prior to the due date for any payment under the Notes calculated by reference to the price of a Share, if the price of relevant Share published on a given day and used or to be used by the Calculation Agent to make any determination under the Notes, is subsequently corrected and the correction published by the relevant Exchange within 30 days of the original publication, the price to be used shall be the price of the relevant Share as so corrected. Corrections published after the day which is three Exchange Business Days prior to a due date for payment under the Notes calculated by reference to the price of a Share will be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purposes of determining the relevant amount to be paid.

### 4 Additional Disruption Events

- (a) If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or if applicable (iii) below:
  - (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement (in each case with respect to Physical Delivery Notes) and/or the Weighting and/or any of the other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
  - (ii) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, redeem the Notes by giving notice to holders in accordance with General Condition 12. If the Notes are so redeemed the Issuer will pay an amount to each holder in respect of each Note held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Note taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the holders in accordance with General Condition 12; or
  - (iii) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the fair market value of each Note taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (the "**Calculated Additional Disruption Amount**") as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event (the "**Calculated Additional Disruption Amount Determination Date**") and on the Maturity Date shall redeem each Note at an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to (x) the Calculated Additional Disruption Amount plus interest accrued from and including the Calculated Additional Disruption Amount Determination Date to but excluding the Maturity Date at a rate equal to Issuer's funding cost at such time or (y) if greater its nominal amount.

- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the holders in accordance with General Condition 12 stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

## 5 Knock-in Event and Knock-out Event

If “**Knock-in Event**” is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then, unless otherwise specified in such Final Terms, payment and/or delivery under the relevant Notes subject to a Knock-in Event shall be conditional upon the occurrence of such Knock-in Event.

If “**Knock-out Event**” is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then unless otherwise specified in such Final Terms payment and/or delivery under the relevant Notes subject to a Knock-out Event shall be conditional upon the occurrence of such Knock-out Event.

If the Knock-in Valuation Time or the Knock-out Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms is the Valuation Time and if any Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day is a Disrupted Day, then such Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day will be deemed not to be a Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day for the purposes of determining the occurrence of a Knock-in Event or a Knock-out Event.

If the Knock-in Valuation Time or the Knock-out Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms is any time or period of time during the regular trading hours on the relevant Exchange and if on any Knock-in Determination Day or Knock-out Determination Day and at any time during the one hour period that begins and/or ends at the time on which the price of the Share triggers the Knock-in Price or the Knock-out Price, a Market Disruption Event occurs or exists, then the Knock-in Event or the Knock-out Event shall be deemed not to have occurred.

### Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

“**Knock-in Event**” means (i) in case of a single Share that the price of the Share determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-in Valuation Time on any Knock-in Determination Day is and (ii) in case of a basket of Shares, that the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values for each Share as the product of (x) the price of such Share as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-in Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange on any Knock-in Determination Day and (y) the Weighting is (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Knock-in Price as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Knock-in Price**” means, (i) in case of a single Share, the price per Share and (ii) in the case of a basket of Shares, the price specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions set forth in Share Linked Condition 2 above and as set forth in this Condition.

“**Knock-in Determination Day**” means the date(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or each Scheduled Trading Day during the Knock-in Determination Period subject to, in either case, the provisions of “Market Disruption” set out in Share Linked Condition 1 above. For the purposes of such Share Linked Condition 1, any Knock-in Determination Day will be treated as a Valuation Date and the provisions contained in the definition of “Valuation Date” set out below shall apply. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Knock-in Determination Day”;

“**Knock-in Determination Period**” means the period which commences on, and includes, the Knock-in Period Beginning Date and ends on, and includes, the Knock-in Period Ending Date;

**“Knock-in Period Beginning Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day;

**“Knock-in Period Ending Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day;

**“Knock-in Valuation Time”** means the time or period of time on any Knock-in Determination Day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or in the event that the applicable Final Terms do not specify a Knock-in Valuation Time, the Knock-in Valuation Time shall be the Valuation Time;

**“Knock-out Event”** means (i) in case of a single Share, that the price of the Share determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-out Valuation Time on any Knock-out Determination Day is, and (ii) in the case of a basket of Shares, the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values for each Share as the product of (x) the price of such Share as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Knock-in Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange on any Knock-in Determination Day and (y) the relevant Weighting is, (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Knock-out Price as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Knock-out Price”** means (i) in the case of a single Share, the price per Share or (ii) in the case of a basket of Shares, the amount, in each case specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment from time to time in accordance with the provisions set forth in Share Linked Condition 2 above and as set forth in this Condition.

**“Knock-out Determination Day”** means the date(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or each Scheduled Trading Day during the Knock-out Determination Period subject to, in either case, the provisions of “Market Disruption” set out in Condition 1 above. For the purposes of Condition 1, any Knock-out Determination Day will be treated as a Valuation Date and the provisions contained in the definition of “Valuation Date” set out below shall apply. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Knock-out Determination Day”;

**“Knock-out Determination Period”** means the period which commences on, and includes, the Knock-out Period Beginning Date and ends on, and includes, the Knock-out Period Ending Date.

**“Knock-out Period Beginning Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

**“Knock-out Period Ending Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day.

**“Knock-out Valuation Time”** means the time or period of time on any Knock-out Determination Day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or in the event that the applicable Final Terms do not specify a Knock-out Valuation Time, the Knock-out Valuation Time shall be the Valuation Time.

## 6 Automatic Early Redemption Event

If **“Automatic Early Redemption Event”** is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, then unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if on any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date the Automatic Early Redemption Event occurs, then the Notes will be automatically redeemed in whole, but not in part, on the Automatic Early Redemption Date immediately following such Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date and the Early

Redemption Amount payable by the Issuer on such date upon redemption of each Note shall be an amount equal to the relevant Automatic Early Redemption Amount.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Amount”** means (a) an amount in the Settlement Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms or if such amount is not specified, (b) the product of (i) the denomination of each Note and (ii) the relevant Automatic Early Redemption Rate relating to that Automatic Early Redemption Date.”

#### Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

**“Automatic Early Redemption Date”** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Event”** means (i) in case of a single Share that the price of the Share determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange on the Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date is, and (ii) in the case of a basket of Shares, the amount determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the sum of the values for each Share as the product of (x) the price of such Share as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange on the Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date and (y) the relevant Weighting is (i) “greater than”, (ii) “greater than or equal to”, (iii) “less than” or (iv) “less than or equal to” the Automatic Early Redemption Price as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Price”** means the price per Share specified as such or otherwise determined in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment as provided in Share Linked Condition 2 above.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Rate”** means, in respect of any Automatic Early Redemption Date, the rate specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date”** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the next following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the corresponding provisions in the definition of “Valuation Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Valuation Date” were to “Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date”.

#### 7 Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

**“Additional Disruption Event”** means any of Change of Law, Failure to Deliver, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, Insolvency Filing and/or Loss of Stock Borrow, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Affiliate”** means in relation to any entity (the **“First Entity”**), any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the First Entity, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the First Entity or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the First Entity. For these purposes **“control”** means ownership of a majority of the voting power of an entity;

**“Averaging Date”** means each date specified as an Averaging Date in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) If **“Omission”** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then such date will be deemed not to be an Averaging Date for the purposes of determining the relevant Settlement Price provided that, if through the operation of this provision no Averaging Date would occur, then the provisions of the definition of **“Valuation Date”** will apply for purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on the final

Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day; or

- (b) if “**Postponement**” is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then the provisions of the definition of “**Valuation Date**” will apply for the purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on that Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day irrespective of whether, pursuant to such determination, that deferred Averaging Date would fall on a day that already is or is deemed to be an Averaging Date; or
- (c) if “**Modified Postponement**” is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms then:
  - (i) where the Notes are Share Linked Notes relating to a single share, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below). If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether such Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of “**Valuation Date**” below;
  - (ii) where the Notes are Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares, the Averaging Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (the “**Scheduled Averaging Date**”) and the Averaging Date for each Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below) in relation to such Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Share has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that such Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date) in respect of such Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level, price or amount for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of “**Valuation Date**” below;

“**Basket Company**” means a company whose shares are included in the basket of Shares and “**Basket Companies**” means all such companies;

“**Change in Law**” means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (A) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (B) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority), the Issuer determines in its sole and absolute discretion that it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant Share.

“**Disrupted Day**” means any Scheduled Trading Day on which a relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Early Closure**” means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of relevant Exchange(s) or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the



earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day.

**“Exchange”** means, in relation to a Share, each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Share in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).

**“Exchange Business Day”** means the relevant Exchange Business Day specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Exchange Business Day is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, Exchange Business Day (All Share Basis) shall be deemed to apply;

**“Exchange Business Day (All Share Basis)”** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**“Exchange Business Day (Per Share Basis)”** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which the relevant Exchange and Related Exchange in respect of such Share is open for trading during its respective regular trading session, notwithstanding any such Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**“Exchange Disruption”** means, any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (i) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, the Shares on the relevant Exchange or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Share on any relevant Related Exchange.

**“Failure to Deliver”** means failure of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates to deliver, when due, the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement, where such failure to deliver is due to illiquidity in the market for such Shares.

**“Hedging Disruption”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity price risk or any other relevant price risk including but not limited to the currency risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (B) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**“Hedging Shares”** means the number of Shares that the Issuer deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of entering into and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes.

**“Increased Cost of Hedging”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk (including, without limitation, equity price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

**“Increased Cost of Stock Borrow”** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates would incur a rate to borrow any Share that is greater than the Initial Stock Loan Rate.

**“Initial Stock Loan Rate”** means, in respect of a Share, the initial stock loan rate specified in relation to such Share in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Insolvency Filing”** means that a Share Company or Basket Company institutes or has instituted against it by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, or it consents to a proceeding seeking a judgement of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors’ rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official or it consents to such a petition, provided that proceedings instituted or petitions presented by creditors and not consented to by the Share Company or Basket Company shall not be deemed an Insolvency Filing.

**“Loss of Stock Borrow”** means that the Issuer and/or any Affiliate is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to borrow (or maintain a borrowing of) any Share in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares at a rate equal to or less than the Maximum Stock Loan Rate.

**“Maximum Stock Loan Rate”** means, in respect of a Share, the Maximum Stock Loan Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Observation Date”** means each date specified as an Observation Date in the applicable Final Terms, or if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then the provisions relating to “Omission”, “Postponement” or “Modified Postponement”, as the case may be, contained in the definition of “Averaging Date” shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if references in such provisions to “Averaging Date” were to “Observation Date”.

**“Observation Period”** means the period specified as the Observation Period in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Related Exchange”** means, in relation to a Share, each exchange or quotation system on which option contracts or futures contracts relating to such Share are traded, or each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Share in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to such Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange), provided that where “All Exchanges” is specified as the Related Exchange in the applicable Final Terms, **“Related Exchange”** shall mean each exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Share.

**“Scheduled Closing Time”** means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

**“Scheduled Trading Day”** means the relevant Scheduled Trading Day specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Scheduled Trading Day is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, Scheduled Trading Day (All Share Basis) shall be deemed to apply.

**“Scheduled Trading Day (All Share Basis)”** means any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

**“Scheduled Trading Day (Per Share Basis)”** means any day on which the relevant Exchange and Related Exchange in respect of such Share are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

**“Scheduled Valuation Date”** means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been a Valuation Date.

**“Screen Page”** means the page specified in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor page or service thereto.

**“Settlement Price”** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms and subject as referred to in “Valuation Date” below or “Averaging Date” above, as the case may be:

- (i) in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a single Share, an amount equal to the official closing price (or the price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) quoted on the relevant Exchange for such Share on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and (or if, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such official closing price (or the price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be so determined and the Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, is not a Disrupted Day, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the arithmetic mean of the closing fair market buying price (or the fair market buying price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) and the closing fair market selling price (or the fair market selling price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) for the Share based, at the Calculation Agent’s discretion, either on the arithmetic mean of the foregoing prices or middle market quotations provided to it by two or more financial institutions (as selected by the Calculation Agent) engaged in the trading of the Share or on such other factors as the Calculation Agent shall decide, such amount to be converted, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate and such converted amount to be the Settlement Price, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent; and
- (ii) in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares, an amount equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Share at the official closing price (or the price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) quoted on the relevant Exchange for such Share) on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and (or if in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such official closing price (or the price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be so determined and the Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, is not a Disrupted Day, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the arithmetic mean of the closing fair market buying price (or the fair market buying price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) and the closing fair market selling price (or the fair market selling price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) for the relevant Share whose official closing price (or the price at the Relevant Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be determined based, at the Calculation Agent’s discretion, either on the arithmetic mean of the foregoing prices or middle market quotations provided to it by two or more financial institutions (as

selected by the Calculation Agent) engaged in the trading of the relevant Share or on such other factors as the Calculation Agent shall decide, multiplied by the relevant Weighting, each such value to be converted, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate and the sum of such converted amounts to be the Settlement Price, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Shares**” and “**Share**” mean in the case of an issue of Notes relating to a basket of Shares, each share and, in the case of an issue of Notes relating to a single Share, the share, specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

“**Share Company**” means, in the case of an issue of Notes relating to a single Share, the company that has issued such share.

“**Specified Maximum Days of Disruption**” means eight (8) Scheduled Trading Days or such other number of Scheduled Trading Days specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Trading Disruption**” means, any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (a) relating to the share or (b) in futures or options contracts relating to such share on any relevant Related Exchange.

“**Valuation Date**” means the Coupon Valuation Date and/or Redemption Valuation Date, as the case may be, specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if such day is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately succeeding Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such day is a Disrupted Day. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a single Share, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the Settlement Price in accordance with its good faith estimate of the Settlement Price as of the Valuation Time on that the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day; or
- (b) in the case of Share Linked Notes relating to a basket of Shares, the Valuation Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date, and the Valuation Date for each Share affected (each an “**Affected Item**”) by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for the Affected Item, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Price using, in relation to the Affected Item, the level or value as applicable, determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms, and, in the case of a Share, a price determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using its good faith estimate of the value for the Affected Item as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; and

**“Valuation Time”** means the Relevant Time specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no Relevant Time is specified, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, in relation to each Share to be valued provided that if the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Valuation Time is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time.

## ANNEX 3

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INFLATION LINKED NOTES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Inflation Linked Notes shall comprise the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out on page 37 (the “General Conditions”) and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the “Inflation Linked Conditions”), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Conditions and the Inflation Linked Conditions set out below, the Inflation Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the General Conditions and/or the Inflation Linked Conditions and (ii) the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail.*

#### 1 Delay in Publication

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Delayed Index Level Event in respect of an Index has occurred with respect to any Determination Date, then the Relevant Level with respect to any Reference Month which is to be utilised in any calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent and/or the Issuer with respect to such Determination Date (the “**Substitute Index Level**”) shall be determined by the Calculation Agent (subject to Inflation Linked Condition 3(ii) below), as follows:

- (i) if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the corresponding index level determined under the terms and conditions of the Related Bond; or
- (ii) if (I) Related Bond is specified as not applicable in the relevant Final Terms, or (II) the Calculation Agent is not able to determine a Substitute Index Level under (i) above, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the following formula:

Substitute Index Level = Base Level x (Latest Level/Reference Level); or

- (iii) otherwise in accordance with any formula specified in the relevant Final Terms,

where:

“**Base Level**” means the level of the Index (excluding any “flash” estimates) published or announced by the Index Sponsor in respect of the month which is 12 calendar months prior to the month for which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

“**Latest Level**” means the level of the Index (excluding any “flash” estimates) published or announced by the Index Sponsor prior to the month in respect of which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

“**Reference Level**” means the level of the Index (excluding any “flash” estimates) published or announced by the Index Sponsor in respect of the month that is 12 calendar months prior to the month in respect of the Latest Level.

The Issuer shall promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 of any Substitute Index Level.

If the Relevant Level is published or announced at any time on or after the relevant Cut-Off Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, such Relevant Level will not be used in any calculations. The Substitute Index Level so determined pursuant to this Inflation Linked Condition 1 will be the definitive level for that Reference Month.

#### 2 Successor Index

If the Calculation Agent determines that the level of an Index is not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor for two consecutive months and/or the Index Sponsor announces that it will not longer continue to publish or announce the Index and/or the Index Sponsor cancels the Index then the Calculation Agent shall determine a successor index (a “**Successor Index**”) (in lieu of any previously applicable Index) for the purposes of the Notes as follows:

- (i) if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall determine a "Successor Index" by reference to the corresponding successor index determined under the terms and conditions of the Related Bond;
- (ii) if (x) Related Bond is specified as not applicable in the Final Terms or (y) a Related Bond Redemption Event has occurred and Fallback Bond is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Sponsor announces that it will no longer publish or announce the Index but that it will be superseded by a replacement Index specified by the Index Sponsor, and the Calculation Agent determines that such replacement Index is calculated using the same or a substantially similar formula or method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, such replacement index shall be designated a "Successor Index";
- (iii) if no Successor Index has been deemed under (i) or (ii) the Calculation Agent shall ask five leading independent dealers to state what the replacement index for the Index should be; if between four and five responses are received, and of those four or five responses, three or more leading independent dealers state the same index, such index will be deemed the "Successor Index"; if three responses are received, and two or more leading independent dealers state the same index, such index will be deemed the "Successor Index"; if fewer than three responses are received by the Cut-Off Date the Calculation Agent will determine an appropriate alternative index for such Affected Payment Date, and such index will be deemed a "Successor Index"; or
- (iv) if the Calculation Agent determines that there is no appropriate alternative index, there will be deemed to be no Successor Index and an Index Cancellation will be deemed to have occurred.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Agent shall determine the date on which the Successor Index shall be deemed to replace the Index for the purposes of the Notes. Notice of the determination of a Successor Index, the effective date of the Successor Index or the occurrence of an Index Cancellation will be given to holders of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 12.

### 3 Adjustments

#### (i) Successor Index

If a Successor Index is determined in accordance with Inflation Linked Condition 2, the Calculation Agent may make any adjustment or adjustments (without limitation) to any amount payable under the Notes and/or any other relevant term of the Notes as the Calculation Agent deems necessary. The Issuer shall give notice to the Noteholders of any such adjustment in accordance with General Condition 12.

#### (ii) Substitute Index Level

If the Calculation Agent determines a Substitute Index Level in accordance with Inflation Linked Condition 1, the Issuer may make any adjustment or adjustments (without limitation) to (x) the Substitute Index Level determined in accordance with Index Linked Condition 1 and/or (y) any amount payable under the Notes and/or any other relevant term of the Notes, in each case, as the Calculation Agent deems necessary. The Issuer shall give notice to the Noteholders of any such adjustment in accordance with General Condition 12.

#### (iii) Index Level Adjustment Correction

(a) The first publication or announcement of the Relevant Level (disregarding estimates) by the Index Sponsor for any Reference Month shall be final and conclusive and, subject to Inflation Linked Condition 3(v)(II) below, later revisions to the level for such Reference Month will not be used in any calculations, save that in respect of the EUR-All Items-Revised Consumer Price Index, the ESP National- Revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the ESP-Harmonised-Revised Consumer Price Index HCPI, revisions to the

Relevant Level which are published or announced up to and including the day that is two Business Days prior to any relevant Determination Date will be valid and the revised Relevant Level for the relevant Reference Month will be deemed to be the final and conclusive Relevant Level for such Reference Month. The Issuer shall give notice to the Noteholders of any valid revision in accordance with General Condition 12.

