

**Bank of America Corporation**  
(a Delaware (U.S.A.) Corporation)

**Merrill Lynch B.V.**  
(a Dutch Private Limited Liability Company)

**Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG**  
(a Swiss Stock Corporation (Aktiengesellschaft))

**Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.**  
(a Curaçao Limited Partnership)

#### NOTE, WARRANT AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Irrevocably guaranteed  
(in respect of Notes issued by Merrill Lynch B.V., Certificates issued by Merrill Lynch B.V., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V., and Warrants issued by Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.)

by

**Bank of America Corporation**

*This document (the "**Offering Circular**") constitutes an offering circular in respect of the Programme (as defined below). Any Instruments (as defined below) issued on or after the date of this Offering Circular are issued subject to the provisions herein. This Offering Circular does not constitute a base prospectus for the purpose of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended by Directive 2010/73/EU, the "**Prospectus Directive**").*

Under the terms of the Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme (the "**Programme**"), Bank of America Corporation ("**BAC**") may from time to time issue notes ("**Notes**"), Merrill Lynch B.V. ("**MLBV**") may from time to time issue Notes or certificates ("**Certificates**"), Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG ("**MLCMAG**") may from time to time issue Certificates or warrants ("**Warrants**" and, together with Certificates, "**W&C Instruments**", and W&C Instruments together with Notes, "**Instruments**") (other than Rule 144A Warrants and Saudi Share Linked Warrants, each as defined herein) and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V. ("**MLICo.**" and, together with BAC in its capacity as an Issuer, MLBV and MLCMAG, the "**Issuers**" and each an "**Issuer**") may from time to time issue Certificates or Warrants. Instruments of any kind may be issued including but not limited to Instruments relating to a specified index or a basket of indices ("**Index Linked Instruments**"), a specified share or a basket of shares ("**Share Linked Instruments**"), a specified global depositary receipt ("**GDR**") or American depositary receipt ("**ADR**") or a basket of GDRs and/or ADRs ("**GDR/ADR Linked Instruments**"), a specified currency or a basket of currencies ("**FX Linked Instruments**"), a specified commodity or commodity index or a basket of commodities and/or commodity indices ("**Commodity Linked Instruments**"), a specified fund or a basket of funds ("**Fund Linked Instruments**"), a specified inflation index or a basket of inflation indices ("**Inflation Linked Instruments**"), the credit of a specified entity or entities ("**Credit Linked Instruments**") and, in the case of Warrants, a specified share of a company listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange (*Tadawul*) or a basket of such shares ("**Saudi Share Linked Warrants**") or any combination of the foregoing (and each such underlying asset or basis of reference, a "**Reference Item**"). Instruments may also bear interest (in the case of Notes) or pay additional amounts (in the case of W&C Instruments). Each issue of Notes will be issued on the terms set out herein which are relevant to such Notes under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" on pages 122 to 162 and the additional Terms and Conditions on pages 268 to 303, pages 310 to 427 and pages 497 to 502 (the "**Note Conditions**") and each issue of Warrants and Certificates will be issued on the terms set out herein which are relevant to such W&C Instruments under "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" on pages 204 to 266 and the additional Terms and Conditions on pages 268 to 357, pages 428 to 496 and pages 503 to 519 (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and, in each case, on such additional terms as may be set out in the applicable final terms (the "**Final Terms**"). **Notes issued by BAC will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. Notes issued by MLBV, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of them, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with,**

**English law. The W&C Instruments, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of them, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.**

BAC (in such capacity, the "**Guarantor**") (a) has in a guarantee dated 12 November 2014 (the "**Non-COSI Guarantee**"), irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed the payment and non-cash delivery obligations in respect of the Instruments (other than the Swiss COSIs (as defined in the W&C Instruments Conditions)) issued by each of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. from time to time under the Programme on or after the date of this Offering Circular (see the section entitled "Form of Non-COSI Guarantee"), and (b) will in a guarantee to be executed by BAC, substantially in the form contained in the section entitled "Form of Swiss COSI Guarantee" in this Offering Circular (the "**Swiss COSI Guarantee**" and, together with the Non-COSI Guarantee, the "**Guarantees**" and each a "**Guarantee**") conditionally but irrevocably guarantee MLICo.'s payment obligations to the extent of any Shortfall (as defined in the W&C Instruments Conditions) in respect of the Swiss COSIs issued by MLICo. from time to time under the Programme on or after the date of the Swiss COSI Guarantee (see the section entitled "Form of Swiss COSI Guarantee"). **Each of the Guarantees will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.**

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes issued by MLBV from time to time outstanding under the Programme and MLBV's other structured products programmes will not exceed €15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies), subject to increase as described in the Programme Agreement (as defined under "Offering and Sale" below). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes issued by BAC from time to time outstanding under the Programme and certain other BAC international securities programmes and platforms will not exceed U.S.\$8,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies), subject to increase as described in the Programme Agreement.

