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BNP Paribas launches a 3-year bond exchangeable for shares of Pargesa Holding SA for a maximum amount of EUR 375 million

BNP Paribas ("BNP Paribas" or the "Issuer") announces the launch today of an offering (the "Offering") of bonds (the "Exchangeable Bonds") due 2015 exchangeable for existing bearer shares (the "Shares") of Pargesa Holding SA ("Pargesa") for an amount of approximately EUR 325 million bonds which may be increased up to a maximum amount of approximately EUR 375 million at the Issuer's option. The proceeds from the Offering will be used for general corporate purposes.

The final size of the Offering will be determined upon completion of the bookbuilding process. The Exchangeable Bonds will have a 3-year maturity and pay a coupon of between 0.00% and 0.25% per annum, payable annually in arrear. They will be redeemed at par on September 21, 2015 in cash or through the delivery of Shares or a combination thereof, at the Issuer's option.

The applicable exchange price will be set at pricing and is expected to be between 20.0% and 27.5% above the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) of the Pargesa share on the main market of SIX Swiss Exchange from the opening of trading today to pricing. Bondholders may elect to exchange their Bonds for Shares from October 31, 2012, subject to BNP Paribas's right to pay in cash all or part of the value of such Shares in lieu. The number of Shares underlying the Exchangeable Bonds will represent up to approximately 7.5% of Pargesa's total number of shares issued (bearer equivalent), net of treasury shares.

The final terms of the Exchangeable Bonds will be announced through a separate press release at the end of the accelerated bookbuilding period, which is expected to be later today.

Payment for and delivery of the Exchangeable Bonds are expected to take place on or about September 21, 2012. It is expected that the Exchangeable Bonds will be listed on the Euro MTF market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange by October 10, 2012.

BNP Paribas is acting as Sole Bookrunner of the Offering.

The Exchangeable Bonds will be placed exclusively with institutional investors outside the USA in reliance on Regulation S.





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