- (b) If, within thirty days of publication or at any time prior to a Determination Date in respect of which a Relevant Level will be used in any calculation or determination in respect of such Determination Date, the Calculation Agent determines that the Index Sponsor has corrected the Relevant Level to correct a manifest error, the Calculation Agent may make any adjustment to any amount payable under the Notes and/or any other relevant term of the Notes as the Calculation Agent deems appropriate as a result of such correction and/or determine the amount (if any) that is payable as a result of that correction. The Issuer shall give notice to the holders of the Notes of any such adjustment and/or amount in accordance with General Condition 12.
- (c) If a Relevant Level is published or announced at any time after the Cut-Off Date in respect of a Determination Date in respect of which a Substitute Index Level was determined, the Calculation Agent may either (A) determine that such Relevant Level shall not be used in any calculation or determination under the Notes and that the Substitute Index Level shall be deemed to be the definitive Relevant Level for the relevant Reference Month, or (B) request the Issuer to make any adjustment to any amount payable under the Notes and/or any other relevant term of the Notes as it deems appropriate as a result of the announcement or publication of the Relevant Level and/or determine the amount (if any) that is payable as a result of such publication or announcement. The Issuer shall give notice to the holders of the Notes of any determination in respect of (A) or (B), together with any adjustment or amount in respect thereof, in accordance with General Condition 12.

(iv) Currency

If the Calculation Agent determines that any event occurs affecting the Specified Currency (whether relating to its convertibility into other currencies or otherwise) which the Calculation Agent determines necessitates an adjustment or adjustments to the any amount payable under the Notes, and/or any other relevant term of the Notes (including the date on which any amount is payable by the Issuer), the Issuer may make such adjustment or adjustments to such Amount and/or any other relevant term of the Notes as the Calculation Agent deems necessary. The Calculation Agent shall give notice to the holders of the Notes of any such adjustment in accordance with General Condition 12.

(v) Rebasing

If the Calculation Agent determines that the Index has been or will be rebased at any time, the Index as so rebased (the "**Rebased Index**") will be used for purposes of determining the Relevant Level from the date of such rebasing; provided, however, that the Calculation Agent may make A if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, any adjustments as are made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, if any, to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as before the rebasing, and/or (B) if Related Bond is specified as not applicable in the relevant Final Terms or a Related Bond Redemption Event has occurred, the Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Index before it was rebased and in each case the Issuer may make any adjustment(s) to any amount payable under the Notes and/or any other term of the Notes as the Calculation Agent may deem necessary. If



the Calculation Agent determines that neither (A) nor (B) above would produce a commercially reasonable result, the Calculation Agent may redeem each Note on a date notified by the Issuer to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 at its fair market value as determined by the Calculation Agent as at the date of redemption taking into account the rebasing, less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding or amending any related underlying hedging arrangements. Notice of any adjustment, redemption of the Notes or determination pursuant to this paragraph shall be given to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12.

(vi) Index Modification

(a) If on or prior to the Cut-Off Date in respect of any Determination Date, the Calculation Agent determines that an Index Modification has occurred the Calculation Agent may (A) if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, make any adjustments to the Index, any Relevant Level and/or any other relevant term of the Notes (including, without limitation, any amount payable under the Notes), consistent with any adjustments made to the Related Bond as the Calculation Agent deems necessary, or (B) if Related Bond is specified as not applicable in the Final Terms or a Related Bond Redemption Event has occurred make only those adjustments to the relevant Index, any Relevant Level and/or any other term of the Notes (including, without limitation, any amount payable under the Notes), as the Calculation Agent deems necessary for the modified Index to continue as the Index and to account for the economic effect of the Index Modification.

(b) If the Calculation Agent determines that an Index Modification has occurred at any time after the Cut-Off Date in respect of any Determination Date, the Calculation Agent may determine either to ignore such Index Modification for the purposes of any calculation or determination made by the Calculation Agent with respect to such Determination Date, in which case the relevant Index Modification will be deemed to have occurred with respect to the immediately succeeding Determination Date such that the provisions of sub-paragraph (l) above will apply, or, notwithstanding that the Index Modification has occurred following the Cut-Off Date, to make any adjustments as the Calculation Agent deems fit in accordance with sub-paragraph (l) above.

(vii) Change in Law

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Change in Law has occurred, the Issuer may redeem each Note on the date notified by the Issuer to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 at its fair market value (as determined by the Calculation Agent) as at the date of redemption taking into account the Change in Law, less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding or amending any related underlying hedging arrangements. Notice of any redemption of the Notes shall be given to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12.

(viii) Index Cancellation

If the Calculation Agent determines that an Index Cancellation has occurred, the Issuer may redeem each Note on the date notified by the Issuer to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12 at its fair market value (as determined by the Calculation Agent) as at the date of redemption taking into account the Index Cancellation, less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding or amending any related underlying hedging arrangements. Notice of any redemption of the Notes pursuant to this paragraph shall be given to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12.

4 Definitions

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (A) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (B) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority), the Issuer determines in its sole and absolute discretion that it is unable to perform its obligations in respect of the Notes or it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant hedge positions in respect of the Notes.

**"Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of a Determination Date, five Business Days prior to such Determination Date, unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Delayed Index Level Event"** means, in respect of any Determination Date, that the Index Sponsor fails to publish or announce the level of the Index (the **"Relevant Level"**) in respect of any Reference Month which is to be utilised in any calculation or determination to be made by the Issuer in respect of such Determination Date, at any time on or prior to the Cut-Off Date.

**"Fallback Bond"** means a bond selected by the Calculation Agent and issued by the government of the country to whose level of inflation the Index relates and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to the Index, with a maturity date which falls on (a) the same day as the Maturity Date, (b) the next longest maturity after the Maturity Date if there is no such bond maturing on the Maturity Date, or (c) the next shortest maturity before the Maturity Date if no bond defined in (a) or (b) is selected by the Calculation Agent. If the Index relates to the level of inflation across the European Monetary Union, the Calculation Agent will select an inflation-linked bond that is a debt obligation of one of the governments (but not any government agency) of France, Italy, Germany or Spain and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to the level of inflation in the European Monetary Union. In each case, the Calculation Agent will select the Fallback Bond from those inflation-linked bonds issued on or before the Issue Date and, if there is more than one inflation-linked bond maturing on the same date, the Fallback Bond shall be selected by the Calculation Agent from those bonds. If the Fallback Bond redeems the Calculation Agent will select a new Fallback Bond on the same basis, but selected from all eligible bonds in issue at the time the original Fallback Bond redeems (including any bond for which the redeemed bond is exchanged).

**"Index"** or **"Indices"** means the index or indices specified in the relevant Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Index Cancellation"** means a level for the Index has not been published or announced for two consecutive months and/or the Index Sponsor cancels the Index and/or the Index Sponsor announces that it will no longer continue to publish or announce the Index and no Successor Index exists.

**"Index Modification"** means the Index Sponsor announces that it will make (in the opinion of the Calculation Agent) a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index.

**"Index Sponsor"** means the entity that publishes or announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index which as of the Issue Date of the Notes is the index sponsor in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Rebased Index"** has the meaning given to it under Inflation Linked Condition 3 above.

**"Reference Month"** means the calendar month for which the level of the Index was reported, regardless of when this information is published or announced. If the period for which the Relevant Level was reported is a period other than a month, the Reference Month shall be the period for which the Relevant Level was reported.

**"Related Bond"** means the bond specified as such in the relevant Final Terms. If the Related Bond specified in the applicable Final Terms is "Fallback Bond", then for any Related Bond

determination, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond. If no bond is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Related Bond and “Fallback Bond: Not Applicable” is specified in the applicable Final Terms there will be no Related Bond. If a bond is selected as the Related Bond in the applicable Final Terms and that bond redeems or matures before the relevant Maturity Date, unless “Fallback Bond: Not Applicable” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond for any Related Bond determination.

**“Related Bond Redemption Event”** means, if specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, at any time prior to the Maturity Date, (i) the Related Bond is redeemed, repurchased or cancelled, (ii) the Related Bond becomes repayable prior to its stated date of maturity for whatever reason, or (iii) the issuer of the Related Bond announces that the Related Bond will be redeemed, repurchased or cancelled prior to its stated date of maturity.

**“Relevant Level”** has the meaning given to it in the definition of Delayed Index Level Event.

**“Successor Index”** has the meaning given to it in under Inflation Linked Condition 3 above.

**“Substitute Index Level”** means, in respect of a Delayed Index Level Event, the index level determined by the Issuer in accordance with Inflation Linked Condition 3 above.

## ANNEX 4

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COMMODITY LINKED NOTES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Commodity Linked Notes shall comprise the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out on page 37 (the “General Conditions”) and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the “Commodity Linked Conditions”), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Conditions and the Commodity Linked Conditions, the Commodity Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the General Conditions and/or the Commodity Linked Conditions and (ii) the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail.*

#### 1. Market Disruption

“**Market Disruption Event**” means, in respect of a relevant Commodity or Commodity Index and as determined by the Calculation Agent, the occurrence or existence of:

- (a) in the case of all Commodities and each Commodity Index, a Price Source Disruption, Trading Disruption, Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price; and in addition
- (b) in the case of each Commodity Index and all Commodities other than Gold, Silver, Platinum or Palladium, Material Change in Formula, Material Change in Content and/or Tax Disruption; and in addition
- (c) in the case of a Commodity Index, Index Component Disruption Event.

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Issuer and the relevant Agent of if it has determined that a Market Disruption Event has occurred and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto and such Agent shall make available for inspection by holders copies of any such determinations.

#### 2. Disruption Fallbacks

“**Disruption Fallback**” means a source or method specified in the applicable Final Terms as giving rise to an alternative basis for determining the Relevant Price in respect of a specified Commodity Reference Price or the redemption of the Notes when a Market Disruption Event occurs or exists on a day that is a Pricing Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Pricing Date would, in the ordinary course, be published or announced by the Price Source).

##### 2.1 Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price, a Material Change in Formula, or a Material Change in Content

If, with respect to the relevant Pricing Date, the Calculation Agent considers that there is in existence (i) a Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price, or (ii) a Material Change in Formula, or (iii) a Material Change in Content is available, then

- (i) the Calculation Agent shall determine if such event has a material effect on the Notes and, if so, shall calculate the relevant amount payable on the Notes using, in lieu of a published price for that Commodity or Component, as the case may be, the price for that Commodity or Component, as the case may be, as at the time specified on that Pricing Date, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent taking into consideration the latest available quotation for such Commodity and any other information that in good faith it deems relevant; or
- (ii) unless Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event is specified as being not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, on giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12, the Issuer shall redeem all but not some only of the Notes, each Note being redeemed by payment of an amount equal to the fair market value of such Note, less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any underlying related hedging

arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment shall be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12; or

- (iii) if Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the fair market value of each Note less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (the "**Calculated Amount**") as soon as practicable following the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event (the "**Calculated Amount Determination Date**") and on the Maturity Date shall redeem each Note at an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to (x) the Calculated Amount plus interest accrued from and including the Calculated Amount Determination Date to but excluding the Maturity Date at a rate equal to Issuer's funding cost at such time or (y) if greater, its nominal amount.

## 2.2 Tax Disruption

If the Calculation Agent determines in good faith that a Tax Disruption has occurred or exists in respect of a Pricing Date, the Calculation Agent shall determine if such Tax Disruption has a material effect on the Notes and if so (i) shall effect any adjustments that it deems in good faith necessary to the terms and conditions of the Notes or, if it determines that such adjustments cannot be made, (ii) on giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12, the Issuer shall redeem all but not some only of the Notes, each Note being redeemed by payment of an amount equal to the fair market value of such Note, less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment shall be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 12.

## 2.3 Price Source Disruption and Trading Disruption

If, with respect to the relevant Pricing Date, a Price Source Disruption or Trading Disruption has been in existence in excess of the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption and no Successor Commodity Price is available in respect of such Pricing Date, then the Calculation Agent shall apply the Commodity Fallback Value in order to determine the Commodity Reference Price.

## 2.4 Index Component Disruption

If the Calculation Agent determines that, on a Pricing Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Pricing Date would, in the ordinary course, be published or announced by the Price Source) an Index Component Disruption Event has occurred or exists then the Calculation Agent shall determine the Relevant Price (or a method for determining the Relevant Price) for that Pricing Date and each subsequent Pricing Date (if any).

The relevant Final Terms may specify Additional Disruption Fallback(s) that will apply.

## 3. Correction of Commodity Reference Price

With the exception of any corrections published after the day which is three Commodity Business Days prior to the due date for any payment under the Notes calculated by reference to a Commodity Reference Price, if the Commodity Reference Price published on a given day and used or to be used by the Calculation Agent to make any determination under the Notes is subsequently corrected and the correction published by the relevant Exchange or any other person responsible for the publication or announcement of the Commodity Reference Price within 30 calendar days of the original publication, the price to be used shall be the price of the relevant Commodity as so corrected. Corrections published after the day which is three Commodity Business Days prior to a due date for payment under the Notes calculated by

reference to a Commodity Reference Price will be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purposes of determining the relevant amount to be paid.

#### 4. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms:

**“Commodity”** means, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Commodity Linked Conditions, the commodity (or commodities) or futures contract on a commodity (or commodities) specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

**“Commodity Business Day”** means:

- (a) where the Commodity Reference Price is announced or published by an Exchange, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which that Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading sessions and notwithstanding any such Exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time;
- (b) in any other case, a day in respect of which the relevant Price Source published (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have published), a price;

**“Commodity Fallback Value”** means the arithmetic mean of the quotations provided to the Calculation Agent by each of the Reference Dealers as its Commodity Reference Price for the relevant Pricing Date of the relevant Commodity, provided that if only three such quotations are so provided, the Commodity Fallback Value shall be the Commodity Reference Price remaining after disregarding the Commodity Reference Prices having the highest and lowest values (or if more than one such highest or lowest, one only of them). If fewer than three such quotations are so provided, such value shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion acting in good faith;

**“Commodity Index”** means an index comprising one or more commodities or commodity futures contracts (each a **“Component”**);

**“Commodity Reference Price”** means, in respect of any Commodity or Commodity Index the price specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Component Futures”** means, at any time, the futures contracts used by the Price Source at such time to calculate the Commodity Reference Price (each a **“Component Future”**);

**“Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price”** means (A) the permanent discontinuation of trading, in the relevant Commodity or in the case of a Commodity Index, Component on the relevant Exchange or (B) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the relevant Commodity or Component or (C) the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a Commodity Reference Price, notwithstanding the availability of the related Price Source or the status of trading in the relevant Commodity or Component;

**“Exchange”** means, in relation to a Commodity, the exchange or principal trading market for such Commodity specified in the applicable Final Terms or in the Commodity Reference Price;

**“Index Component Disruption Event”** means.

- (ii) the Commodity Reference Price published by the Price Source on any Pricing Date includes, or is derived from, a price for one or more Component Futures published on any date between the Effective Date and such Pricing Date that is not a price published by the usual exchange or price source, but is a price determined by the Price Source; or
- (iii) the Commodity Reference Price published by the Price Source on any Pricing Date includes, or is derived from, a price for one or more Component Futures published by the usual exchange or price source on any date between the Issue Date and such

Pricing Date that, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, has been calculated or published subject to the occurrence of market disruption or similar, or otherwise not in accordance with the usual, then-current, method used by such exchange or price source.

**"Material Change in Formula"** means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the relevant Commodity Reference Price;

**"Material Change in Content"** means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the content, composition or constitution of the relevant Commodity or, in the case of a Commodity Index, Component;

**"Pricing Date"** means each date specified in the Final Terms or if that is not a Commodity Business Day, the immediately succeeding Commodity Business Day;

**"Price Source"** means the publication (or such other origin of reference, including an Exchange) containing (or reporting) the Relevant Price (or prices from which the Relevant Price is calculated) specified in the relevant Commodity Reference Price;

**"Price Source Disruption"** means (A) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish the Relevant Price (or the information necessary for determining the Relevant Price) for the relevant Commodity Reference Price, or (B) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source;

**"Reference Dealers"** means four leading dealers in the relevant Commodities market selected by the Calculation Agent;

**"Relevant Price"** means, in respect of any Commodity or Commodity Index, the Commodity Reference Price in respect of such Commodity or Commodity Index, as the case may be, on the Pricing Date;

**"Specified Maximum Days of Disruption"** means two Commodity Business Days or such other number of Specified Maximum Days of Disruption specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Tax Disruption"** means the imposition of, change in or removal of an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the relevant Commodity or in the case of a Commodity Index, Component (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Trade Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Relevant Price on the day that would otherwise be a Pricing Date from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; and

**"Trading Disruption"** means the material suspension of, or the material limitation imposed on, trading in the relevant Commodity or in the case of a Commodity Index, Component on the Exchange or in any additional futures contract, options contract or commodity on any Exchange as specified in the applicable Final Terms. For these purposes:

- (A) a suspension of the trading in the Commodity or Component, as the case may be, on any Commodity Business Day shall be deemed to be material only if:
  - (1) all trading in the Commodity or Component, as the case may be, is suspended for the entire Pricing Date; or
  - (2) all trading in the Commodity is suspended subsequent to the opening of trading on the Pricing Date, trading does not recommence prior to the regularly scheduled close of trading in such Commodity or Component, as the case may be, on such Pricing Date and such suspension is announced less than one hour preceding its commencement; and

- (B) a limitation of trading in the relevant Commodity or Component, as the case may be, on any Commodity Business Day shall be deemed to be material only if the relevant Exchange establishes limits on the range within which the price of the relevant Commodity may fluctuate and the closing or settlement price of the relevant Commodity on such day is at the upper or lower limit of that range.



## ANNEX 5

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FUND LINKED NOTES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Fund Linked Notes shall comprise the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out on page 37 (the “General Conditions”) and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the “Fund Linked Conditions”), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the General Conditions and the Fund Linked Conditions, the Fund Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the General Conditions and/or the Fund Linked Conditions and (ii) the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail.*

#### 1. Definitions

**“Additional Extraordinary Fund Event”** has the meaning given to it in the Final Terms.

**“Fund”** means the Fund or Funds specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Fund Documents”** means the prospectus, information memorandum and/or offering circular issued by the Fund in respect of the Shares and the constitutional documents of the Fund in each case specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Fund Share(s)”** means the shares, units or other similar interests in the Fund specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Hedge Provider”** such party as may from time to time hedge the Issuer’s payment obligations in respect of the Notes.

The Hedge Provider may be, *inter alia*, the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, an Affiliate or any third party holding Fund Shares or entering into any agreement to purchase or deliver, or pay an amount linked to the performance of the Shares.

**“NAV Barrier”** has the meaning given it in the applicable Final Terms.

**“Net Asset Value per Fund Share”** means the net asset value (howsoever such term is defined in the Fund Documents) per Fund Share.