Application has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Instruments issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF market and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF market is not a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC) ("**MiFID**"). The Programme provides that Instruments may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such further or other stock exchanges or markets as the relevant Issuer and the Dealer(s) (as defined herein) may agree. The applicable Final Terms will specify whether the Instruments are to be listed (and, if so, on which stock exchange(s) and/or market(s)) or will be unlisted Instruments.

In respect of Instruments to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange AG (the "**SIX Swiss Exchange**"), the relevant Term Sheet (as defined below), if any, and/or Final Terms in respect of such Instruments will specify that such Instruments will be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and application for trading of such Instruments on the SIX Structured Products Exchange or any successor thereto has been or will be made. In the case of a listing of Instruments on the SIX Swiss Exchange, this Offering Circular will constitute the base prospectus for the SIX Swiss Exchange registered issuance programme pursuant to Article 21 of the Additional Rules for the Listing of Derivatives of the SIX Swiss Exchange and may be supplemented from time to time by filing an appropriate supplement (each a "**Supplement**") with the SIX Swiss Exchange modifying, updating or amending the information contained herein. In respect of Instruments to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, this Offering Circular, together with any Supplement and the applicable Final Terms, will constitute the listing prospectus pursuant to the Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange.

In respect of Instruments which will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange or which will be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange only after the commencement of trading, such Issuer may prepare a term sheet (the "**Term Sheet**") setting forth, on a preliminary basis, certain information with respect to such Instruments, the date of issue, the issue price, the redemption amount, the redemption date, the notional amount, the capital protection, the coupon, the strike price, the knock-in price (each as applicable) and any additional information required by applicable law or SIX Swiss Exchange regulations, provided that the relevant Issuer reserves the right to set forth any and all information which may be required to be disclosed in a simplified prospectus pursuant to Art. 5 of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and any implementing ordinance or other act or regulation or self-regulation in the applicable Final Terms or a separate document (the "**Simplified Prospectus**"). Any Term Sheet prepared shall be subject to the applicable Final Terms and Simplified Prospectus, if any, for the relevant Instruments.

The Instruments, the Guarantees and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of the Instruments (if any) have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Instruments, the Guarantees and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**"), and trading in the Instruments has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA. The Instruments may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered, exercised or redeemed, directly or indirectly, at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person (as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act) (other than distributors) (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) or any United States Person (as defined herein) (other than distributors) (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV or in the case of W&C Instruments) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, all issues of Notes by MLBV, all Certificates and all Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants), and certain Entitlements (if any) relating to such Instruments, may not be legally or beneficially owned by United States Persons at any time nor offered, sold or delivered in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons. None of the Issuers has registered as an investment company pursuant to the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"), and the rules thereunder. MLICo. may offer and sell Warrants of certain issues within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, if such persons are reasonably believed by MLICo. to be qualified institutional buyers (each a "**QIB**") as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") who are also each a qualified purchaser (each a "**QP**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder and who have executed an Investor Representation Letter (as defined herein) prior to acquiring any interest in the Warrants, such Warrants being referred to in this Offering Circular as "**Rule 144A Warrants**". Each purchaser of Rule 144A Warrants being offered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person is hereby notified that the offer and sale of such Rule 144A Warrants is being made in reliance upon the exemption from the securities registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A, and that such Rule 144A Warrants are not transferable except as provided under "Offering and Sale" below. In certain circumstances, exercise of Instruments will be conditional upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership or, in the case of certain Series (as defined below) of Warrants, that the holder (and any person on whose behalf the holder is acting) is a QIB and a QP. See "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" on pages 204 to 266 and "Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants" on pages 503 to 512. Investors in the Instruments will be deemed to have made or be required to make certain representations and warranties in connection with purchasing the Instruments. See "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions" on pages 533 to 545. Warrants sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs will, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be sold through Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or one of its affiliates, which in each case is a registered broker dealer in the United States.

Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms, Rule 144A Warrants relating to commodities or commodities futures may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, and MLICo. and the Guarantor reserve the right not to make payment or delivery in respect of any such Rule 144A Warrant to a person in the United States or a United States Person if such payment or delivery would constitute a violation of U.S. law.

Unless otherwise indicated, as used in this Offering Circular, "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), and in the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "**U.S. Treasury**") regulations.

For a description of certain further restrictions on offers and sales of the Instruments and on the distribution of this Offering Circular, see "Offering and Sale" on pages 590 to 606.

The Notes issued by BAC are unsecured and are not and will not be savings accounts, deposits or obligations of, or otherwise guaranteed by, Bank of America, N.A. ("**BANA**") or any other bank. The Notes issued by BAC do not evidence deposits of BANA or any other banking affiliate of BAC and are not insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other insurer or governmental agency or instrumentality.

Each issue of Instruments will be issued in the form set out in "Form of the Instruments" on pages 79 to 84.

**Prospective purchasers of Instruments should ensure that they understand the nature of the relevant Instruments and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they consider the suitability of the relevant Instruments as an investment in light of their own circumstances and financial condition. Instruments involve a high degree of risk and potential investors should be prepared to sustain a total loss of the purchase price of their Instruments. See "Risk Factors" on pages 37 to 78.**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

This Offering Circular is a "prospectus" for the purposes of the admission to listing on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to trading of the Instruments on the Euro MTF in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Euro MTF is not a "regulated market" for the purposes of MiFID. This document does not constitute a prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. This Offering Circular is not a prospectus for the purposes of Section 12(a)(2) or any other provision of or rule under the Securities Act.

BAC accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular, excluding the information set out under "Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 550 to 551, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 552 to 554, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 555 to 556 the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 557 to 559, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 560 to 561, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 562 to 563, information incorporated by reference in respect of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. and statements in respect of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. under "General Information" on pages 607 to 610 (together, the "BAC Offering Circular"), and to the best of the knowledge of BAC (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in the BAC Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

MLBV accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular, excluding the information set out under "Bank of America Corporation" on pages 546 to 547, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Bank of America Corporation" on pages 548 to 549, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 555 to 556, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 557 to 559, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 560 to 561, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 562 to 563, the information set out under "Annex 3 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Low Exercise Price Warrants*" on pages 304 to 309, the information set out under "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" on pages 503 to 512, the information set out under "Annex 12 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants*" on pages 513 to 518, the information set out under "Annex 13 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Swiss COSIs*" on page 519, the information set out under "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)" on pages 520 to 523, the information set out under "Form of Swiss COSI Guarantee" on pages 527 to 528, information incorporated by reference in respect of BAC, MLCMAG and MLICo. and statements in respect of BAC, MLCMAG and MLICo. under "General Information" on pages 607 to 610 (together, the "MLBV Offering Circular"), and to the best of the knowledge of MLBV (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in the MLBV Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

MLCMAG accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular, excluding the information set out under "Bank of America Corporation" on pages 546 to 547, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Bank of America Corporation" on pages 548 to 549, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 550 to 551, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 552 to 554, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 560 to 561, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V." on pages 562 to 563, the information set out under "Form of Final Terms of the Notes" on pages 85 to 121, the information set out under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" on pages 122 to 162, the information set out under "Use of Proceeds of the Notes" on page 163, the information set out under "Annex 9A – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes*" on pages 358 to 427, the information set out under "Annex 10 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes*" on pages 497 to 502, the information set out under "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" on pages 503 to 512, the information set out under "Annex 12 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants*" on

pages 513 to 518, the information set out under "Annex 13 - *Additional Terms and Conditions for Swiss COSIs*" on page 519, the information set out under "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)" on pages 520 to 523, the information set out under "Form of Swiss COSI Guarantee" on pages 527 to 528, information incorporated by reference in respect of BAC, MLBV and MLICo. and statements in respect of BAC, MLBV and MLICo. under "General Information" on pages 607 to 610 (together, the "MLCMAG Offering Circular"), and to the best of the knowledge of MLCMAG (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in the MLCMAG Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

