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## **European Economic Area**

The Exchange Offers may not be made, and are not being made, in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including pursuant to Directive 2010/73/EU, to the extent implemented in the relevant Member State) (the **Prospectus Directive**), other than to qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) or in other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.

## Italy

None of the Exchange Offers, the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offers have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (CONSOB), pursuant to applicable Italian laws and regulations. The Exchange Offers are being carried out in the Republic of Italy (Italy) as exempt offers pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the Financial Services Act) and article 35-bis, paragraph 3 and/or paragraph 4, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended, (the Issuers' Regulation) as the case may be. The Exchange Offers are also being carried out in compliance with article 35-bis, paragraph 7, letter a) of the Issuers' Regulation.

A Noteholder located in Italy can participate in the Exchange Offers only if (i) the Existing Notes to be exchanged by it have an aggregate nominal amount equal to or greater than €50,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of denomination) or (ii) it is a qualified investor (*investitori qualificati*), as defined pursuant to Article 100, paragraph 1, letter (a) of the Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter b) of the Issuers' Regulation (an **Eligible Italian Investor**). Accordingly, Noteholders located in Italy that do not qualify as Eligible Italian Investors may not participate in the Exchange Offers and neither the Exchange Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offers may be distributed or otherwise made available to them as part of the Exchange Offers.

Eligible Italian Investors can offer Existing Notes through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority. Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties vis-à-vis its clients in connection with the Existing Notes or the Exchange Offer.

## **United Kingdom**

The communication of the Exchange Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Exchange Offers is not being made and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons in the United Kingdom falling within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the Financial Promotion Order)) or persons who are within Article 43 of the Financial Promotion Order or any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order.

#### **France**

The Exchange Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Republic of France (France). Neither the Exchange Offer Memorandum nor any other document or material relating to the Exchange Offers has been or shall be distributed to the public in France and only (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio

management for the account of third parties (personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers) and/or (ii) qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés) other than individuals, in each case acting on their own account and all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier are eligible to participate in the Exchange Offers. The Exchange Offer Memorandum has not been and will not be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers.

# **Belgium**

The Exchange Offers may not be made, and are not being made, in the Kingdom of Belgium (i) by way of an offer of securities to the public, as defined in Article 3 § 1 of the Belgian law of 16 June 2006 on the public offering of securities and the admission of securities to trading on a regulated market (Loi relative aux offres publiques d'instruments de placement et aux admissions d'instruments de placement à la négociation sur des marchés réglementés/Wet op de openbare aanbieding van beleggingsinstrumenten en de toelating van beleggingsinstrumenten tot de verhandeling op een gereglementeerde markt) (the **Prospectus Law**) nor (ii) by way of a public takeover bid, as defined in Article 3 § 1 of the Belgian Law of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids (*Loi relative aux offres publiques d'acquisition/Wet op de openbare overnamebiedingen*) (the **Public Takeover Law**).

The Exchange Offers are conducted in the Kingdom of Belgium under applicable private placement exemptions in accordance with the Prospectus Law and the Public Takeover Law and therefore neither the Exchange Offers nor the Exchange Offer Memorandum have been notified to the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (*Autorité des services et marchés financiers/Autoriteit voor Financiële Diensten en Markten*) (**FSMA**) nor has the Exchange Offer Memorandum or any other information circular, brochure or similar document relating to the Exchange Offers been, nor will it be, approved by the Belgian FSMA.

Accordingly the Exchange Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, to, or for the account of, any person (individual or legal entity) other than "qualified investors" within the meaning of Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Public Takeover Law and Article 10 of the Prospectus Law. Accordingly, the Exchange Offers may be advertised, and both the Exchange Offer Memorandum and any other information circular, brochure or similar document relating to the Exchange Offers may be distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Kingdom of Belgium, only to "qualified investors" within the meaning of Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Public Takeover Law and Article 10 of the Prospectus Law.

28 November 2011

# BNP PARIBAS ANNOUNCES AN EXTENSION TO THE EXCHANGE OFFERS FOR CERTAIN OF ITS OUTSTANDING NOTES

Pursuant to a notice dated 17 November 2011 BNP Paribas (the **Offeror**) announced Exchange Offers in relation to certain of its outstanding notes. The Exchange Offers are made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Exchange Offer Memorandum, and are subject to the offer restrictions set out above and as more fully described in the Exchange Offer Memorandum (the **Offer Restrictions**).

Copies of the Exchange Offer Memorandum are (subject to Offer Restrictions) available from the Arranger and Structuring Adviser and the Information Agent as set out below. Capitalised terms used in this announcement but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Exchange Offer Memorandum.

# Extension of the Expiration Deadline, Pricing Time and Settlement Date

To assist Noteholders in participating in the Exchange Offers within the operational and administrative constraints of intermediaries and the Clearing Systems, the Offeror hereby announces that the Exchange Offers shall be extended such that:

- (a) the Extension Deadline will be 3.00 p.m. (London time) on Thursday, 1 December 2011;
- (b) the Pricing Time will be at or around 11.00 a.m. (London time) on Friday, 2 December 2011 and the announcement of the Exchange Offer results will be as soon as reasonably practicable after the Pricing Time; and
- (c) the Settlement Date will be Wednesday, 7 December 2011.

As a result of the extension of the Settlement Date:

- (i) the maturity date of the New Floating Rate Euro Notes and the New Fixed Rate Sterling Notes shall be extended to 7 December 2014 and 7 December 2016, respectively;
- (ii) the issue date in respect of the New Notes, and the interest commencement date in respect of the New Floating Rate Euro Notes and the New Fixed Rate Sterling Notes, will be 7 December 2011;
- (iii) the interest payment dates in respect of the New Floating Rate Euro Notes will be 7 March, 7 June, 7 September and 7 December beginning on 7 March 2012;
- (iv) the interest period end dates and interest payment dates in respect of the New Fixed Rate Sterling Notes will be 7 December in each year beginning on 7 December 2012; and
- (v) in respect of the New Fixed Rate Euro Notes, the exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for the Permanent Bearer Global Note and the consolidation with the Outstanding Fixed Rate Euro Notes is expected to occur 40 days after 7 December 2011 (subject to certification as to non-US beneficial ownership interests).

## **Revocation Rights**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Exchange Offer Memorandum, the Offeror agrees that Exchange Instructions may be revoked at any time from the date and time of this announcement until 3.00 p.m. (London time) on Thursday, 1 December 2011 (subject to the earlier deadlines required by the Clearing Systems and any intermediary through which Noteholders hold their Existing Notes).

Noteholders wishing to exercise any right of revocation as set out above should do so in accordance with the procedures set out in "Procedures for Participating in the Exchange Offers - Exchange Instructions" in the Exchange Offer Memorandum. Beneficial owners of Existing Notes that are held through an intermediary are advised to check with such entity when it needs to receive instructions to revoke the Exchange Instruction in order to meet the above deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, any Noteholder who does not exercise any such right of revocation in the circumstances and in the manner specified above, shall be deemed to have waived such right of revocation and its original Exchange Instruction will remain effective.

Noteholders are advised to read carefully the Exchange Offer Memorandum, together with this announcement, for full details of and information on the procedures for participating in the Exchange Offers.

Questions and requests for assistance in connection with (i) the Exchange Offers, may be directed to the Arranger and Structuring Adviser and (ii) the delivery of Exchange Instructions, may be directed to the Exchange Agent.

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