**“Number of NAV Publication Days”** has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms.

#### 2. Extraordinary Fund Events

**“Extraordinary Fund Event”** means, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the occurrence at any time on or after the Issue Date of any of the following events and any applicable Additional Extraordinary Fund Event:

- (a) the Fund or the investment advisor, investment manager or sub-manager (i) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (ii) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (iii)(1) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors’ rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (2) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors’ rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause (1) above and either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or

the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within 15 days of the institution or presentation thereof; (iv) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or substantially all its assets; (v) has a secured party take possession of all or substantially all its assets or has a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or against all or substantially all its assets and such secured party maintains possession, or any such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained, in each case within 15 days thereafter; or (vi) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (i) to (v) above;

- (b) the commencement of any investigative, judicial, administrative or other civil or criminal proceedings against the Fund, the investment advisor, investment manager or sub-manager or any key personnel of such entities, if such proceedings could (in the opinion of the Calculation Agent) have an adverse impact on the Hedge Provider's rights or obligations in relation to its hedging activities in respect of the Notes;
- (c) any of the administrator, the custodian, the fund paying agent, the fund transfer agent, the domiciliary agent, the investment adviser and investment manager or sub-manager or other agents or the entities fulfilling such roles, howsoever described in the Fund Documents as at the Issue Date, ceases to act in such capacity in relation to the Fund and is not immediately replaced in such capacity by a successor acceptable to the Calculation Agent;
- (d) any of the investment objectives, investment restrictions or investment process (howsoever described) of the Fund are modified from that set out in the Fund Documents except where such change is of a formal, minor or technical nature or (ii) a material modification of the type of assets in which the Fund invests (including but not limited to a material deviation from the investment objectives, investment restrictions or investment process (howsoever described) set out in the Fund Documents);
- (e) a material modification of the Fund (including but not limited to a modification of the Fund Documents) or a material modification of the method of calculating the Net Asset Value per Fund Share or the occurrence of any event which in the determination of the Calculation Agent has or may have an adverse impact on the Fund (including, without limitation, the suspension of the Net Asset Value per Fund Share), in each case other than a modification or event which does not affect the Fund Shares or the Fund or any portfolio of assets to which the Fund Share relate (either alone or in common with other Fund Shares issued by the Fund);
- (f) the investment advisor, investment manager or sub-manager, the administrator or the custodian bank fails to provide the Calculation Agent, within a reasonable time, with any information that the Calculation Agent has reasonably requested regarding the investment portfolio of the Fund;
- (g) (i) the occurrence of any event affecting the Fund Shares that, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Calculation Agent to determine the value of the Fund Shares, and such event continues for at least 10 Business Days; (ii) any failure of the Fund, or its authorised representative, to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (1) information that the Fund has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Calculation Agent or Hedge Provider, or (2) information that has been previously delivered to the Hedge Provider or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, in accordance with the Fund's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Hedge Provider deems necessary for it or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, to monitor such Fund's compliance with any

investment guidelines, asset allocation methodologies or any other similar policies relating to the Fund Shares;

- (h) any of the Fund, the administrator or any entity fulfilling such role, howsoever described in the Fund Documents, or any other party acting on behalf of the Fund fails for any reason to calculate and publish the Net Asset Value per Fund Share within the Number of NAV Publication Days following any date scheduled for the determination of the valuation of the Fund Shares unless the cause of such failure to publish is of technical nature and outside the control of the entity responsible for such publication;
- (i) (i) any relevant activities of or in relation to the Fund or the investment adviser, managers or sub-managers thereof are or become unlawful, illegal or otherwise prohibited in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any present or future law, regulation, judgment, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power, or in the interpretation thereof, (ii) a relevant authorisation or licence is revoked or is under review by a competent authority in respect of the Fund or the investment adviser, manager or sub-manager thereof, (iii) the Fund is required by a competent authority (other than any holder of the Fund Shares) to redeem any Fund Shares and/or (iv) the Issuer and/or the Hedge Provider is required by a competent authority, the Fund or any other relevant entity to dispose of or compulsorily redeem any Fund Shares held in connection with any hedging arrangements relating to the Notes;
- (j) (i) the non-execution or partial-execution by the Fund for any reason of a subscription or redemption order in respect of any Fund Shares submitted by the Hedge Provider (including, for the avoidance of any doubt, any non-execution by the Fund pending completion of its fiscal audit), if such non-execution or partial execution could in the sole determination of the Hedge Provider have an adverse impact on the Hedge Provider's rights or obligations in relation to its hedging activities in relation to the Notes, (ii) the Fund otherwise suspends or refuses transfers of any of its Fund Shares as described in the Fund Documents, (iii) if applicable, the Fund ceases to be an undertaking for collective investments under the relevant jurisdictions legislation, (iv) the Fund otherwise suspends or refuses redemptions of any of its Fund Shares (including, without limitation, if the Fund applies any gating, deferral, suspension or other similar provisions permitting the Fund to delay or refuse redemption or transfer of Fund Shares) as described in the Fund Documents, (v) the Fund imposes in whole or in part any restriction (including, without limitation, any redemption in specie), charge or fee in respect of a redemption or subscription of its Fund Shares by the Issuer or the Hedge Provider or exercises its right to claw back the proceeds already paid on redeemed Fund Shares, as described in the Fund Documents, if in any case it could in the sole determination of the Hedge Provider have an adverse impact on the Hedge Provider's rights or obligations in relation to its hedging activities in relation to the Notes or (vi) a mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, of the Fund Shares is imposed by the Fund on any one or more holders of Fund Shares at any time for any reason;
- (k) the aggregate net asset value of the Fund falls below the NAV Barrier;
- (l) any proposal to wind up the Fund or the Fund ceases to exist or there exists any litigation against the Fund or the investment advisor, investment manager or sub-managers which in the determination of the Calculation Agent could materially affect the value of the Fund Shares;
- (m) the currency denomination of the Fund Share is amended from that set out in the Fund Documents so that the net asset value per Fund Share is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Trade Date;
- (n) there is a change in or in the official interpretation or administration of any laws or regulations relating to taxation that has or is likely to have a material adverse effect

on any hedging arrangements entered into by any Hedge Provider in respect of the Notes, (a “Tax Event”) and, subject as provided below, the Issuer or the Hedge Provider has, for a period of 20 Business Days following the day the relevant Tax Event became known to it, used reasonable efforts to mitigate the material adverse effect of the Tax Event by seeking to transfer such hedging arrangements to an affiliated company, provided that the Issuer or the Hedge Provider shall not under any circumstances be obliged to take any steps which would result in sustaining a loss or expense of any kind and the period set out above for such mitigation shall be deemed satisfied on any date it is or becomes apparent at any time that there is no means of mitigating the Tax Event;

- (o) in connection with any hedging activities in relation to the Notes, as a result of any adoption of, or any change in, any law, order, regulation, decree or notice, howsoever described, after the Issue Date, or issuance of any directive or promulgation of, or any change in the interpretation, whether formal or informal, by any court, tribunal, regulatory authority or similar administrative or judicial body of any law, order, regulation, decree or notice, howsoever described, after such date or as a result of any other relevant event (each a “Relevant Event”) (i) it would become unlawful or impractical for the Issuer or the Hedge Provider to hold (including, without limitation, circumstances requiring the Hedge Provider or the Issuer to adversely modify any reserve, special deposit, or similar requirement or that would adversely affect the amount of regulatory capital that would have to be maintained in respect of any holding of Fund Shares or that would subject a Fund Share holder of the Fund or the Issuer to any loss), purchase or sell any Fund Shares of the Fund or for the Issuer or the Hedge Provider to maintain such hedging arrangements, (ii) the cost to the Issuer or the Hedge Provider of such hedging activities would be materially increased or (iii) the Issuer and/or the Hedge Provider would be subject to a material loss and, subject as provided below, the Issuer or the Hedge Provider has, for a period of 5 Business Days following the day the Relevant Event became known to it, used reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect of the Relevant Event by seeking to transfer such hedging arrangements to an affiliated company, provided that the Issuer or the Hedge Provider shall not under any circumstances be obliged to take any steps which would result in sustaining a loss or expense of any kind and the period of 5 Business Days set out above shall be deemed satisfied on any date it is or becomes at any time that there is no means of mitigating the Relevant Event; or
- (p) in connection with the hedging activities in relation to the Notes, if the cost to the Issuer or the Hedge Provider in relation to the Notes would be materially increased or the Issuer and/or the Hedge Provider would be subject to a material loss, in each case following any action or inaction by the Fund, the investment advisor, investment manager or sub-manager relating to the Notes.

### 3. Consequences of an Extraordinary Fund Event

Following the occurrence of an Extraordinary Fund Event, the Calculation Agent shall take the action set out in the applicable Final Terms which may include, *inter alia*, adjusting or redeeming the Notes or substituting the affected Fund Shares.

Upon determining any such adjustment, redemption or replacement, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Noteholders in accordance with General Condition 10, giving details of the Extraordinary Fund Event and the action to be taken in respect thereof.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes by the Issuer will be applied for the general financing purposes of BNP Paribas.

## FORM OF THE NOTES

The Notes of each Series will be in either bearer form, with or without interest Coupons attached, or registered form, without Coupons attached. Notes will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S**”).

### **Bearer Notes**

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be initially issued in the form of a temporary bearer global note (a “**Temporary Bearer Global Note**”) which will (i) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN Form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depository (the “**Common Depository**”) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and (ii) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in NGN form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Whilst any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global Note if the Temporary Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the “**Exchange Date**”) which is 40 days after a Temporary Bearer Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (i) interests in a permanent bearer global note (a “**Permanent Bearer Global Note**”) of the same Series or (ii) for definitive Bearer Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given, provided that purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. persons will not be able to receive definitive Bearer Notes. The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global Note or for definitive Bearer Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Bearer Global Note if the Permanent Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Bearer Notes with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached upon either (i) not less than 60 days’ written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) to the Principal Paying Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, “**Exchange Event**” means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 8) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Bearer Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or

Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent. If the Global Note is a NGN, the Issuer shall procure that details of such exchange be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant clearing system.

In the event that the Permanent Bearer Global Note is exchanged for definitive Bearer Notes, such definitive Bearer Notes shall be issued in the minimum Specified Denomination only. Noteholders who hold Notes in the relevant clearing system in amounts that are not integral multiples of the Specified Denomination may need to purchase or sell, on or before the Exchange Date, a principal amount of Notes such that their holding is an integral multiple of the Specified Denomination.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Notes which have an original maturity of more than 365 days and on all receipts and interest coupons relating to such Notes:

**“ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.”**

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Notes, Receipts or Coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Bearer Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

### **Registered Notes**

The Registered Notes of each Tranche offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S, which will be sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States, will initially be represented by a global note in registered form, without Receipts or Coupons, (a “**Registered Global Note**”) which will be deposited with a common depository for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Prior to expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) applicable to each Tranche of the Notes, beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person save as otherwise provided in Condition 1(b) and such Registered Global Note will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer.

Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of definitive Notes in fully registered form.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register (as defined in Condition 4) as the registered holder of the Registered Global Notes. None of the Issuer, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Registered Notes in definitive form will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined in Condition 4) immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Registered Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Registered Notes without Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached only upon the

occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, “**Exchange Event**” means that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Registered Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Registered Global Note) may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Note will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case to the extent applicable.

### **Applicable Final Terms**

*Set out below is the form of Final Terms.*

The Final Terms will contain the information items permitted under Article 22.4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”).



## CLEARING SYSTEMS

### (1) Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for participating organisations and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between their respective participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of such participants. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide to their respective participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally-traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants are financial institutions throughout the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organisations. Indirect access to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is also available to others who clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant, either directly or indirectly.

### (2) Euroclear France

Notes may be accepted for clearance through Euroclear France.

Euroclear France is a French corporation (*société anonyme*) whose articles of incorporation and by-laws are subject to the approval of the French Minister of Finance. As specified in the order of 4 August 1949 its purpose is to facilitate the circulation of securities (*valeurs mobilières*) including notes among member institutions via book-entry transfers. Therefore, Euroclear France operates the clearing for securities on a delivery/payment basis.

Approved financial intermediaries (i.e. credit institutions and *sociétés de bourse*) and other clearing systems (including, directly or indirectly, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg) are affiliated member institutions of Euroclear France.

### (3) Euroclear Safekeeper

In respect of Bearer Notes which are NGNs, the Global Note will be delivered to a Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS

*Final Terms dated [●]*

**BNP PARIBAS**

**€80,000,000,000**

**PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS**

*(the Programme)*

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]**

*under the Programme*

[Date]

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth under the section[s] entitled “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” [and “Annex 1 - Additional Terms and Conditions for Index Linked Notes” / “Annex 2 - Additional Provisions for Share Linked Notes” / “Annex 3 - Additional Terms and Conditions for Inflation Linked Notes” / “Annex 4 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Commodity Linked Notes” / “Annex 5 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Fund Linked Notes”] in the Base Prospectus dated 30 May 2007 [and the Supplement[s] to the Base Prospectus dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive, and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. [The Base Prospectus, [these Final Terms [and the Supplement[s] to the Prospectus] [(in each case, together with any documents incorporated therein by reference)] [is] [are] available for viewing at, and copies may be obtained from, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (in its capacity as Principal Paying Agent), 33, rue de Gasperich, Howald - Hesperange, L-2085 Luxembourg and will be available on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange website “www.bourse.lu”].

*The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth under the section[s] entitled “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” [and “Annex 1 - Additional Terms and Conditions for Index Linked Notes” / “Annex 2 - Additional Provisions for Share Linked Notes” / “Annex 3 - Additional Terms and Conditions for Inflation Linked Notes” / “Annex 4 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Commodity Linked Notes” / “Annex 5 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Fund Linked Notes”] in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the Supplement[s] to the Prospectus dated [●]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “**Prospectus Directive**”), and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated [current date] [and the Supplement[s] to the Prospectus dated [●]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the Supplement[s] to the Prospectus dated [●]] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectuses dated [original date] and [current date] [and the Supplement(s) to the Prospectuses dated [●] and [●]]. [The Base Prospectuses, [these Final Terms [and the Supplement(s) to the Prospectuses] [is] [are] available for viewing at, and copies may be obtained from, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch (in its capacity as Principal Paying Agent), 33, rue de

Gasperich, Howald - Hesperange, L-2085 Luxembourg and will be available on the Luxembourg stock exchange website “www.bourse.lu”].

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[When completing any final terms, or adding any other final terms or information, consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.*

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|----|--|---|
| 1. | (i) Series Number:   | [●]   |
|    | (ii) Tranche Number:   | [●]   |
|    |  | <i>(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)</i>   |
| 2. | Specified Currency (or Currencies in the case of Dual Currency Notes): | [●]   |
| 3. | Aggregate Nominal Amount:  |   |
|    | (i) Series:  | [●]   |
|    | (ii) Tranche:  | [●]   |
| 4. | (i) [Issue Price of Tranche:]  | [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only if applicable)]  |
|    | (ii) [Net Proceeds:  | [●] (Required only for listed issues)]  |
| 5. | (i) Specified Denominations:   | [●] [●]   |
|    |  | <i>(Note – where multiple denominations above [€50,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:<br/>“[€50,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€99,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€99,000].”<sup>1</sup></i> |
|    |  | <i>(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €1,000 minimum denomination is not required.)</i>                          |
|    | (ii) Calculation Amount (Applicable to Notes in definitive form):      | (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination<br><br>If more than one denomination, insert the highest common factor.<br><br><i>Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)</i>   |
| 6. | (i) [Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]:]                     | [●]   |

<sup>1</sup> Delete if notes being issued are in registered form.

- (ii) [Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date):] [●]
7. Maturity Date: [Specify date] [or if that is not a Business Day the immediately [succeeding/preceding] Business Day [unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event it will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day].  
[In the case of Subordinated Notes, the minimum maturity will be five years]
8. Form of Notes: [Bearer/Registered]
9. Type of Notes: (i) [Fixed Rate/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon/Index Linked/Share Linked/Inflation Linked/Commodity Linked/Foreign Exchanged (FX) Linked/Credit Linked/Hybrid/Dual Currency/other]  
(ii) The Notes relate to [describe the relevant Underlying Reference].
10. Interest Basis: [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate][[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate][Zero Coupon][Index Linked][specify other](further particulars specified below)
11. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par/Index Linked/Inflation Linked/Commodity Linked/Foreign Exchange (FX) Linked/Credit Linked/Hybrid/ Dual Currency][Partly Paid][Instalment] [Physical Delivery][specify other]
12. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]
13. Put/Call Options: [Noteholder Put][Issuer Call][further particulars specified below]
14. Status of the Notes: [Senior/[Dated/Undated] Ordinary Subordinated/Undated Deeply Subordinated] (if subordinated specify [[Unsubordinated/Subordinated] interest and insert applicable provisions])
15. Listing: [None/See "Listing Application" on page [●] below]
16. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
- PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**
17. Fixed Rate Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Fixed Rate[(s)] of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear]

- (ii) Interest Period End Date(s): **[●]** in each year  
Business Day Convention for Interest Period End Date(s): **[Following/Modified Following/Preceding/None]**
- (iii) Interest Payment Date(s): **[●]** in each year  
Business Day Convention for Interest Payment Date(s): **[Following/Modified Following/Preceding/None/Not Applicable]**  
*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (iv) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): **[●]** per Calculation Amount
- (v) Broken Amount(s): **[[●]** per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling **[in/or] [●]**. *Insert particulars of any Initial or Final Broken Amounts of interest which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s)]*
- (vi) Day Count Fraction: **[30/360/Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [specify other]**
- (vii) Determination Date(s): **[●]** in each year  
*(Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon (NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*
- (viii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: **[None/Give details]**
- 18. Floating Rate Provisions** **[Applicable/Not Applicable]**  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Interest Period(s): **[●]**
- (ii) Interest Period End Date(s): **[●]**  
Business Day Convention for Interest Period End Date(s): **[Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None]**
- (iii) Interest Payment Date(s): **[●]**  
Business Day Convention for Interest Payment Date(s): **[Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]**  
*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment*

- Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/AFB other] Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
  - (v) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [●] [Calculation Agent]
  - (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
    - Reference Rate: [●]  
*(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – [including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement])*
    - Interest Determination Date(s): [●]  
*(Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR and second TARGET day prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR)*
    - Specified Time: [●] *(which will be 11:00 am, London time, in the case of LIBOR, or 11:00 am, Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR)*
    - Relevant Screen Page: [●]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)*
  - (vii) ISDA Determination:
    - Floating Rate Option: [●]
    - Designated Maturity: [●]
    - Reset Date: [●]
  - (viii) Margin(s): [ +/- ] [●] per cent. per annum
  - (ix) Minimum Interest Rate: [●] per cent. per annum
  - (x) Maximum Interest Rate: [●] per cent. per annum
  - (xi) Day Count Fraction: [●] [unadjusted]
  - (xii) Fall back provisions, day count fraction, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: [Condition 3(b)(v) applies/specify other]