MLICo. accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular, excluding the information set out under "Bank of America Corporation" on pages 546 to 547, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Bank of America Corporation" on pages 548 to 549, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 550 to 551, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch B.V." on pages 552 to 554, the information set out under "Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 555 to 556, the information set out under "Selected Financial Data of Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG" on pages 557 to 559, the information set out under "Form of Final Terms of the Notes" on pages 85 to 121, the information set out under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" on pages 122 to 162, the information set out under "Use of Proceeds of the Notes" on page 163, the information set out under "Annex 9A – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes*" on pages 358 to 427, the information set out under "Annex 10 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes*" on pages 497 to 502, information incorporated by reference in respect of BAC, MLBV and MLCMAG and statements in respect of BAC, MLBV and MLCMAG under "General Information" on pages 607 to 610 (together, the "MLICo. Offering Circular"), and to the best of the knowledge of MLICo. (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in the MLICo. Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

In relation to any Instruments that are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, BAC confirms that the information contained in the BAC Offering Circular is, to the best of BAC's knowledge, correct, and that no material facts or circumstances have been omitted from the BAC Offering Circular.

In relation to any Instruments that are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, MLBV confirms that the information contained in the MLBV Offering Circular is, to the best of MLBV's knowledge, correct, and that no material facts or circumstances have been omitted from the MLBV Offering Circular.

In relation to any Instruments that are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, MLCMAG confirms that the information contained in the MLCMAG Offering Circular is, to the best of MLCMAG's knowledge, correct, and that no material facts or circumstances have been omitted from the MLCMAG Offering Circular.

In relation to any Instruments that are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, MLICo. confirms that the information contained in the MLICo. Offering Circular is, to the best of MLICo.'s knowledge, correct, and that no material facts or circumstances have been omitted from the MLICo. Offering Circular.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Offering Circular in connection with an offer of Instruments are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Issuer or the relevant Dealer(s) or Manager(s), as the case may be.

Information contained in this Offering Circular which is sourced from a third party has been accurately reproduced and, as far as each Issuer and the Guarantor 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. Each Issuer has also identified the source(s) of such information.

The applicable Final Terms (if applicable) will specify the nature of the responsibility taken by the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) for the information relating to the

Reference Item to which the relevant Instruments relate and which is contained in such Final Terms.

#### NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, 1955, AS AMENDED ("RSA 421-B") WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER RSA 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

No person is or has been authorised by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. or Merrill Lynch International ("MLI")<sup>\*</sup> to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo., MLI or any other Dealer of an issue of Instruments. This Offering Circular does not constitute, and may not be used for the purposes of, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation and no action is being taken to permit an offering of the Instruments or the distribution of this Offering Circular in any jurisdiction where any such action is required.

This Offering Circular is to be read and construed in conjunction with all documents which are, or are deemed to be, incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference" on pages 13 to 25). This Offering Circular shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated in and form part of this Offering Circular.

The Instruments of each issue may be sold by the relevant Issuer and/or any Dealer at such time and at such prices as the relevant Issuer and/or the Dealer(s) may select. There is no obligation upon the relevant Issuer or any Dealer to sell all of the Instruments of any issue. The Instruments of any issue may be offered or sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise at prevailing market prices or in negotiated transactions, at the discretion of the relevant Issuer.

Subject as provided in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" and the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments", as applicable, each Issuer shall have complete discretion as to what type of Instruments it issues and when.

Apart from BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo., no other party has independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any Dealer as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or MLICo. No Dealer accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or MLICo. in connection with the Programme.

Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Instruments (a) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (b) should be considered as a recommendation by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or

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<sup>\*</sup> The marketing name of MLI is BofA Merrill Lynch as set out on page 3.

MLICo. or any Dealer that any recipient of this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Instruments should purchase any Instruments. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Instruments should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable). Neither this Offering Circular nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any issue of Instruments constitutes an offer or an invitation by or on behalf of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or MLICo. or any Dealer or any other person to subscribe for or to purchase any Instruments.

Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Instruments shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or MLICo. is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. No Dealer undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and/or MLICo. during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Instruments of any information coming to their attention.