**19. Zero Coupon Provisions**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Accrual Yield:  per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price:
- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining Amortised Face Amount payable:   
(Consider applicable Day Count Fraction if euro denominated)
- 20. Dual Currency Interest Provisions**   
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Exchange rate/method of calculating exchange rate:  [give details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the interest payable:  [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to exchange rate impossible or impracticable:
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable:
- 21. Index Linked Interest Provisions**   
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Index/Indices:   
[Composite/non Composite]
- (ii) Screen Page:
- (iii) Formula:  [Specify]
- (iv) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due:  [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
- (v) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:
- (vi) Interest Period(s):
- (vii) Interest Period End Date(s):   
Business Day Convention for Interest Period End Date(s):  [Following/Modified  
Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
- (viii) Interest Payment Date(s):   
Business Day Convention for Interest Payment Date(s):  [Following/Modified  
Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]  
(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business

		<i>Day Convention)</i>
(ix)	Day Count Fraction:	<b>[●]</b>
(x)	Averaging	Averaging [applies/does not apply] to the Notes. [The Averaging Dates are <b>[●]</b> .]  [In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]  [Modified Postponement]  <i>(only applicable if Modified Postponement is applicable as an Averaging election).</i>  [Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to: <b>[●]</b> /[eight]]  <i>(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)</i>
(xi)	Coupon Valuation Date(s):	<b>[Specify]</b>
(xii)	Observation Date(s):	<b>[The Observation Date(s) is/are <b>[●]</b>/Not Applicable.]</b>  [In the event that an Observation Date is a Disrupted Day/[Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]
(xiii)	Observation Period:	<b>[Specify/Not Applicable]</b>
(xiv)	Exchange Business Day:	<b>[(All Index Basis)/(Per Index Basis)]</b> <i>(standard election is All Index Basis)</i>
(xv)	Scheduled Trading Day:	<b>[(All Index Basis)/(Per Index Basis)]</b>  <i>((must match election made for Exchange Business Day)</i>
(xvi)	Exchange(s) and Index Sponsor:	(a) the relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] <b>[●]</b> ; and  (b) the relevant Index Sponsor is <b>[●]</b> .
(xvii)	Related Exchange:	<b>[Specify/[All Exchanges]]</b>
(xviii)	Weighting:	<b>[Not Applicable/The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the basket to ascertain the Settlement Price is <b>[●]</b>. Each such Weighting shall be subject to adjustment in the case of Index Linked Notes]/[specify other].</b> (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Notes relating to a basket)
(xix)	Relevant Time:	<b>[Scheduled Closing Time/Any time [on the Valuation Date/during the Observation Period.] [The relevant time is <b>[●]</b>, being the time specified on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, for the calculation of the Settlement Price.]</b> (N.B. if no Relevant Time is specified, the Valuation Time



- will be the Scheduled Closing Time).*
- (xx) Additional Disruption Events:
- (a) [(The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:]  
*(Specify each of the following which applies.)*  
 [Change in Law]  
 [[Hedging Disruption]  
 [Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity]  
*(N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Notes - Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is applicable to certain Share Certificates. Careful consideration should be given to whether Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity would apply to other Physical Delivery Notes)*  
 [Increased Cost of Hedging]  
 [Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]  
 [Loss of Stock Borrow]
- (b) [[The Trade Date is [●].]  
*(N.B. only applicable if Change in Law and/or Increased Cost of Hedging is applicable)]*
- (c) [[The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]  
*(N.B. only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)]*
- (d) [[([The Initial Stock Loan rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]  
*(N.B. only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)]]*
- (e) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event:  
 [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (xxi) Market Disruption  
 Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to [●]/[eight]:  
*(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)*
- (xxii) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event:  
 [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- 22.** Share Linked Interest Provisions  
 [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Share(s): [●]
- (ii) ISIN of Share(s): [Specify]

- (iii) Screen Page/Exchange Code: [Specify]
- (iv) Formula: [●] *[N.B If Formula includes an initial closing price use term "Initial Price" for relevant definition]*
- (v) Settlement Price: The Settlement Price will be calculated [insert Calculation Method]/[As set out in the Conditions]  
[Exchange Rate: [ ]]
- (vi) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
- (vii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (viii) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (ix) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Period End Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
- (x) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Payment Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]  
*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [●]
- (xii) Averaging Averaging [applies/does not apply] to the Notes. [The Averaging Dates are [●].]  
[In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]  
[Modified Postponement]  
*(only applicable if Modified Postponement is applicable as an Averaging election).*  
[Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to: [●]/[eight]]  
*(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)*
- (xiii) Coupon Valuation Date(s): [Specify]
- (xiv) Observation Date(s): [The Observation Date(s) is/are [●]/Not Applicable].  
[In the event that an Observation Date is a

- Disrupted  
Date/[Omission/Postponement/Modified  
Postponement] will apply.]
- (xv) Observation Period: [Specify/Not Applicable]
- (xvi) Exchange Business Day: [(All Share Basis)/(Per Share Basis)] (*standard election is All Index Basis*)
- (xvii) Scheduled Trading Day: [(All Share Basis)/(Per Share Basis)]  
(*must match election made for Exchange Business Day*)
- (xviii) Exchange(s): The relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●].
- (xix) Related Exchange(s): [Specify/All Exchanges]
- (xx) Weighting: [Not Applicable/The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the basket to ascertain the Settlement Price is [●]. Each such Weighting shall be subject to adjustment in the case of Share Linked Notes]/[specify other]. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Notes relating to a basket)
- (xxi) Relevant Time: [Scheduled Closing Time/Any time [on the Valuation Date/during the Observation Period.] [The relevant time is [●], being the time specified on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, for the calculation of the Settlement Price.] (N.B. if no Relevant Time is specified, the Valuation Time will be the Scheduled Closing Time).
- (xxii) Additional Disruption Events: (a) [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:]  
(*Specify each of the following which applies.*)  
[Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Insolvency Filing]  
[Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity]  
(*N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Notes - Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is applicable to certain Share Certificates. Careful consideration should be given to whether Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity would apply to other Physical Delivery Notes*)  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]  
[Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]  
[Loss of Stock Borrow]  
(b) [[The Trade Date is [●].]  
(*N.B. only applicable if Change in Law and/or Increased Cost of Hedging is applicable*)]  
(c) [[The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in

respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

(N.B. only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)]

(d) [[The Initial Stock Loan rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

(N.B. only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)]

(e) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(xxiii) Market Disruption Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to [●]/[eight]:

(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption is stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)

(xxiv) Tender Offer [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(xxv) Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency Share Substitution [is applicable/is not applicable]

(xxvi) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Extraordinary Event [Applicable/Not Applicable]

23. Commodity Linked Interest Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(if not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Commodity/Commodities/Commodity Index: [●]

(ii) Pricing Date(s): [●]

(iii) Formula: [●]

(iv) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other] [Address]

(v) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]

(vi) Interest Period(s): [●]

(vii) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]

Business Day Convention for Interest Period End Date(s): [Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None]

(viii) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]

Business Day Convention for Interest Payment Date(s): [Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]

(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number

*of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*

- (ix) Day Count Fraction: [●]
- (x) Commodity Reference Price: [●]
- (xi) Exchange(s): The relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●].
- (xii) Specified Maximum Days of Disruption: [●]/[two]  
  
(if no Specified Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to two) *(applicable only to Price Source Disruption or Trading Disruption)*
- (xiii) Additional Disruption Fallback(s): [●]/[Not Applicable]
- (xiv) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

**24. Inflation Linked Interest Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Index/Indices: [●]  
[Composite/non Composite]
- (ii) Screen Page/Exchange Code: [●]
- (iii) Formula: [●]
- (iv) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
- (v) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (vi) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (vii) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Period End Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
- (viii) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Payment Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]

*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business*

- Day Convention)*
- (ix) Day Count Fraction:
  - (x) Cut-Off Date: /[Not Applicable]
  - (xi) Related Bond: /Fall Back Bond
  - (xii) Issuer of Related Bond: /[Not Applicable]
  - (xiii) Fall Back Bond: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (xiv) Index Sponsor:
  - (xv) Related Bond Redemption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (xvi) Other Provisions:
- 25. Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Interest Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Formula/Exchange rates:
  - (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other Address]
  - (iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:
  - (iv) Interest Period(s):
  - (v) Interest Period End Date(s):
  - Business Day Convention for Interest Period End Date(s): [Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
  - (vi) Interest Payment Date(s):
  - Business Day Convention for Interest Payment Date(s): [Following/Modified Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]
- (If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (vii) Day Count Fraction:
  - (viii) Other Provisions:
- 26. Formula Linked Interest Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Formula:
  - (ii) Underlying:
  - (iii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other Address]
  - (iv) Provisions for determining coupon

where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:

- (v) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (vi) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]  
 Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
 Interest Period End Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
- (vii) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]  
 Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
 Interest Payment Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]  
*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (viii) Day Count Fraction: [●]
- 27. Fund Linked Interest Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (i) Fund: [●]
  - (ii) Fund Shares: [●]
  - (iii) Fund Documents: [●]
  - (iv) NAV Barrier: [●]
  - (v) Formula: [●]
  - (vi) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other  
[Address]]
  - (vii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
  - (viii) Interest Period(s): [●]
  - (ix) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]  
 Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
 Interest Period End Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
  - (x) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]  
 Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
 Interest Payment Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]  
*(If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
  - (xi) Day Count Fraction: [●]
  - (xii) Consequences of Extraordinary [●]

Fund Event:

- (xiii) Other Provisions: [●]
- 28. Credit Linked Interest Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Formula: [●]
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other [Address]]
- (iii) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (iv) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (v) Interest Period End Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Period End Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None]
- (vi) Interest Payment Date(s): [●]  
Business Day Convention for [Following/Modified  
Interest Payment Date(s): Following/Preceding/FRN/None/Not Applicable]
- (If a Business Day Convention is specified for Interest Period End Date(s), unless Interest Payment Date(s) are expressed to be a number of Business Days after the relevant Interest Period End Final Date, Interest Payment Date(s) must be subject to the same Business Day Convention)*
- (vii) Day Count Fraction: [●]
- (viii) Other Provisions: [●]

- 29. Additional Business Centre(s)** [●]  
(Condition 3(b)):

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

- 30. Issuer Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [●]



- (b) Higher Redemption Amount:
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions):
- 31. Noteholder Put Option**  [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s):
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):  per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions):
- 32. Final Redemption Amount**  per Calculation Amount/see below] The [Index/Share/Commodity/Inflation /Foreign Exchange Rate/Formula] Linked Redemption Amount specified below] /Physical Delivery]
- 33. Index Linked Redemption Amount**  [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Index/Indices:   
 [Composite/non Composite]
- (ii) Screen Page:  [Specify]
- (iii) Formula:
- (iv) Settlement Price: The Settlement Price will be calculated [insert calculation method] / [As set out in the Conditions]
- (v) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due:  [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other] [Address]
- (vi) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:
- (vii) Averaging:   
 Averaging  [applies/does not apply] to the Notes. [The Averaging Dates are .]  
 [In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]  
 [Modified Postponement]  
*(only applicable if Modified Postponement is applicable as an Averaging election).*  
 [Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to: /[eight]]

*(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)*

- (viii) Redemption Valuation Date: [Specify]
- (ix) [Observation Date(s): [The Observation Date(s) is/are /Not Applicable].]  
[In the event that an Observation Date is a Disrupted Date/[Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]
- (x) Observation Period: [Specify/Not Applicable]
- (xi) Exchange Business Day: [(All Index Basis)/(Per Index Basis)]  
*(standard election is All Index Basis)*
- (xii) Scheduled Trading Day: [(All Index Basis)/(Per Index Basis)]  
*(must match election made for Exchange Business Day)*
- (xiii) Exchange(s) and Index Sponsor: (a) the relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] ; and  
(b) the relevant Index Sponsor is .
- (xiv) Related Exchange: [Specify/All Exchanges]
- (xv) Weighting: [Not Applicable/The Weighting to be applied to each item comprising the basket to ascertain the Settlement Price is . Each such Weighting shall be subject to adjustment in the case of Index Linked Notes]/[specify other].  
*(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Notes relating to a basket)*
- (xvi) Relevant Time: [Scheduled Closing Time]/[Any time [on the Valuation Date /during the Observation Period.] [The relevant time is , being the time specified on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, for the calculation of the Settlement Price.] *(N.B. if no Relevant Time is specified, the Valuation Time will be the Scheduled Closing Time).*
- (xvii) Additional Disruption Events: (a) [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:]  
*(Specify each of the following which applies.)*  
[Change in Law]  
[[Hedging Disruption]  
[Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity]  
*(N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Notes - Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is applicable to certain Share Certificates. Careful consideration should be given to whether Failure to Deliver due to*

*Illiquidity would apply to other Physical Delivery Notes)*

[Increased Cost of Hedging]

[Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]

[Loss of Stock Borrow]

(b) [[The Trade Date is [●].]

*(N.B. only applicable if Change in Law and/or Increased Cost of Hedging is applicable)]*

(c) [[The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

*(N.B. only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)]*

(d) [[The Initial Stock Loan rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

*(N.B. only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)]*

(e) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(xviii) Market Disruption

Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to [●]/[eight]:

*(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)*

(xix) Knock-in Event:

[Not Applicable / specify /["greater than"/"greater than or equal to"/"less than"/"less than or equal to" Knock-in Level]]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

[In the event that a Knock-in Determination Day is a Disrupted Day, [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]

(a) Knock-in Level:

[specify]

(b) Knock-in Determination Day(s):

[specify / Each Scheduled Trading Day in the Knock-in Determination Period]

(c) Knock-in Period Beginning Date:

[Not Applicable / specify]

(d) Knock-in Period Ending Date:

[Not Applicable / specify]

(e) Knock-in Valuation Time:

[Scheduled Closing Time]/[Any time on a Knock-in Determination Day.]

(xx) Knock-out Event:

[Not Applicable / specify /["greater than"/"greater than or equal to"/"less than"/"less than or equal to" Knock-out Level]]

- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- [In the event that a Knock-in Determination Day is a Disrupted Day, [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]
- (a) Knock-out Level: [specify]
- (b) Knock-out Determination Day(s): [specify / Each Scheduled Trading Day in the Knock-out Determination Period]
- (c) Knock-out Period Beginning Date: [Not Applicable / specify]
- (d) Knock-out Period Ending Date: [Not Applicable / specify]
- (e) Knock-out Valuation Time: [Scheduled Closing Time]/[Any time on a Knock-out Determination Day.]
- (xxi) Automatic Early Redemption Event: [specify / See definition in Condition 6 of the Indexed Linked Conditions.]
- (a) Automatic Early Redemption Amount: [specify]
- (b) Automatic Early Redemption Date(s): [specify] [or if that is not a Business Day the immediately [succeeding/preceding] Business Day [unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event it will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.]
- (c) Automatic Early Redemption Level: [specify]
- (d) Automatic Early Redemption Rate: [specify]
- (e) Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date(s): [specify]
- [In the event that an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply]
- (xxii) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Index Adjustment Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- 34.** Share Linked Redemption Amount: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (if not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Share(s): [●]
- (ii) ISIN of Share(s): [Specify]
- (iii) Screen Page/Exchange Code: [Specify]
- (iv) Formula: [●] [N.B If Formula includes initial closing price use term "Initial Price" for relevant definition]

- (v) Settlement Price: The Settlement Price will be calculated [insert calculation method] / [As set out in the Conditions]  
[Exchange Rate: [ ]]
- (vi) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other] [Address]
- (vii) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (viii) Averaging Averaging [applies/does not apply] to the Notes. [The Averaging Dates are [●].]  
[In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]  
[Modified Postponement]  
*(only applicable if Modified Postponement is applicable as an Averaging election).*  
[Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to: [●]/[eight]]  
(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to eight)
- (ix) Redemption Valuation Date: [Specify]
- (x) Observation Date(s): [The Observation Date(s) is/are [●]/Not Applicable].  
[In the event that an Observation Date is a Disrupted Date/[Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply.]
- (xi) Observation Period: [Specify] [Not Applicable]
- (xii) Exchange Business Day: [(All Share Basis)/(Per Share Basis)]  
*(standard election is All Index Basis)*
- (xiii) Scheduled Trading Day : [(All Share Basis)Per Share Basis]  
*(must match election made for Exchange Business Day)*
- (xiv) Exchange(s): The relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●].
- (xv) Related Exchange(s) [Specify/All Exchanges]
- (xvi) Weighting: [Not Applicable/The Weighting to be applied to each item comprising the basket to ascertain the Settlement Price is [●]. Each such Weighting shall be subject to adjustment in the case of Share Linked Notes]/[specify other].

(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Notes relating to a basket)]

(xvii) Relevant Time: [Scheduled Closing Time/Any time [on the Valuation Date /during the Observation Period.] [The relevant time is [●], being the time specified on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, for the calculation of the Settlement Price.] (N.B. if no Relevant Time is specified, the Valuation Time will be the Scheduled Closing Time).

(xviii) Additional Disruption Events: (a) [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:]

(Specify each of the following which applies.)

[Change in Law]

[Hedging Disruption]

[Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity]

(N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Notes - Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is applicable to certain Share Certificates. Careful consideration should be given to whether Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity would apply to other Physical Delivery Notes)

[Increased Cost of Hedging]

[Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]

[Insolvency Filing]

[Loss of Stock Borrow]

(b) [[The Trade Date is [●].

(N.B. only applicable if Change in Law and/or Increased Cost of Hedging is applicable)]

(c) [[The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

(N.B. only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)]

(d) [[The Initial Stock Loan rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [●].]

(N.B. only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)]

(e) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Additional Disruption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(xix) Market Disruption Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to [●]/[eight]:

(if no Specific Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption

- will be equal to eight)
- (xx) Tender Offer [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (xxi) Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-  
listing, Nationalisation and  
Insolvency Share Substitution [is applicable/is not  
applicable]
- (xxii) Delayed Redemption on [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
Occurrence of Extraordinary Event:
- (xxiii) Knock-in Event: [Not Applicable / specify /["greater  
than"/"greater than or equal to"/"less than"/"less  
than or equal to" Knock-in Price]]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-  
paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- [In the event that a Knock-in Determination Day  
is a Disrupted Day,  
[Omission/Postponement/Modified  
Postponement] will apply.]
- (a) Knock-in Price: [specify]
- (b) Knock-in Determination [specify / Each Scheduled Trading Day in the  
Day(s): Knock-in Determination Period]
- (c) Knock-in Period Beginning [Not Applicable / specify]  
Date:
- (d) Knock-in Period Ending [Not Applicable / specify]  
Date:
- (e) Knock-in Valuation Time: [Scheduled Closing Time]/[Any time on a  
Knock-in Determination Day.]
- (f) Knock-in Number of [specify / See definition in Condition 5 of the  
Shares: Shared Linked Conditions]
- (xxiv) Knock-out Event: [Not Applicable / specify /["greater  
than"/"greater than or equal to"/"less than"/"less  
than or equal to" Knock-out Price]]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-  
paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- [In the event that a Knock-out Determination  
Day is a Disrupted Day,  
[Omission/Postponement/Modified  
Postponement] will apply.]
- (a) Knock-out Price: [specify]
- (b) Knock-out Determination [specify / Each Scheduled Trading Day in the  
Day(s): Knock-out Determination Period]
- (c) Knock-out Period [Not Applicable / specify]  
Beginning Date:
- (d) Knock-out Period Ending [Not Applicable / specify]  
Date:
- (e) Knock-out Valuation Time: [Scheduled Closing Time]/[Any time on a  
Knock-out Determination Day.]
- (f) Knock-out Number of [specify / See definition in Condition 5 of the  
Shares: Share Linked Conditions]

- (xxv) Automatic Early Redemption Event: [Not Applicable / specify /["greater than"/"greater than or equal to"/"less than"/"less than or equal to"] Automatic Early Redemption Price]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Automatic Redemption Amount: Early [specify / See definition in Condition 6 of the Share Linked Conditions]
- (b) Automatic Redemption Date(s): Early [specify] [or if that is not a Business Day the immediately [succeeding/preceding] Business Day [unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event it will be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.]
- (c) Automatic Redemption Price: Early [specify]
- (d) Automatic Redemption Rate: Early [specify]
- (e) Automatic Redemption Date(s): Early Valuation [specify]  
[In the event that the Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] will apply]

- 35. Commodity Linked Redemption Amount** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(if not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Formula: [●]
- (ii) Commodity/Commodities/Commodity Index: [●]
- (iii) Pricing Date(s): [●]
- (iv) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other] [Address]
- (v) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (vi) Commodity Reference Price: [●]
- (vii) Exchange(s): the relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●]
- (viii) Specified Maximum Days of Disruption [●]/[two]  
*(if no Specified Maximum Days of Disruption are stated, Specified Maximum Days of Disruption will be equal to two) (applicable only to Price Source Disruption or Trading*



- Disruption)*
- (ix) Additional Disruption Fallback(s): /Not Applicable]
  - (x) Delayed Redemption on Occurrence of Market Disruption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- 36. Inflation Linked Redemption Amount** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Index/Indices:   
[Composite/non Composite]
  - (ii) Formula:
  - (iii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
  - (iv) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:
  - (v) Cut-Off Date: /[Not Applicable]
  - (vi) Related Bond: /Fall Back Bond
  - (vii) Issuer of Related Bond: /[Not Applicable]
  - (viii) Fall Back Bond: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (ix) Index Sponsor:
  - (x) Related Bond Redemption Event: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (xi) Determination Date:
  - (xii) Index Sponsor:
- 37. Foreign Exchange (FX) Rate Linked Redemption Amount** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Formula:
  - (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]  
[Address]
  - (iii) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable:
  - (iv) Other Provisions
- 38. Formula Linked Redemption Amount** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Formula:
  - (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other]

- calculating the redemption amount due: [Address]
- (iii) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (iv) Other Provisions [●]
- 39. Early Redemption Amount**
- Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on Event of Default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 5(e)): [●]
- 40. Provisions applicable to Physical Delivery:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) [Entitlement in relation to each Note] Entitlement in relation to each Note is [specify]
- (ii) [Relevant Asset(s):] [As specified above] /The relevant asset to which the Notes relate [is/are] [●].
- (iii) Cut-Off Date: [●]
- (iv) [Settlement Business Day(s):] [specify]
- 41. Variation of Settlement:**
- (a) Issuer's option to vary settlement The Issuer [has/does not have] the option to vary settlement in respect of the Notes.
- (b) Variation of Settlement of Physical Delivery Notes: [Notwithstanding the fact that the Notes are Physical Delivery Notes, the Issuer may make payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date and the provisions of Condition 4(b)(B)(ii) will apply to the Notes./The Issuer will procure delivery of the Entitlement in respect of the Notes and the provisions of Condition 4(b)(B)(ii) will not apply to the Notes.]
- 42. Fund Linked Redemption Amount:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Fund: [●]
- (ii) Fund Share(s): [●]
- (iii) Fund Documents: [●]
- (iv) NAV Barrier: [●]
- (v) Formula: [●]
- (vi) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]
- (vii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [Principal Paying Agent]/[Dealer]/[Other] [Address]
- (viii) Consequences of Extraordinary Fund Event: [●]

- 43.** Credit Linked Redemption Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Formula: [●]
- (ii) Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the redemption amount due: [BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC]/[Dealer]/[other] [Address]
- (iii) Provisions for determining redemption amount where calculation by reference to Formula is impossible or impracticable: [●]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

- 44.** Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes:  
New Global Note:<sup>2</sup> [Yes/No]
- [Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for definitive Bearer Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event].
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date.]]
- [Registered Notes:  
Registered Global Note (U.S.\$[●] nominal amount)/Registered Notes in definitive form (specify nominal amounts)]
- 45.** Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days for the purposes of Condition 4(a): [Not Applicable/give details] (Note that this paragraph relates to the place of payment and not interest period end dates to which subparagraphs 19(iv) and 22(vii) relate)
- 46.** Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
- 47.** Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and, if different from those specified in the Temporary Global Note, consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details]
- 48.** Details relating to Notes redeemable in instalments: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made: [Not Applicable/give details]

<sup>2</sup> You should only elect "yes" opposite "New Global Note" if you have elected "yes" to the Section in Part B under the heading "Operational Information" entitled "Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility".

- (i) [Instalment Amounts: [●]]
- (ii) Instalment Dates: [●]]
49. Redenomination, renormalisation and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 7] annexed to these Final Terms] apply]
50. Other terms or special conditions: [Not Applicable/give details/specify rating, if applicable/specify any Payment Disruption Events and the consequences thereof, if applicable, for the purpose of Condition 4(a)]

## DISTRIBUTION

51. (i) If syndicated, names [and addresses]<sup>3</sup> of Managers [and underwriting commitments] (specifying Lead Manager): [Not Applicable/give names]
- (ii) Date of [Subscription Agreement]:<sup>4</sup> [●]
- (iii) Stabilising Manager (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
52. If non-syndicated, name of [and address]<sup>5</sup> Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name]
53. Total commission and concession:<sup>6</sup> [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
54. Additional selling restrictions: [Not Applicable/give details]

## [LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING APPLICATION

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required to list and have admitted to trading the issue of Notes described herein pursuant to the €80,000,000,000 Programme for the Issuance of Debt Instruments of BNP Paribas.]

## RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [[●] has been extracted from [●]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and

<sup>3</sup> Delete, if minimum denomination is less than EUR50,000 (or is equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date) and if the securities are not Derivative Securities.

<sup>4</sup> Delete, if minimum denomination is less than EUR50,000 (or is equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date) and if the securities are not Derivative Securities.

<sup>5</sup> Delete if minimum denomination is EUR50,000 and if the securities are not Derivative Securities (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date).

<sup>6</sup> Delete if minimum denomination is EUR 50,000 and if the securities are not Derivative Securities (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date).

that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by [●], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. Listing and Admission to trading

- (i) Listing: [Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market/Luxembourg Stock Exchange's EuroMTF Market/specify other/None]
- (ii) Admission to trading: [Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [●] with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable.]  
*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original [Notes] are already admitted to trading)*
- (iii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]<sup>1</sup>

### 2. Ratings

- Ratings: The Notes to be issued have been rated:  
[S & P: [●]]  
[Moody's: [●]]  
[Fitch: [●]]<sup>2</sup>
- [The following ratings reflect the ratings allocated to the Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally:  
[S & P: [ ]]  
[Moody's: [ ]]  
[Fitch: [ ]]<sup>3</sup>
- [Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider, for example:  
"As defined by Standard & Poors, an [AA+] rating means that the Issuer's capacity to meet its financial commitment under the Notes is very strong."  
"Obligations rated [Aa] by Moody's are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category."  
"As defined by Fitch an [AA] rating denotes a very low expectation of credit risk. It indicates a very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. Such capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events."]*

<sup>1</sup> Delete if minimum denomination is EUR 50,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date) and if the securities are not Derivative Securities.

<sup>2</sup> Insert where the issue has been specifically rated.

<sup>3</sup> Insert where the issue has not been specifically rated.

### 3. **[Risk Factors**

*[Include any product specific risk factors which are not covered under “Risk Factors” in the Base Prospectus. If any such additional risk factors need to be included consideration should be given as to whether they constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for either (i) a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and the relevant implementing measures in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the publication of which would in turn trigger the investors' right to withdraw their acceptances within a 48 hour time period or (ii) a Prospectus.]]*

*[Investors may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it, as the case may be, and/or, if the investor's liability is not limited to the value of his investment, a statement of that fact, together with a description of the circumstances in which such additional liability arises and the likely financial effect.]<sup>4</sup>*

### 4. **[Notification**

The *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*, which is the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive and the relevant implementing measures in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, [has been requested to provide/has provided - *include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues*] the [*include names of competent authorities of host Member States*] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

[The Issuer has authorised the use of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated ● by the Managers and [*include names [and addresses] of other financial intermediaries involved in the offer*] (the **Distributors** and, together with the Managers, the **Financial Intermediaries**) in connection with offers of the Notes to the public in [*insert jurisdiction where the Prospectus has been approved and published and jurisdictions into which it has been passported*] for the period set out in paragraph [●] below]

### 5. **[Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the [Issue/Offer]**

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement:

“Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.”]

### 6. **[Reasons for the Offer, Estimated Net Proceeds and Total Expenses<sup>5</sup>**

Reasons for the offer

**[●]**  
*(See “Use of Proceeds” wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)*

Estimated net proceeds:

**[●]**  
*(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)*

Estimated total expenses:

**[●]** *[Expenses are required to be broken down into each principal intended “use” and presented in order or priority of such “uses”].<sup>6</sup>*

<sup>4</sup> Required for derivative securities.

<sup>5</sup> If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies, disclosure in respect of Estimated Net Proceeds and Total Expenses is only required if reasons for the offer are disclosed.

*(N.B.: If the notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in (i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)*

**7. [Fixed Rate Notes only – Yield**

Indication of yield:

[•]

[Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.]<sup>7</sup>

[As set out above, the] [The] yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield. ]

**8. [Floating Rate Notes only – Historic Interest Rates**

[Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].]<sup>8</sup>

**9. [Performance of Index/ Share/ Commodity/ Inflation/ Foreign Exchange Rate/ Fund/ Reference Entity/ Entities/ Formula, Explanation of Effect on Value of Investment and Associated Risks and Other Information concerning the Underlying**

*Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula/commodity/rates/reference entity/fund/other variable can be obtained and a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]<sup>9</sup> [Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained.]<sup>10</sup>*

Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information. Where the underlying is a security need to include the name of the issuer of the security and the ISIN or equivalent identification number. Where the underlying is a basket of underlying, need to include the relevant weightings of each underlying in the basket.

Need to include a description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying and any adjustment rules in relation to events concerning the underlying (if applicable).

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<sup>6</sup> Not required for debt securities with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 50,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issuer Date).

<sup>7</sup> Not required for debt securities with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 50,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date).

<sup>8</sup> Not required for debt securities with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 50,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as of the Issue Date).

<sup>9</sup> Required for Derivative Securities.

<sup>10</sup> Required for derivative securities.



## 10. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (i) ISIN Code:
- (ii) Common Code:
- (iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg approved by the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent and the relevant identification number(s):  [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
- (iv) Delivery: Delivery  [against/free of] payment
- (v) Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):  [Not Applicable/give name]  
Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility<sup>11</sup>:  [Yes]  [No].

[Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs<sup>12</sup> as Common Safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.][include this text if “yes” selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form]

## 11. [Public Offers]

Offer Period:  to

*(Should be from the date of publication of the Final Terms to a specified date or a formula such as “the Issue Date” or “the date which falls  Business Days thereafter”.)*

Offer Price: [The Issuer has offered the Notes to the Managers at the initial issue price of  less a total commission of . OR (where the price is not determined at the date of the Final Terms) The issue price of the Notes will be determined by the Issuer and the [Managers] on or about [ ] in accordance with market conditions then prevailing, including [supply and demand for the Notes and other similar securities] [and] [the then current market price of *[insert relevant benchmark security, if any].*]

Conditions to which the offer is subject: [Offers of the Notes are conditional on their issue [and on any additional conditions set out in the standard terms of business of the Financial Intermediaries, notified to investors by such relevant Financial Intermediaries]]

<sup>11</sup> See Part A - 35 “Form of Notes - New Global Note”.

<sup>12</sup> The International Central Securities Depositories (i.e. Euroclear S.A. / N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme.



Paying Agent):

Entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under “best efforts” arrangements:<sup>15</sup> [•]

When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached: [•]

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<sup>15</sup> Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered.

## BNP PARIBAS GROUP

### Legal Status and Form of BNP Paribas

BNP Paribas is a French société anonyme registered with the *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* in Paris under number 662 042 449 (APE business identifier code: 651 C), licensed to conduct banking operations under the Monetary and Financial Code (*Code Monétaire et Financier, Livre V, Titre 1er*). The Bank was founded pursuant to a decree dated 26 May 1966. BNP Paribas is domiciled in France; its registered office is located at 16, boulevard des Italiens - 75009 Paris, France (telephone number: (+) 33 1 40 14 45 46). BNP Paribas is governed by banking regulations, the provisions of the Commercial Code applicable to trading companies and by its Articles of Association. The Bank's purpose (Article 3 of the Articles of Association) is to provide and conduct the following services with any legal entity or individual, in France and abroad, subject to compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to credit institutions licensed by the *Comité des Établissements de Crédit et des Entreprises d'Investissement*: any investment services, any services related to investment activities, any banking activities, any transactions related to banking activities, any purchase of an ownership interest, within the meaning of Book III, Title 1 relating to bank transactions, and Title II relating to investment services and their ancillary services, of the Monetary and Finance Code. The Bank was incorporated on 17 September 1993 for a period of 99 years. Each financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

### Business Overview

The Group (of which BNP Paribas is the parent company) is one of the top global players in financial services, conducting retail, corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management, insurance and specialised and other financial activities throughout the world. The Group is a leading European provider of corporate and investment banking products and services and a leading provider of private banking and asset management products and services throughout the world. It provides retail banking and financial services to over 20 million individual customers worldwide, in particular in Europe and the western United States, and has offices in more than 85 countries.

At 31 December 2006, the Group had consolidated assets of €1,440.3 billion (compared to €1,258.1 billion at 31 December 2005), consolidated loans and receivables due from customers of €393.1 billion (compared to €301.2 billion at 31 December 2005), consolidated items due to customers of €298.7 billion (compared to €247.5 billion at 31 December 2005) and shareholders' equity (Group share including income for 2006) of €49.5 billion (compared to €40.7 billion at 31 December 2005). Pre-tax net income for the year ended 31 December 2006 was €10.6 billion (compared to €8.4 billion for the year ended 31 December 2005). Net income, Group share, for the year ended 31 December 2006 was €7.3 billion (compared to €5.9 billion for the year ended 31 December 2005).

The Group currently has long-term senior debt ratings of "Aa1" with stable outlook from Moody's, "AA" with positive outlook from Standard & Poor's and "AA" with stable outlook from Fitch Ratings. Moody's has also assigned the Bank a Bank Financial Strength rating of "B" and Fitch Ratings has assigned the Bank an individual rating of "A/B".

The Group has three divisions: Retail Banking, Asset Management and Services and Corporate and Investment Banking, the latter two of which also constitute "core businesses". Operationally, the Retail Banking division is itself comprised of three core businesses: French Retail Banking, International Retail Banking and Financial Services, and Italian Retail Banking (BNL bc). The Group has additional activities, including those of its listed real estate subsidiary, Klépierre, that are conducted outside of its core businesses.

Except where otherwise specified, all financial information and operating statistics are presented as of 31 December 2006.

## TAXATION

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in France and/or, as the case may be, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the UK as of the date of this Programme and are subject to any changes in law. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes. Each prospective holder or beneficial owner of Notes should consult its tax advisor as to the Luxembourg or, as the case may be, the French or UK tax consequences of any investment in or ownership and disposition of the Notes.

### EU Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income

On 3 June 2003, the European Council of Economics and Finance Ministers adopted the Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the “**Savings Directive**”). Pursuant to the Savings Directive and subject to a number of conditions being met, Member States are required, since 1 July 2005, to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State, *inter alia*, details of payments of interest within the meaning of the Savings Directive (interest, products, premiums or other debt income) made by a paying agent located within its jurisdiction to, or for the benefit of, an individual resident in that other Member State (the “**Disclosure of Information Method**”).

For these purposes, the term “paying agent” is widely defined and includes in particular any economic operator who is responsible for making interest payments, within the meaning of the Savings Directive, for the immediate benefit of an individual.

However, throughout a transitional period, certain Member States (the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Belgium and Austria), instead of using the Disclosure of Information Method used by other Member States, unless the relevant beneficial owner of such payment elects for the Disclosure of Information Method, withhold an amount on interest payments. The rate of such withholding tax equals 15% during the first three years, 20% during the subsequent three years and 35% until the end of the transitional period.

Such transitional period will end at the end of the first full fiscal year following the later of (i) the date of entry into force of an agreement between the European Community, following a unanimous decision of the European Council, and the last of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Monaco and Andorra, providing for the exchange of information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement on Exchange of Information on Tax Matters released on 18 April 2002 (the “**OECD Model Agreement**”) with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the Savings Directive, in addition to the simultaneous application by those same countries of a withholding tax on such payments at the rate applicable for the corresponding periods mentioned above and (ii) the date on which the European Council unanimously agrees that the United States of America is committed to exchange of information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the Savings Directive.

A number of non-EU countries and dependent or associated territories have agreed to adopt similar measures (transitional withholding or exchange of information) with effect since 1 July 2005.

As regards Luxembourg taxation, the Savings Directive and several agreements concluded between Luxembourg and certain dependent territories of the European Union were implemented in Luxembourg law by the laws dated 21 June 2005 (the “**Laws**”).

### French Taxation

The Savings Directive was implemented into French law under Article 242 *ter* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, which imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

Payments of interest and other revenues with respect to Notes which constitute *obligations* under French law and are issued or deemed to be issued by the Issuer outside the Republic of France benefit from the exemption from deduction of tax at source on interest set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, as provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code*

*Général des Impôts*. Accordingly, such payments do not give the right to any tax credit from any French source.

Notes constituting *obligations* under French law will be issued (or deemed to be issued) outside France by the Issuer (i) in the case of syndicated or non-syndicated issues of Notes, if such Notes are denominated in euro, (ii) in the case of syndicated issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro, if, inter alia, the Issuer and the relevant Dealers agree not to offer the Notes to the public in the Republic of France in connection with their initial distribution and such Notes are offered in the Republic of France only through an international syndicate to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as described in Article L. 411-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* or (iii) in the case of non-syndicated issues of Notes denominated in currencies other than euro, if each of the subscribers of the Notes is domiciled or resident for tax purposes outside the Republic of France and does not act through a permanent establishment or fixed base therein, in each case as more fully set out in the Circular 5 I-11-98 of the *Direction Générale des Impôts* dated 30 September 1998.

However, if so provided in the relevant Final Terms, Notes constituting *obligations* denominated in currencies other than euro may be issued on a non-syndicated basis and placed with subscribers not all of whom are resident outside the Republic of France. In such cases, the Notes will not benefit from the exemption from deduction at source provided for in Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* and interest payments under such Notes made to a non-French resident will be exempt from withholding or deduction imposed by or on behalf of the Republic of France at source only if the beneficiary of the payment provides certification that he is not resident in the Republic of France, all in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, as more fully described in Condition 6.

See “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Taxation*”.

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute *obligations* will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

## **Luxembourg Taxation**

The following summary is of a general nature and is included herein solely for information purposes. It is based on the laws presently in force in Luxembourg, though it is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. Prospective investors in the Notes should therefore consult their own professional advisers as to the effects of state, local or foreign laws, including Luxembourg tax law, to which they may be subject.

Please be aware that the residence concept used under the respective headings below applies for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes only. Any reference in the present section to a tax, duty, levy, impost or other charge or withholding of a similar nature refers to Luxembourg tax law and/or concepts only. Also, please note that a reference to Luxembourg income tax encompasses corporate income tax (*impôt sur le revenu des collectivités*), municipal business tax (*impôt commercial communal*), a solidarity surcharge (*impôt de solidarité*) as well as personal income tax (*impôt sur le revenu*) generally. Investors may further be subject to net wealth tax (*impôt sur la fortune*) as well as other duties, levies or taxes. Corporate income tax, municipal business tax as well as the solidarity surcharge invariably apply to most corporate taxpayers resident of Luxembourg for tax purposes. Individual taxpayers are generally subject to personal income tax and the solidarity surcharge. Under certain circumstances, where an individual taxpayer acts in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, municipal business tax may apply as well.

## **Taxation of the Holders of Notes**

### **Withholding Tax**

#### **(i) Non-resident holders of Notes**

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the laws of 21 June 2005 (the **Laws**) mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to non-resident holders of Notes, nor on accrued but unpaid

interest in respect of the Notes, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of the Notes held by non-resident holders of Notes.

Under the Laws implementing the Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and ratifying the treaties entered into by Luxembourg and certain dependent and associated territories of EU Member States (the **Territories**), payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to or for the immediate benefit of an individual beneficial owner or a residual entity, as defined by the Laws, which are resident of, or established in, an EU Member State (other than Luxembourg) or one of the Territories will be subject to a withholding tax unless the relevant recipient has adequately instructed the relevant paying agent to provide details of the relevant payments of interest or similar income to the fiscal authorities of his/her/its country of residence or establishment, or, in the case of an individual beneficial owner, has provided a tax certificate issued by the fiscal authorities of his/her country of residence in the required format to the relevant paying agent. Where withholding tax is applied, it will be levied at a rate of 15% during the first three-year period starting 1 July 2005, at a rate of 20% for the subsequent three-year period and at a rate of 35% thereafter. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Notes coming within the scope of the Laws would at present be subject to withholding tax of 15%.

**(ii) Resident holders of Notes**

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the law of 23 December 2005 (the **Law**) mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to Luxembourg resident holders of Notes, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Notes, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of Notes held by Luxembourg resident holders of Notes.

Under the Law payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to or for the immediate benefit of an individual beneficial owner who is resident of Luxembourg will be subject to a withholding tax of 10%. Such withholding tax will be in full discharge of income tax if the beneficial owner is an individual acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Notes coming within the scope of the Law would be subject to withholding tax of 10%.

**Income Taxation**

**(i) Non-resident holders of Notes**

A non-resident corporate Noteholders or an individual Noteholders acting in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, who has a permanent establishment or permanent representative in Luxembourg to which such Notes are attributable, is subject to Luxembourg income tax on interest accrued or received, redemption premiums or issue discounts, under the Notes and on any gains realised upon the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, of the Notes.

**(ii) Resident holders of Notes**

A corporate Noteholders must include any interest accrued or received, any redemption premium or issue discount, as well as any gain realised on the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, of the Notes, in its taxable income for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes. The same inclusion applies to an individual Noteholders, acting in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking.

An individual Noteholders, acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth, is subject to Luxembourg income tax in respect of interest received, redemption premiums or issue discounts, under the Notes, except if withholding tax has been levied on such payments in accordance with the Law. A gain realised by an individual Noteholders, acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth, upon the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, of Notes is not subject to Luxembourg income tax, provided this sale or disposal

took place more than six months after the Notes were acquired. However, any portion of such gain corresponding to accrued but unpaid interest income is subject to Luxembourg income tax, except if withholding tax has been levied on such interest in accordance with the Law.

### **Net Wealth Taxation**

A corporate Noteholders, whether it is resident of Luxembourg for tax purposes or, if not, it maintains a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in Luxembourg to which such Notes are attributable, is subject to Luxembourg wealth tax on such Notes.

An individual Noteholders, whether he/she is resident of Luxembourg or not, is not subject to Luxembourg wealth tax on such Notes.

### **Other Taxes**

Neither the issuance nor the transfer of Notes will give rise to any Luxembourg stamp duty, value added tax, issuance tax, registration tax, transfer tax or similar taxes or duties.

Where a Noteholders is a resident of Luxembourg for tax purposes at the time of his/her death, the Notes are included in his/her taxable estate for inheritance tax assessment purposes.

Gift tax may be due on a gift or donation of Notes if embodied in a Luxembourg deed or recorded in Luxembourg.

### **UK Taxation**

**The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Notes and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current law and practice in the United Kingdom relating to certain aspects of United Kingdom taxation. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers) to whom special rules may apply. Prospective Noteholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should seek their own professional advice.**

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax.

However, Noteholders may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HM Revenue and Customs (**HMRC**) has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Noteholder, or who either pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes to or receives such amounts for the benefit of another person although HMRC published practice indicates that HMRC will not exercise the power referred to above to require this information in respect of such amounts payable on redemption of Notes where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2008. Information so obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HMRC with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

### **Belgian Taxation**

The following summary describes the principal Belgian withholding tax considerations with respect to the holding of the Notes obtained by an investor following this offer in Belgium.

This information is of a general nature and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Belgian tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to acquire, to hold and to dispose of the Notes. In some cases, different rules may be applicable. Furthermore, the tax rules may be amended in the future, possibly with retrospective effect, and the interpretation of the tax rules may change.

This summary is based on the Belgian tax legislation, treaties, rules, and administrative interpretations and similar documentation, in force as of the date of the publication of this offer in Belgium, without prejudice to any amendments introduced at a later date, even if implemented with retrospective effect.

This summary does not describe the tax consequences for a Noteholders that are redeemable in exchange for, or convertible into, shares of the exercise, settlement or redemption of such Notes and/ or any tax consequences after the moment of exercise, settlement or redemption. Neither, does it describe the indirect taxes (including *inter alia* transfer taxes, stamp duties, stock exchange taxes,



taxes on the physical delivery of bearer securities) that may be due following the acquisition, transfer or disposal of the Notes.

Each prospective Noteholders should consult a professional adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes, taking into account the influence of each regional, local or national law.

(A) Individual private investors

Natural persons who are Noteholders and who are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e. who are subject to Belgian personal income tax ("*Personenbelasting/Impôt des personnes physiques*"), are subject to the following tax treatment with respect to the Notes in Belgium. Other rules may be applicable in special situations, in particular when natural persons resident in Belgium acquire the Notes for professional purposes or when their transactions with respect to the Notes fall outside the scope of the normal management of their own private estate.

According to Belgian tax law interest includes any amount paid by the Issuer in excess of the issuance price of the Notes (e.g. at the maturity date or at early redemption).

Payments of interest on the Notes made through a paying agent in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 15% withholding tax in Belgium (calculated on the interest received after deduction of any non-Belgian withholding taxes). The Belgian withholding tax constitutes the final income tax for natural persons. This means that they do not have to declare the interest obtained on the Notes in their personal income tax return, provided withholding tax was levied on these interest payments.

If the interest is paid outside Belgium without the intervention of a Belgian paying agent, the interest received (after deduction of any non-Belgian withholding tax) must be declared in the personal income tax return and will be taxed at a flat rate of 15% (plus local surcharges).

If the Notes qualify as fixed income securities for the purposes of article 2, §4 of the Belgian Income Tax Code (ITC), in the event of a transfer of the Notes between two interest payment dates, income equal to the accrued interest corresponding to the detention period must be declared and income tax at a flat rate of 15% plus local surcharges will be due if no Belgian withholding tax has been levied on that amount.

Capital gains realised on the sale of the Notes to a party other than the Issuer, except in respect of that part of the sale price attributable to the *pro rata* interest component, are in principle tax exempt.

Capital losses on the Notes are generally not tax deductible.

(B) Tax treatment of Belgian corporations

Corporations Noteholders who are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e. who are subject to Belgian Corporate Income Tax ("*Vennootschapsbelasting/Impôt des sociétés*") are subject to the following tax treatment with respect to the Notes in Belgium.

Interest received by Belgian corporate investors on the Notes and capital gains realised on the Notes will be subject to Belgian corporate income tax of 33.99%. Capital losses are in principle deductible.

Interest payments on the Notes made through a paying agent in Belgium can under certain circumstances be exempt from withholding tax, provided a certificate is delivered. The withholding tax that has been levied is creditable in accordance with the legal provisions.

(C) Other legal entities

Legal entities Noteholders who are Belgian residents for tax purposes, i.e. who are subject to Belgian tax on legal entities ("*Rechtspersonenbelasting/impôt des personnes morales*") are subject to the following tax treatment with respect to the Notes in Belgium.

According to Belgian tax law interest includes any amount paid by the Issuer in excess of the issuance price of the Notes (e.g. at the maturity day or at early redemption).

Payments of interest on the Notes made through a paying agent in Belgium will in principle be subject to a 15% withholding tax in Belgium and no further tax on legal entities will be due on the interest.

However, if the interest is paid outside Belgium without the intervention of a Belgian paying agent and without the deduction of Belgian withholding tax, the legal entity itself is responsible for the deduction and payment of the 15% withholding tax.

If the Notes qualify as fixed income securities for the purposes of article 2, §4 of the ITC, in the event of a transfer of the Notes between two interest payment dates, Belgian legal entities have to pay a 15% withholding tax on the accrued interest corresponding to the detention period.

Capital gains realised on the sale of the Notes to a party other than the Issuer, except in respect of that part of the sale price attributable to the *pro rata* interest component, are in principle tax exempt.

(D) Non-resident investors

The interest income on the Notes paid through a professional intermediary in Belgium will, in principle, be subject to a 15% withholding tax. If the investor is a resident of a country that has entered into a double taxation agreement with Belgium, a reduction or an exemption of withholding tax may be applicable under specified circumstances.

Non-resident investors can obtain an exemption of Belgian withholding tax on interest from the Notes if they deliver an affidavit confirming their non-resident status, provided (i) they hold the Notes in full ownership or usufruct; (ii) the Notes are paid through a Belgian financial institution, stock market company or clearing institution and (iii) the Notes are not used for carrying on a business in Belgium by the Issuer or by the Noteholder.

The non-residents who use the debt instruments to exercise a professional activity in Belgium through a permanent establishment are subject to the same tax rules as Belgian resident companies.

(E) The EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC0 regarding the taxation of savings income (hereafter, the "**Savings Directive**"), since 1 July 2005 Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income paid by a paying agent (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) to (or under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) an individual resident in another Member State. However, this requirement does not apply to Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg who are instead required to impose a withholding system (i.e. the Source Tax) for a transitional period unless the beneficiary of the interest payments elects for the exchange of information. The Source Tax rate is initially 15%, increasing steadily to 20% and to 35%. The ending of such transitional period depends on the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to exchange of information with certain other countries.

A number of non-EC countries and territories, including Switzerland, have agreed to adopt similar measures with effect from the same date.

## German Taxation

The following is a general discussion of certain German tax consequences of the acquisition and ownership of Notes (the "**Notes**"). It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase Notes, and, in particular, does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a particular purchaser (including the tax consequences of holding the Notes for investment funds and other tax exempt entities). This summary is based on the laws of Germany currently in force and as applied on the date of this Prospectus, which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive or retrospective effect.

**Prospective purchasers of Notes are advised to consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Notes, including the effect of any state or local taxes, under the tax laws of Germany and each country of which they are residents.**

#### *Tax Residents*

Payments of interest on the Notes, including interest having accrued up to the disposition of an Instrument and credited separately ("Accrued Interest"; *Stückzinsen*), if any, to persons who are tax residents of Germany (i.e., persons whose residence, habitual abode, statutory seat, or place of effective management and control is located in Germany) are subject to German personal or corporate income tax (plus solidarity surcharge (*Solidaritätszuschlag*) at a rate of 5.5 per cent. and if applicable, church tax thereon). Such interest may also be subject to trade tax if the Notes form part of the property of a German trade or business. Accrued Interest paid upon the acquisition of a Note may give rise to negative income if the Note is held as a non-business asset. In addition church tax may apply.

Upon the disposition, assignment or redemption of a Note a holder holding the Note as a non-business asset will have to include in his taxable income further amounts if the Note can be classified as a financial innovation (*Finanzinnovation*) under German tax law (including, among other things, zero coupon notes, discounted notes (provided the discount exceeds certain thresholds), Notes being traded "flat", i.e. without Accrued Interest being credited separately, or stripped bonds, i.e. bonds traded without coupons and coupons traded without bonds, notes that have a variable interest rate such as notes with a coupon step-up or step-down (but excluding floating rate and inverse floating rate notes according to a recent case law) , notes under which the repayment of principal or a consideration for the use of capital is expressly or de facto) promised as granted (like e.g. notes with a knock-out feature which do not expire completely as worthless after the knock-out event , potentially notes with a knock-in feature). In this case, generally the difference between the proceeds from the disposition, assignment or redemption and the issue or purchase price is deemed to constitute interest income subject to income tax (plus the solidarity surcharge at a rate of 5.5 per cent. and, if applicable, church tax thereon) in the year of the disposition, assignment or maturity of the Note. Alternatively, the holder of the Note or the tax authority may show that such actual difference exceeds or falls short the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price of the Note to the extent attributable to the period over which the holder has held such Note. In this case only the pro-rated initial yield to maturity as determined as of the time of issue, minus interest, including Accrued Interest already taken into account, is taxed as interest income. Upon exchange of an Instrument for securities upon redemption generally the positive difference between the fair market value of the securities received at the time of exchange and the issue or purchase price of the Notes constitutes interest income subject to tax as described above. Where Notes are issued in a currency other than Euro the market yield or respectively the pro-rated yield to maturity will be computed in the foreign currency and will then be converted into Euro. Upon exchange of a Note for securities upon redemption generally the positive difference between the fair market value of the securities received at the time of the exchange and the issue or purchase price of the Notes constitutes interest income subject to tax as described above.

Where a Note forms part of the property of a German trade or business, each year the part of the difference between the issue or purchase price of the Note and its redemption amount (if such amount is fixed at the time of the acquisition) attributable to such year as well as interest accrued must be taken into account as interest income and may also be subject to trade tax.

Capital gains from the disposition of Notes, other than income described in the second paragraph above, are only taxable to a German tax-resident individual if the Notes are disposed of within one year after their acquisition or form part of the property of a German trade or business, in which case the capital gains may also be subject to trade tax. Capital gains derived by German-resident

corporate holders of Notes will be subject to corporate income tax (plus solidarity surcharge at a rate of 5.5 per cent. thereon) and trade tax.

If Notes, other than Notes in registered form, are held in a custodial account that the Noteholder maintains with a German branch of a German or non-German bank or financial services institution (the "Disbursing Agent") a 30 per cent. withholding tax on interest payments (*Zinsabschlag*), plus 5.5 per cent. solidarity surcharge on such tax, will be levied, resulting in a total tax charge of 31.65 per cent. of the gross interest payment. Withholding tax on interest is also imposed on Accrued Interest. [The same applies to Notes in registered form, provided the obligor is a German branch of a German or non-German bank or financial services institution.]

In addition, if Notes, other than Notes in registered form, qualify as financial innovations, as explained above, and are kept in a custodial account that the holder of a Note maintains with a Disbursing Agent such custodian will generally withhold tax at a rate of 30 per cent. (plus solidarity surcharge at a rate of 5.5 per cent. thereon) from the positive difference between the redemption amount or proceeds from the disposition or assignment and the issue or purchase price of the Notes if the Notes have been kept in a custodial account with such Disbursing Agent since the time of issuance or acquisition, respectively. Where Notes are issued in a currency other than Euro the difference will be computed in the foreign currency and will then be converted into Euro. If the Notes have not been kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent since the time of issuance or acquisition, withholding tax of 30 per cent. is applied to 30 per cent. of the amounts paid in partial or final redemption or the proceeds from the disposition or assignment of the Notes, respectively.

In computing the tax to be withheld the Disbursing Agent may deduct from the basis of the withholding tax any Accrued Interest previously paid by the holder of a Note to the Disbursing Agent during the same calendar year. In general, no withholding tax will be levied if the holder of a Note is an individual (i) whose Note does not form part of the property of a German trade or business nor gives rise to income from the letting and leasing of property; and (ii) who filed a withholding exemption certificate (*Freistellungsauftrag*) with the Disbursing Agent but only to the extent the interest income derived from the Note together with other investment income does not exceed the maximum exemption amount shown on the withholding exemption certificate. Similarly, no withholding tax will be deducted if the holder of a Note has submitted to the Disbursing Agent a certificate of non-assessment (*Nichtveranlagungsbescheinigung*) issued by the relevant local tax office. If, in the case of physical delivery, no cash payment is made upon redemption, the Disbursing Agent will request that the holder of a Note provides him with a cash amount equal to the withholding tax obligation to it. If the holder of a Note does not pay the amount to be withheld by the Disbursing Agent the latter must notify the competent German tax authority of such failure which will then collect the tax not withheld otherwise.

If Notes, other than Notes in registered form, are not kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent, withholding tax will apply at a rate of 35 per cent. of the gross amount of interest paid by a Disbursing Agent upon presentation of a coupon (whether or not presented with the Note to which it appertains) to a holder of such coupon (other than a non-German bank or financial services institution) (*Tafelgeschäft*). In this case proceeds from the disposition, assignment or redemption of a Coupon, and if the Notes qualify as financial innovations 30 per cent. of the proceeds from the disposition, assignment or redemption of a Note, will also be subject to withholding tax at a rate of 35 per cent. Where the 35 per cent. withholding tax applies Accrued Interest paid cannot be taken into account in determining the withholding tax base. Again a solidarity surcharge at a rate of 5.5 per cent. of the withholding tax applies so that the total tax burden to be withheld is 36.925 per cent.

Withholding tax and the solidarity surcharge thereon are credited as prepayments against the German personal or corporate income tax and the solidarity surcharge liability of the German resident. Amounts over withheld will entitle the holder of a Note to a refund, based on an assessment to tax.

#### *Non-residents*

Interest, including Accrued Interest, and capital gains are not subject to German taxation, unless (i) the Notes form part of the business property of a permanent establishment, including a permanent representative, or a fixed base maintained in Germany by the holder of a Note; or (ii) the interest income otherwise constitutes German-source income (such as income from the letting and leasing of certain German-situs property). In cases (i) and (ii) a tax regime similar to that explained above under "Tax Residents" applies. Capital gains from the disposition of Notes other than proceeds from their sale or redemption recharacterised as interest income for German tax purposes (as explained above under "Tax Residents") are, however, only taxable in the case of (i) above.

Non-residents of Germany are, in general, exempt from German withholding tax on interest and the solidarity surcharge thereon. However, where the interest is subject to German taxation as set forth in the preceding paragraph and Notes, other than Notes in registered form, are held in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent, or the obligor of a Note in registered form is a German branch of a German or non-German bank or financial services institution, withholding tax is levied as explained above under "Tax Residents". Where Notes are not kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent and interest or proceeds from the disposition, assignment or redemption of a Note, other than a Note in registered form, are paid by a Disbursing Agent to a non-resident, withholding tax of 35 per cent. will apply as explained above under "Tax Residents". The withholding tax may be refunded based on an assessment to tax or under an applicable tax treaty.

#### *Tax Reform 2009*

On 14 March 2007 the Federal Government approved draft legislation that if implemented would significantly change the taxation of investment income derived by German-resident individuals holding the Notes as non-business assets. Pursuant to the approved draft legislation a German custodian would have to withhold tax at a rate of 25% (plus solidarity surcharge and, if applicable, church tax thereon) from capital gains, regardless of the holding period. In general, this withholding tax would also settle the income tax liability of such taxpayer. Alternatively, a taxpayer may ask for an assessment to tax if his or her individual tax rate is lower than 25%. The new rules would generally apply from 2009 with certain grandfathering rules for capital gains derived from assets acquired prior to 2009. Please note that the draft legislation still requires the approval of the German parliament which may also amend the draft so that it is currently not predictable whether and in what form the draft legislation will ultimately be implemented.

#### *Inheritance and Gift Tax*

No inheritance or gift taxes with respect to any Note will arise under the laws of Germany, if, in the case of inheritance tax, neither the decedent nor the beneficiary, or, in the case of gift tax, neither the donor nor the donee, is a resident of Germany and such Note is not attributable to a German trade or business for which a permanent establishment is maintained, or a permanent representative has been appointed, in Germany. Exceptions from this rule apply to certain German expatriates.

#### *Other Taxes*

No stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties will be payable in Germany in connection with the issuance, delivery or execution of the Notes. Currently, net assets tax is not levied in Germany.

## *EU Savings Tax Directive*

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required, from 1st July, 2005, to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have agreed to adopt similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland) with effect from the same date.

By legislative regulations dated January 26, 2004 the Federal Government enacted provisions implementing the Directive into German law. These provisions apply from July 1, 2005.

## **Italian Taxation**

*The statements herein regarding taxation summarize the principal Italian tax consequences of the purchase, the ownership and the disposal of the Notes. They apply to a Noteholders only if such holder purchases its Notes under the Programme. It is a general summary that does not apply to certain categories of investors and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes. It does not discuss every aspect of Italian taxation that may be relevant to a Noteholders if such holder is subject to special circumstances or if such holder is subject to special treatment under applicable law.*

*This summary assumes that the Issuer is resident in France for tax purposes, that the Issuer is organized and that the Issuer's business will be conducted in the manner outlined in this Debt Issuance Prospectus. Changes in the Issuer's tax residence, organizational structure or the manner in which the Issuer conducts its business may invalidate this summary. This summary also assumes that each transaction with respect to Notes is at arm's length.*

*Where in this summary English terms and expressions are used to refer to Italian concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Italian concepts under Italian tax law.*

*The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in the Republic of Italy as of the date of this Debt Issuance Prospectus and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. The Issuer will not update this summary to reflect changes in laws and if such a change occurs the information in this summary could become invalid. With regard to certain innovative or structured financial instruments there is currently neither case law nor comments of the Italian tax authorities as to the tax treatment of such financial instruments. Accordingly, it cannot be excluded that the Italian tax authorities and courts or Italian paying agents may adopt a view different from that outlined below.*

*Prospective purchasers of Notes issued under the Programme are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences under Italian tax law, under the tax laws of the country in which they are resident for tax purposes and of any other potentially relevant jurisdiction of acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes, including in particular the effect of any state, regional or local tax laws.*

*This summary does not describe the tax consequences for a Noteholders that are redeemable in exchange for, or convertible into, shares, or of Physical Delivery Notes, of the exercise, settlement or redemption of such Notes and/or any tax consequences after the moment of exercise, settlement or redemption.*

*In the near future, the Italian Government could be authorised by the Parliament to introduce a fixed withholding tax on capital gains and financial incomes not exceeding 20%, which may impact upon the tax regime of the Notes.*

### **1. Interest and other proceeds**

## 1.1. Notes qualifying as bonds or securities similar to bonds

### A. Notes with a maturity of at least 18 months

Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended (the “**Decree 239**”), regulates the tax treatment of interest, premium and other income (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price, hereinafter collectively referred to as “**Interest**”) from notes having a maturity of eighteen months or more and issued, *inter alia*, by non-Italian resident entities, falling within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or securities similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*).

For this purpose, securities similar to bonds are securities that incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value and that do not allow any direct or indirect participation to the management of the issuer.

#### **Italian Resident Noteholders**

Where an Italian resident Noteholder who is the beneficial owner of the Notes is (i) an individual not engaged in a business activity to which the Notes are effectively connected, (ii) a non-commercial partnership, (iii) a non commercial private or public institution, or (iv) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, Interest payments relating to the Notes are subject to a tax, referred to as *imposta sostitutiva*, levied at the rate of 12.5% (either when the Interest is paid by the Issuer, or when payment thereof is obtained by the Noteholder on a sale of the relevant Notes). The *imposta sostitutiva* may not be recovered by the Noteholder as a deduction from the income tax due.

In case the Notes are held by an investor engaged in a business activity and are effectively connected with same business activity, the Interest will be subject to the *imposta sostitutiva* and will be included in the relevant income tax return. As a consequence, the Interest will be subject to the ordinary income tax and the *imposta sostitutiva* may be recovered as a deduction from the income tax due.

Pursuant to Decree 239, *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by banks, *società di intermediazione mobiliare* (“**SIMs**”), fiduciary companies, *società di gestione del risparmio* (“**SGRs**”) stock exchange agents and other entities identified by the relevant Decrees of the Ministry of Finance (the “**Intermediaries**”).

The *imposta sostitutiva* does not apply, *inter alia*, to the following subjects, to the extent that the Notes and the relevant Coupons are deposited in a timely manner, directly or indirectly, with an Intermediary:

- (i) Corporate investors – Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a corporation or a similar commercial entity (including a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Notes are effectively connected), Interest accrued on the Notes must be included in: (I) the relevant Noteholder’s yearly taxable income for corporate income tax purposes (“**IRES**”), applying at a rate equal to 33%; and (II) in certain circumstances, depending on the “status” of the Noteholder, also in its net value of production for the purposes of regional tax on productive activities (“**IRAP**”), generally applying at the rate of 4.25%. Such Interest is therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation according to the ordinary rules;
- (ii) Investment funds – Italian investment funds (which includes *Fondo Comune d’Investimento*, or SICAV), as well as Luxembourg investment funds regulated by article 11-bis of Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983 (collectively, the “**Funds**”) are subject to a 12.5% substitutive tax on their annual net accrued result. Interest on the Notes is included in the calculation of such annual net accrued result.
- (iii) Pension funds – Pension funds (subject to the tax regime set forth by article 17 of the Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005, the “**Pension Funds**”) are subject to an 11% substitutive tax on their annual net accrued result. Interest on the Notes is included in the calculation of said annual net accrued result; and

- (iv) Real estate investment funds – Payments of Interest in respect of the Notes to Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the “**Real Estate Investment Funds**”) are generally subject neither to *imposta sostitutiva* nor to any other income tax in the hands of the same Real Estate Investment Funds.

#### **Non-Italian Resident Noteholders**

Interest payments relating to Notes received by non-Italian resident beneficial owners (not having a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected) are generally not subject to tax in Italy.

#### **Early Redemption**

Without prejudice to the above-described regime, if the Notes are subject to an early redemption within 18 months from the issue date, certain Italian resident Noteholders will be required to pay an additional tax at the rate of 20% in respect of Interest accrued thereon up to the date of early redemption, pursuant to Article 26(3) of Presidential Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973, as amended. According to one interpretation of Italian tax law, the above 20% additional tax may also be due in the event that the Issuer were to purchase the Notes and subsequent cancel them prior to the aforementioned eighteen-month period.

### **B. Notes With a Maturity Of Less Than 18 Months**

Pursuant to the Decree 239, Interest payments relating to Notes issued with a maturity of less than 18 months are subject to *imposta sostitutiva* at 27% rate, if paid to an Italian resident beneficial owner which is: (i) an individual not engaged in a business activity to which the Notes are effectively connected; (ii) a non-commercial partnership; (iii) a non-commercial private or public institution; (iv) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income tax; (v) a Pension Fund; and (vi) a Fund.

Interest payments received by: (a) Italian resident companies or similar commercial entities (including a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Notes are effectively connected) and (b) Italian resident commercial partnerships, form part of their aggregate income subject to IRES. In certain cases, said Interest may also be included in the taxable net value of production for IRAP purpose.

Interest payments relating to Notes received by non-Italian resident beneficial owners (not having permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected) are generally not subject to tax in Italy.

#### **1.2. Notes qualifying as atypical securities**

Interest payments relating to Notes that are not deemed to fall within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or securities similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) are subject to a withholding tax, levied at the rate of 27%, if made to the following Italian resident Noteholders: (i) individuals not engaged in a business activity to which the Notes are effectively connected; (ii) non-commercial partnerships; (iii) Real Estate Investment Funds; (iv) Pension Fund; (v) Funds; and (vi) entities exempt from corporate income tax.

Interest payments on Notes made to Italian resident Noteholders which are (i) companies or similar commercial entities (including a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Notes are effectively connected), and (ii) commercial partnerships, are not subject to the aforementioned 27% withholding tax, but form part of their aggregate income subject to IRES. In certain cases, such Interest may also be included in the taxable net value of production for IRAP purpose.

Interest payments relating to Notes received by non-Italian resident beneficial owners (not having a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected) are generally not subject to tax in Italy.

### **2. Capital Gains**

#### **Italian Resident Noteholders**



Pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997, as amended, a 12.5% capital gains tax (the “CGT”) is applicable to capital gains realized on any sale or transfer of the Notes for consideration or on redemption thereof by Italian resident individuals (not engaged in a business activity to which the Notes are effectively connected), regardless of whether the Notes are held outside of Italy.

For the purposes of determining the taxable capital gain, any Interest on the Notes accrued and unpaid up to the time of the purchase and the sale of the Notes must be deducted from the purchase price and the sale price, respectively.

Should the Notes qualify as atypical securities, based on a very restrictive interpretation, the aforesaid capital gains would be subject to the 27% final withholding tax mentioned under paragraph “Notes qualifying as atypical securities”, above.

Taxpayers can opt for certain alternative regimes in order to pay the CGT.

The aforementioned regime does not apply to the following subjects:

- (i) Corporate investors (including banks and insurance companies): capital gains realized on the Notes by Italian resident corporate entities (including a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Notes are effectively connected) form part of their aggregate income subject to IRES. In certain cases, capital gains may also be included in the taxable net value of production of such entities for IRAP purposes. The capital gains are calculated as the difference between the sale price and the relevant tax basis of the Notes. Upon fulfilment of certain conditions, the gains may be taxed in equal instalments over up to five fiscal years both for IRES and for IRAP purposes.
- (ii) Funds – Capital gains realized by the Funds on the Notes contribute to determining the annual net accrued result of the same Funds, which is subject to a 12.5% substitutive tax (see under paragraph 1.1.A. “Italian resident Noteholders”, above).
- (iii) Pension Funds – Capital gains realized by Pension Funds on the Notes contribute to determining the annual net accrued result of the same Pension Funds, which is subject to an 11% substitutive tax (see under paragraph 1.1.A “Italian resident Noteholders”, above).
- (iv) Real Estate Investment Funds – Capital gains realized by Italian Real Estate Investment Funds on the Notes are not taxable at the level of the same Real Estate Investment Funds (see under paragraph 1.1.A “Italian resident Noteholders”, above).

### **Non Italian Resident Noteholders**

Capital gains realized by non-resident Noteholders (not having permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected) on the Notes are not subject to tax in Italy, regardless of whether the Notes are held in Italy, subject to the condition that the Notes are listed in a regulated market (e.g, Luxembourg Stock Exchange).

## **3. Transfer Taxes**

### **General**

Pursuant to Royal Decree No. 3278 of 30 December 1923, Legislative Decree No.435 of 21 November 1997 and Ministerial Circular No. 106/E of 21 December 2001 the transfer of the Notes (either (a) by or between Italian residents or (b) by or between non-Italian residents) may be subject to stamp duty tax (*tassa sui contratti di borsa*) as described below:

- (i) contracts entered into directly between private parties or with the participation of entities other than banks and persons who are authorised to perform investment services pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, or stockbrokers (the “**Authorised Intermediaries**”): Euro 0.0083 for each Euro 51.65 (or part thereof) of the price of the Notes.

- (ii) contracts between private parties, with the participation of Authorised Intermediaries, or between private parties and Authorised Intermediaries: Euro 0.00465 for each Euro 51.65 (or part thereof) of the price of the Notes.
- (iii) contracts between Authorised Intermediaries: Euro 0.00465 for each Euro 51.65 (or part thereof) of the price of the Notes.

Further, in the cases under (b) and (c) above, the amount of transfer tax payable cannot exceed Euro 929.62 for each transaction or repurchase agreement.

### **Exemptions**

The transfer tax does not apply in the following cases:

- (a) contracts entered into on regulated markets (e.g., Luxembourg Stock Exchange);
- (b) contracts relating to securities which are admitted to listing in the regulated markets and finalized outside such markets and entered into:
  - between Authorised Intermediaries;
  - between Authorised Intermediaries and non-residents;
  - between Authorised Intermediaries, also non-resident, and undertakings for collective investments in transferable securities;
- (c) contracts relating to public offers for the admission to listing in regulated markets or relating to securities already admitted to listing on such markets;
- (d) contracts having a consideration not higher than Euro 206.58;
- (e) securities lending transactions and any contracts having the same economic purpose.

## **4. Inheritance and Gift Tax**

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 262 of 3 October 2006, (Decree No. 262), converted into Law No. 286 of 24 November, 2006, the transfers of any valuable asset (including shares, bonds or other securities) as a result of death or donation are taxed as follows:

- (a) transfers in favour of spouses and direct descendants or direct ancestors are subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 4% on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding EUR 1,000,000;
- (b) transfers in favour of relatives to the fourth degree or relatives-in-law to the third degree, are subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 6% on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift. Transfers in favour of brothers/sisters are subject to the 6% inheritance and gift tax on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding EUR 100,000; and
- (c) any other transfer is subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 8% on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift.

## **5. Tax Monitoring**

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 167 of 28 June 1990, converted by Law No. 227 of 4 August, 1990, as amended, individuals resident in Italy who, at the end of the fiscal year, hold investments abroad or have financial activities abroad must, in certain circumstances, disclose the aforesaid and related transactions to the Italian tax authorities in their income tax return (or, in case the income tax return is not due, in a proper form that must be filed within the same time as prescribed for the income tax return). Such obligation is not provided if, *inter alia*, each of the overall value of the foreign investments or financial activities held at the end of the fiscal year, and the overall value of the related transfers carried out during the relevant fiscal year, does not exceed Euro 12,500.

## **6. EU Directive on the Taxation of Savings Income**

The European Union has adopted a Directive regarding the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003). Under the Directive

Member States are required from 1 July 2005 to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual in another Member State, except that Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria may instead impose a withholding system for a transitional period in relation to such payments, deducting tax at rates rising over time to 35%. The transitional period will terminate at the end of the first fiscal year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to the exchange of information relating to such payments.

The Directive has been implemented in Italy by Legislative Decree No. 84 of 18 April 2005. Pursuant to said decree Italian paying agents (e.g., banks, SIMs, SGRs, financial companies and fiduciary companies resident in Italy for tax purposes, permanent establishments in Italy of non-resident persons as well as any other person resident in Italy for tax purposes paying interest for professional or commercial reasons) shall report to the Italian tax authorities details of interest payments made from 1 July 2005 to individuals which qualify as beneficial owners thereof and are resident for tax purposes in another EU Member State. Such information will be transmitted by the Italian tax authorities to the competent authorities of the State of residence of the beneficial owner of the interest payment by 30th June of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which said interest payment is made.

Prospective investors resident in a Member State of the European Union should consult their own legal or tax advisers regarding the consequences of the Directive in their particular circumstances.

### **Spanish Taxation**

BNP Paribas has been advised that, under Spanish tax law currently in effect, the Issuer should not be obliged to deduct withholdings on account of Spanish income taxes since it is a French tax resident entity which does not have a permanent establishment in Spain to which the issue of the Notes is not connected.

The following summary is of a general nature and is included herein solely for information purposes. It is based on the laws presently in force in Spain, though it is not intended to be, legal or tax advice. This section does not constitute a complete description of all tax issues that may be relevant in making the decision to invest in the Notes or of all the tax consequences that may derive from the subscription, acquisition, holding, transfer, redemption or reimbursement of the Notes and does not purport to describe the tax consequences applicable to categories of investors subject to special tax rules. Prospective investors in the Notes should therefore consult their own professional advisers as to the effects of state, local or foreign laws, including Spanish tax law, to which they may be subject.

### **Individuals with Tax Residence in Spain**

#### **Personal Income Tax**

Personal Income Tax is levied on an annual basis on the worldwide income obtained by Spanish resident individuals, whatever the source is and wherever the relevant payer is established. Therefore any income that Spanish holder of the Notes may receive under the Notes will be subject to Spanish taxation.

Both interest periodically received and income arising on the disposal, redemption or reimbursement of the Notes obtained by individuals who are tax resident in Spain will be regarded as financial income for tax purposes (i.e. a return on investment derived from the transfer of own capital to third parties).

Both parts of income will be included in the savings part of the taxable income subject to Personal Income Tax at the flat tax rate which is currently 18 per cent.

Spanish holders of the Notes shall compute the gross interest obtained, in the savings part of the taxable base of the tax period in which it is due, including amounts withheld, if any.

Income arising on the disposal, redemption or reimbursement of the Notes will be calculated as the difference between (a) their disposal, redemption or reimbursement value and (b) their acquisition or subscription value. Costs and expenses effectively borne on the acquisition and

transfer of the Notes may be taken into account for calculating the relevant taxable income, provided that they can be duly justified.

Likewise, expenses related to the management and deposit of the Notes, if any, will be tax-deductible, excluding those pertaining to discretionary or individual portfolio management.

Losses that may derive from the transfer of the Notes cannot be offset if the investor acquires homogeneous securities within the two month period prior or subsequent to the transfer of the Notes, until he/she transfers such homogeneous securities.

Additionally, tax credits for the avoidance of international double taxation may apply in respect of taxes paid outside Spain on income deriving from the Notes, if any.

#### Spanish Inheritance and Gift Tax

Spanish Inheritance and Gift Tax is levied on transfers of Notes upon death or by gift to Spanish tax resident individuals, with the taxpayer being the transferee. General tax rates currently range from 7.65 to 81.60%, although the tax situation may vary depending on any applicable regional tax laws.

#### Spanish Wealth Tax

Spanish Wealth Tax is levied, on an annual basis, on the Notes held on 31 December. General tax rates currently range between 0.2 and 2.5%, although these may vary depending on any applicable regional tax laws.

### **Legal Entities with Tax Residence in Spain**

#### Corporate Income Tax

Both interest periodically received and income arising on the disposal, redemption or reimbursement of the Notes obtained by entities which are tax resident in Spain shall be computed as taxable income of the tax period in which they accrue.

The general tax rate for limited liability companies is currently 32.5 per cent and shall be 30 per cent by January 1, 2008. However small sized companies could benefit from the reduced tax rate of 25 per cent on the first EUR 120.202,41 of their taxable profits. Special rates apply in respect of certain types of entities (such as qualifying collective investment institutions).

Tax credits for the avoidance of international double taxation may apply in respect of taxes paid outside Spain on income deriving from the Notes, if any.

### **Individuals and Legal Entities with no Tax Residence in Spain**

A non-resident Noteholders who has a permanent establishment in Spain to which such Notes are attributable, is subject to Spanish Non-Residents' Income Tax, on any income under the Notes including both interest periodically received and income arising on the disposal, redemption or reimbursement of the Notes. In general terms, the tax rules applicable to individuals and legal entities with no tax residence in Spain but acting through a permanent establishment in Spain are the same as those applicable to resident corporate income taxpayers.

#### **Spanish withholding tax**

Where a financial institution (either resident in Spain or acting through a permanent establishment in Spain) acts as depositary of the Notes or intervenes as manager on the collection of any income under the Notes such financial institution will be responsible for making the relevant withholding on account of Spanish tax on any income deriving from the Notes.

The current withholding tax in Spain is 18 per cent. Amounts withheld in Spain, if any, can be credited against the final Spanish Personal Income Tax liability, in the case of Spanish resident individuals, or against Spanish final Corporate Income Tax liability, in the case of

Spanish corporate or Spanish permanent establishments of non resident entities. However, holder of the Notes who are Corporate Income Taxpayers can benefit from a withholding tax exemption when the Notes are listed in an OECD official stock exchange.

Furthermore, such financial institution may become obliged to comply with the formalities set out in the regulations of Spanish Personal Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax (Law 36/2006, of November, on PIT Law) when intervening in the transfer or reimbursement of the Notes.

## **Dutch Taxation**

### **General**

The following summary describes the principal Netherlands tax consequences of the acquisition, holding, settlement, redemption and disposal of the Notes, but does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Netherlands tax considerations thereof. This summary is intended as general information only and each prospective investor should consult a professional tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Notes.

This summary is based on the tax legislation, published case law, treaties, regulations and published policy, in force as of the date of this Prospectus, though it does not take into account any developments or amendments thereof after that date whether or not such developments or amendments have retroactive effect.

This summary does not address the Netherlands tax consequences for:

- (i) holders of Notes holding a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) in the Issuer. Generally speaking, a Noteholders holds a substantial interest in the Issuer, if such Noteholders, alone or, where such holder is an individual, together with his or her partner (statutory defined term) or certain other related persons, directly or indirectly, holds (A) an interest of 5% or more of the total issued capital of the Issuer or of 5 percent or more of the issued capital of a certain class of shares of the Issuer, (B) rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, such interest or (C) certain profit sharing rights in the Issuer;
- (ii) pension funds or other entities that are exempt from Netherlands corporate income tax;
- (iii) investment institutions (*fiscale beleggingsinstellingen*).

This summary is based on the assumption that the Issuer is not a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes.

### **Withholding tax**

All payments made by the Issuer under the Notes may be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by the Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

### **Corporate and individual income tax**

If a holder is resident or deemed to be resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes and is fully subject to Netherlands corporate income tax or is only subject to Netherlands corporate income tax in respect of its enterprise to which the Notes are attributable, income derived from the Notes and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Notes are generally taxable in the Netherlands.

If an individual holder is resident or deemed to be resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes (including the individual holder who has opted to be taxed as a resident of the Netherlands), income derived from the Notes and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Notes are taxable at the progressive rates of the Netherlands income tax act 2001, if:

- (i) the holder has an enterprise or an interest in an enterprise, to which enterprise the Notes are attributable; or

- (ii) such income or gains qualify as income from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*), which include the performance of activities with respect to the Notes that exceed regular, active portfolio management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*).

If neither condition (i) nor condition (ii) applies to the holder of the Notes, taxable income with regard to the Notes must be determined on the basis of a deemed return on income from savings and investments (*sparen en beleggen*), rather than on the basis of income actually received or gains actually realised. At present, this deemed return on income from savings and investments has been fixed at a rate of 4% of the average of the individual's yield basis (*rendementsgrondslag*) at the beginning of the calendar year and the individual's yield basis at the end of the calendar year, insofar as the average exceeds a certain threshold. The average of the individual's yield basis is determined as the fair market value of certain qualifying assets held by the holder of the Notes less the fair market value of certain qualifying liabilities on 1 January and 31 December, divided by two. The fair market value of the Notes will be included as an asset in the individual's yield basis. The deemed return on income from savings and investments of 4% will be taxed at a rate of 30%.

### **Gift and Inheritance taxes**

Generally, gift and inheritance taxes will be due in the Netherlands in respect of the acquisition of the Notes by way of a gift by, or on the death of, a holder that is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of Netherlands gift and inheritance tax at the time of the gift or his or her death.

A holder of the Netherlands nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift and inheritance tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands during the ten years preceding the gift or his or her death. A holder of any other nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift and inheritance tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands at any time during the 12 months preceding the time of the gift. The same 12-month rule may apply to entities that have transferred their seat of residence out of the Netherlands.

### **Value added tax**

In general, no value added tax will arise in respect of payments in consideration for the issue of the Notes or in respect of the cash payment made under the Notes, or in respect of a transfer of Notes.

### **Other taxes and duties**

No registration tax, customs duty, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty, will be payable in the Netherlands by a holder in respect of or in connection with the subscription, issue, placement, allotment, delivery or transfer of the Notes.

### **EU Savings Directive**

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required, from 1 July 2005, to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payment of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries).

Also with effect from 1 July 2005, a number of non-EU countries including Switzerland, and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States have agreed to adopt similar measures (either provision of information or transitional withholding) (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland) in relation to payments made by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident in a Member State. In addition, the Member States have entered into reciprocal provision of information or transitional withholding arrangements with certain of those dependent or associated territories

in relation to payments made by a person in a Member State to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident in one of those territories.

## **Portuguese Taxation**

*The following is a general summary of certain income and capital gains tax consequences which may arise to Portuguese resident Noteholders. It is included herein solely for information purposes. It is based on the laws presently in force in Portugal, though it is not intended to be, nor should it be considered to be, legal or tax advice. Furthermore, the tax treatment applicable in Portugal to the income and capital gains derived by Portuguese resident Noteholders may vary depending on the final terms and conditions of the relevant Notes. Therefore, prospective Portuguese resident Noteholders should consult their own professional advisers as to the tax implications arising from the acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes.*

*This summary does not describe the tax consequences for a Portuguese resident Noteholder of Notes that are redeemable in exchange for, or convertible into, shares, of the exercise, settlement or redemption of such Notes and/or any tax consequences after the moment of the exercise, settlement or redemption.*

### 1. Individuals

#### (A) Interest or income arising from the refund or redemption of the Notes

Income derived by Portuguese resident individuals from the Notes will, as a general rule, be subject to a 20 per cent. withholding tax if the said income is paid by a Portuguese resident entity. The Noteholders may choose to treat the withholding tax as a final tax or to tax the interest deriving from the Notes at the general progressive Personal Income Tax (“**PIT**”) rates varying between 10.5 per cent. and 42 per cent., in which case the withholding will be treated as a payment on account of the final tax due.

In other cases, as a general rule, the Noteholders will have to include the income derived from the Notes in their PIT returns to be subject to taxation at an autonomous rate of 20 per cent.

Should the relevant Notes be deemed to be certificates that do not guarantee more than 100 per cent. of the principal, income from operations related to it (either arising from its sale prior to the redemption, or from its redemption) will be qualified as a capital gain (in this regard it should be noted that under Portuguese legislation, certificates are securities that entitle the holder to receive the value of a certain underlying asset, according to the conditions set out on the issue resolution. Certificates differ from debt securities in that they typically do not give the holder the right to receive a fixed or variable interest). In this case, the individual Noteholder will be able to choose between the taxation of the positive difference between capital-gains and losses at an autonomous rate of 10 per cent. or to aggregate that income to the remaining income to be subject to the general PIT rates (maximum marginal rate of 42 per cent.).

Capital losses do not take part in the calculation of the balance referred in the previous paragraph when the counterpart in the operation is resident in a country or territory listed as a tax haven in order 150/2004 of February 13 (“**Tax Haven**”).

#### (B) Capital gains arising from the transfer of the Notes

As a general rule, the capital gains obtained by Portuguese resident Noteholders on the transfer of the Notes will not be subject to taxation, provided that the Notes are deemed as bonds or as other debt instruments.

Otherwise, any capital gains derived from the transfer of the Notes (namely if they are qualified as certificates or negotiable securities other than bonds or other debt instruments) will be subject to PIT. In this case, the individual Noteholder will be able to choose between the taxation of the positive difference between capital gains and losses at an autonomous rate of 10 per cent. or to aggregate that income to the remaining income to be subject to the general PIT rates (maximum marginal rate of 42 per cent.). Capital losses do not take part in

the calculation of the net capital gains when the counterpart in the operation is resident in a Tax Haven.

## 2. Corporate entities

As a general rule, interest or income derived by corporate entities resident in Portugal, or non-resident corporate entities with a permanent establishment in Portugal to which the income is attributable, from the refund or redemption of the Notes, as well as capital gains arising from their transfer, will be regarded as taxable income and therefore subject to Portuguese Corporate Income Tax ("CIT"), at a 25 per cent. tax rate, to which a municipal surcharge of up to 1.5% is eventually added, reaching a final maximum rate of 26.5 per cent.. Losses arising from the transfer or redemption of the Notes will be, as a general rule, tax deductible.

**All prospective Noteholders should seek independent advice as to their tax positions.**



## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have in an amended and restated programme agreement dated 30 May 2007 (the “**Programme Agreement**”, which expression includes the same as it may be updated or supplemented from time to time) agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they (or any one of them) may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” and “*Form of the Notes*” above.

The following selling restrictions may be modified by the Issuer and the relevant Dealers following a change in the relevant law, regulation or directive and in certain other circumstances as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealers. Any such modification will be set out in the Final Terms and (if applicable) the subscription agreement in respect of the Tranche to which it is related or in a supplement to this Document.

### European Economic Area

*Please note that, in relation to EEA States, additional selling restrictions may apply in respect of any specific EEA State, including those set out below in relation to the United Kingdom, France, The Netherlands and Italy.*

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which Directive 2003/71/EC (including any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State, the “**Prospectus Directive**”) is implemented in that Member State (the “**Relevant Implementation Date**”) it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (i) In (or in Germany, where the offer starts within) the period beginning on the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to those Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and ending on the date which is 12 months after the date of such publication;
- (ii) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (iii) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or
- (iv) at any time in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by the Issuer of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “**offer of Notes to the public**” in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.

### United States

#### Selling Restrictions

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or deliver such Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issuance of Notes linked to an Underlying Reference, Physical Delivery Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Transfer Restrictions**

Each purchaser of Registered Notes will be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (i) that it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person;
- (ii) that the Notes are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable U.S. State securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth below;
- (iii) that Notes offered outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Registered Global Notes;
- (iv) that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Notes prior to the expiration of the distribution compliance period (defined as 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Notes, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes or syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager of the Notes), it will do so only (a) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act or (b) in accordance with all applicable U.S. State and Federal securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Registered Global Notes will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

“THE NOTES REPRESENTED BY THIS SECURITY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “**SECURITIES ACT**”), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT AND PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. THIS LEGEND SHALL CEASE TO APPLY UPON THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD OF 40 DAYS AFTER THE

COMPLETION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL THE NOTES OF THE TRANCHE OF WHICH THIS NOTE FORMS PART.”; and

- (v) that the Issuer and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Notes as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

### United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (i) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (ii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### France

- (i) In respect of syndicated issues of Notes constituting *obligations* (except issues of Notes *constituting obligations* denominated in euro), each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented, warranted and agreed that (x) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public (*appel public à l'épargne*) in the Republic of France and (y) offers and sales of Notes will be made in the Republic of France only to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as defined in Article L. 411-2 and in accordance with Article D.411-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* (the “Code”).
- (ii) In respect of non-syndicated issues of Notes constituting *obligations* (except issues of Notes constituting *obligations* denominated in euro), each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented, warranted and agreed that (x) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes in the Republic of France and (y) each subscriber will be domiciled or resident for tax purposes outside the Republic of France.
- (iii) In respect of issues of Notes constituting *obligations* (whether syndicated or non-syndicated) and which are denominated in euro, each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented, warranted and agreed that (x) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Notes to the public in the Republic of France and (y) offers and sales of Notes in the Republic of France will be made only in circumstances that do not constitute a public offer (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France, as defined in Article L. 411-1 of the Code.

Pursuant to Article L.411-2 of the Code and Article 211-2 of the General Regulation of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (in each case as may be amended from time to time), the circumstances in which an offer of Notes shall not constitute a public offer (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France include, but are not limited to, an offer of Notes:

- (a) addressed solely to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) acting for their own account; and/or

- (b) addressed solely to a limited number of investors (*cercle restreint d'investisseurs*)<sup>16</sup>; and/or
- (c) addressed solely to providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties; and/or
- (d) addressed to investors who acquire Notes for a total consideration of at least euro 50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) per investor, for each separate offer; and/or
- (e) whose denomination per Note amounts to at least euro 50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency); and/or
- (f) with a total consideration of less than euro 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency), which limit shall be calculated over a period of 12 months.

In addition, each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented, warranted and agreed that it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed in the Republic of France, this Base Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Notes other than in circumstances that do not constitute a public offer (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France.

To the extent the Notes do not constitute *obligations*, these selling restrictions will be amended in the relevant Final Terms.

If necessary these selling restrictions will be supplemented in the relevant Final Terms.

### Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the "**Securities and Exchange Law**") and each Dealer has agreed and each further dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident in Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### The Netherlands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that any Notes with a maturity of less than 12 months and a denomination of €50,000 will only be offered in The Netherlands to professional market parties as defined in the Financial Supervision Act and the decrees issued pursuant thereto.

### Republic of Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (i) to professional investors (*operatori qualificati*) (the **Professional Investors**), as defined in Article 31, second paragraph, of CONSOB (the Italian Securities Exchange Commission) Regulation No. 11522 of 1 July 1998, as amended (**Regulation No. 11522**); or
- (ii) in circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Financial Services Act**) and Article 33, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended (**Regulation No. 11971**).

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under (i) or (ii) above must be:

<sup>16</sup> According to Articles L.411-2 II and D.411-4 of the Code, a limited number of investors is less than 100 investors other than qualified investors.

- (a) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, Regulation No. 11522 and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the **Banking Act**); and
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on solicitation of investments applies under (i) and (ii) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the financial instruments for any damages suffered by the investors.

Insofar as the requirements above are based on laws which are superseded at any time pursuant to the implementation of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "**Prospectus Directive**"), such requirements shall be replaced by the applicable requirements under the Prospectus Directive or the relevant implementing laws.

#### **General**

Each Dealer has agreed and each other Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Base Prospectus or any offering material and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor.

Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder or assumes any responsibility for facilitating any such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer(s) will be required to the best of its knowledge and belief to comply with such other restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Authorisation

No authorisation procedures are required of BNP Paribas under French law for the update of the Programme. However, to the extent that Notes issued by BNP Paribas under the Programme may constitute *obligations* under French law, the issue of such Notes is authorised pursuant to the Board resolution dated 23 May 2006 and as of 30 July 2007 by the Board resolution dated 15 May 2007.

### 2. Listing on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and Admission to trading on the Regulated Market and the EuroMTF Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the “CSSF”) to approve this Document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on (i) the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and (ii) the EuroMTF Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

### 3. Notification

The Issuer may request the CSSF to provide the competent authority of any EEA State with a certificate of approval attesting that this Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the *Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières* which implements the Prospectus Directive into Luxembourg law.

### 4. Documents Available

Copies of:

- (i) the *statuts* of BNP Paribas, the Programme Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and the Agency Agreement (which includes the forms of the Global Notes and the definitive Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons);
- (ii) the Information Statement relating to BNP Paribas dated 30 May 2007 including the Issuer’s 1st quarter results for the three month period ended 31 March 2007; and
- (iii) the audited consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas for the two years ended 31 December 2005 and 2006,

will be available for inspection during the usual business hours on any week day (except Saturdays and public holidays) at the offices of BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch at 33 rue de Gasperich, Howald - Hesperange, L-2085 Luxembourg. In addition, such documents are available on the Issuer’s website: “[www.invest.bnpparibas.com](http://www.invest.bnpparibas.com)”. As long as any Notes remain outstanding, copies of the audited consolidated and unconsolidated annual financial statements and the semi-annual and quarterly interim financial statements (and related reports) of BNP Paribas for the most recent financial period will be available in the English language, free of charge, at the specified offices of the Paying Agents. In addition, copies of this Base Prospectus, any Final Terms relating to securities listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange’s Regulated Market, and any documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus are available on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange’s website: “[www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)”.

### 5. Material Change

Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects or affairs of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2006.

### 6. Legal and Arbitration Proceedings

Save as disclosed in this Document, there have been no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), during the period covering at least the 12 months prior to the date of this

Document which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Issuer and/or the Group's financial position or profitability.

#### **7. Significant Change**

Save as disclosed in "*Recent Developments*" in the Information Statement incorporated by reference in this document, no significant change has occurred in the financial position or trading position of the Group since 31 March 2007 (being the end of the last financial period for which interim financial information has been published).

#### **8. Material Contracts**

The Issuer has not entered into contracts outside the ordinary course of the Issuer's business, which could result in the Issuer or any member of the Group being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the Issuer's ability to meet its obligation to holders of Notes in respect of the Notes being issued.

#### **9. Third Party Information**

Information contained in this Document which is sourced from a third party has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the relevant third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The Issuer has also identified the source(s) of such information.

#### **10. Conflicts of Interests**

To the knowledge of the Bank, the duties owned by the members of the Board of Directors of the Bank do not give rise to any potential conflicts of interest with such members' private interests or other duties.

#### **11. Auditors**

Deloitte & Associés (represented by Pascal Colin), PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit (represented by Etienne Boris), and Mazars & Guérard (represented by Hervé Hélias) have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Group as of and for the year ended 31 December 2006. PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit (represented by Etienne Boris), Barbier Frinault & Autres (represented by Radwan Hoteit) and Mazars & Guérard (represented by Hervé Hélias) have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Group as of and for the years ended 31 December 2005 and 2004 incorporated by reference herein.

At the shareholders' meeting of BNP Paribas of 23 May 2006, Deloitte & Associés (represented by Pascal Colin) were appointed to replace Barbier Frinault & Autres as independent statutory auditors.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, Deloitte & Associés and Mazars & Guérard are registered as *Commissaires aux Comptes* (members of the *Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) and regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes*.

#### **12. Clearing Systems**

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through the Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg systems. The common code and ISIN for each issue allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and details of any other agreed clearing system (including Euroclear France) will be contained in the relevant Final Terms. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction.

#### **13. Post-Issuance Information**

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any underlying in relation to any issue of Notes.

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