This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Instruments in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Instruments may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. None of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. and any Dealer represents that this Offering Circular may be lawfully distributed, or that any Instruments may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offer. In particular, unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. or any Dealer which is intended to permit a public offering of any Instruments or distribution of this Offering Circular in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Instruments may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Instruments may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sale of Instruments. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Instruments in the United States, the European Economic Area (including Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and The Netherlands), Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, the People's Republic of China, Curaçao, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Panama, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Uruguay, and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Series of Instruments (see "Offering and Sale" on pages 590 to 606). In particular, the Instruments, the Guarantees and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of the Instruments (if any) have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act.

This Offering Circular has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Instruments in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Instruments. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Instruments which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Offering Circular as completed by the applicable Final Terms in relation to the offer of those Instruments may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the relevant Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Instruments in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.



No Notes issued by MLBV or W&C Instruments (other than Rule 144A Warrants), or any interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold, pledged, assigned, delivered or otherwise transferred, exercised or redeemed, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons and any offer, sale, resale, pledge, assignment, delivery or other transfer, exercise or redemption made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person will not be recognised. See "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions" and "Offering and Sale". No Notes issued by BAC may be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered, exercised or redeemed, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Notes issued by BAC will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer – see "Offering and Sale".

The Instruments and the Guarantees have not been approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or any other securities commission or other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have the foregoing authorities reviewed or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Offering Circular. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States. The Instruments, the Guarantees and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the Instruments has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA.

This Offering Circular is being submitted on a confidential basis in the United States to a limited number of QIBs who are also QPs for informational use solely in connection with the consideration of the purchase of the Rule 144A Warrants. It may not be copied or reproduced in the United States in whole or in part nor may it be distributed or any of its contents disclosed to anyone in the United States other than the prospective investors to whom it is originally submitted.

Each purchaser or holder of interests in the Warrants will be deemed, by its acceptance or purchase of any such Warrants, to have made, or will be required to make, certain representations and agreements as set out in "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions" and "Offering and Sale".

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each holder and beneficial owner of the Instruments (and each employee, representative, or other agent of each holder and beneficial owner of the Instruments) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions described herein and all materials of any kind that are provided to the holder or beneficial owner of the Instruments relating to such tax treatment and tax structure (as such terms are defined in U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4). This authorisation of tax disclosure is retroactively effective to the commencement of discussions with holders or beneficial owners of the Instruments regarding the transactions contemplated herein.

None of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. has investigated, and none has or may have access to information that would permit it to ascertain, whether any company which has issued equity, debt or other instruments to which any Instruments relate is for U.S. tax purposes a passive foreign investment company, a controlled foreign corporation, a publicly-traded partnership or other type of pass-through entity. Prospective investors in any Instruments that are U.S. taxpayers should consult their own advisers concerning U.S. tax considerations relevant to an investment in such Instruments.

If Instruments are linked to Reference Items that are Shares of one or more United States issuers, such Shares must be registered with the SEC. In addition, if Instruments are linked to Reference Items that are (i) Shares of one or more United States issuers or (ii) indices comprised of stock, Shares or other securities of United States issuers, such United States issuers must be, at the time of the issuance of the relevant Instruments, a reporting issuer under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

**In this Offering Circular, references to "U.S.\$", "\$" and "U.S. dollars" are to United States Dollars; references to "A\$" are to Australian dollars; references to "EUR", "euro" and "€" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended; references to "SEK" are to Swedish krona, and references to "CNY" are to Chinese Renminbi, the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China (including any lawful successor to the CNY).**

**In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as 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 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 calendar days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 calendar days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.**

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**AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

BAC will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the oral or written request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents relating to BAC incorporated herein by reference. Written requests for such documents should be directed to: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Attention: Fixed Income Investor Relations, or [fixedincomeir@bankofamerica.com](mailto:fixedincomeir@bankofamerica.com). Telephone requests may be directed to either +1-866-607-1234 (toll free) or +1-212-449-6795. BAC's filings with the SEC are available through (1) the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, and (2) BAC's website at [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com). In addition, all documents incorporated herein by reference will be available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) or at the specified offices of the Principal Paying Agent and the Principal Instrument Agent in London. References to web addresses in this Offering Circular are included as inactive textual references only. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular, information on these websites is not part of this Offering Circular.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents, which have previously been published and have been filed with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Offering Circular:

- (a) BAC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 31 December 2013 (the "**BAC 2013 Annual Report**");
- (b) BAC's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended 31 March 2014 (the "**BAC 31 March 2014 Quarterly Report**"), for the period ended 30 June 2014 (the "**BAC 30 June 2014 Quarterly Report**") and for the period ended 30 September 2014 (the "**BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report**") and, together with the BAC 31 March 2014 Quarterly Report and the BAC 30 June 2014 Quarterly Report, the "**BAC Quarterly Reports**";
- (c) BAC's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on 15 January 2014 (the "**BAC 15 January 2014 Form 8-K**"), 26 March 2014 (two filings) (respectively, the "**First BAC 26 March 2014 Form 8-K**" and the "**Second BAC 26 March 2014 Form 8-K**"), 16 April 2014 (the "**BAC 16 April 2014 Form 8-K**"), 28 April 2014 (the "**BAC 28 April 2014 Form 8-K**"), 7 May 2014 (the "**BAC 7 May 2014 Form 8-K**"), 27 May 2014 (the "**BAC 27 May 2014 Form 8-K**"), 17 June 2014 (the "**BAC 17 June 2014 Form 8-K**"), 16 July 2014 (two filings) (respectively, the "**First BAC 16 July 2014 Form 8-K**" and the "**Second BAC 16 July 2014 Form 8-K**"), 6 August 2014 (the "**BAC 6 August 2014 Form 8-K**"), 21 August 2014 (the "**BAC 21 August 2014 Form 8-K**"), 5 September 2014 (the "**BAC 5 September 2014 Form 8-K**"), 9 September 2014 (the "**BAC 9 September 2014 Form 8-K**"), 1 October 2014 (the "**BAC 1 October 2014 Form 8-K**"), 15 October 2014 (the "**BAC 15 October 2014 Form 8-K**"), 23 October 2014 (the "**BAC 23 October 2014 Form 8-K**") and 6 November 2014 (the "**BAC 6 November 2014 Form 8-K**"), and, together with the BAC 15 January 2014 Form 8-K, the First BAC 26 March 2014 Form 8-K, the Second BAC 26 March 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 16 April 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 28 April 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 7 May 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 27 May 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 17 June 2014 Form 8-K, the First BAC 16 July 2014 Form 8-K, the Second BAC 16 July 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 6 August 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 21 August 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 5 September 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 9 September 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 1 October 2014 Form 8-K, the BAC 15 October 2014 Form 8-K and the BAC 23 October 2014 Form 8-K, the "**BAC Forms 8-K**") (other than, with respect to these reports, information that is furnished but deemed not to have been filed under the rules of the SEC);
- (d) the audited financial statements of Merrill Lynch S.A. ("**MLSA**") (predecessor to MLBV) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012 together with the auditor's report dated 18 April 2013 thereon (the "**MLSA 2012 Accounts**");
- (e) MLBV's audited financial statements for the period from 12 November 2012 (the date of its incorporation) to 31 December 2012 together with the auditor's report dated 8 August 2013 thereon (the "**MLBV 2012 Accounts**");
- (f) MLBV's audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2013 together with the auditor's report dated 30 April 2014 thereon (the "**MLBV 2013 Accounts**");
- (g) MLBV's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2014 (the "**MLBV Interim Financial Statements**");
- (h) MLCMAG's audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012 together with the auditor's report dated 29 April 2013 thereon (the "**MLCMAG 2012 Accounts**"), and as at and for the year ended 31 December 2013 together with the auditor's report dated 21 March 2014 thereon (the "**MLCMAG 2013 Accounts**");
- (i) MLCMAG's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2014 (the "**MLCMAG Interim Financial Statements**");
- (j) MLICo.'s audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012 together with the auditor's report dated 21 May 2013 thereon (the "**MLICo. 2012 Accounts**"), and as at

and for the year ended 31 December 2013 together with the auditor's report dated 25 April 2014 thereon (the "**MLICo. 2013 Accounts**");

- (k) MLICo.'s unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2014 (the "**MLICo. Interim Financial Statements**");
- (l) for the purpose of any issue of Notes by MLBV under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 15 September 2009 and prior to 22 June 2010 or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2009 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**2009 Note Final Terms**") on pages 74 to 112 of the base prospectus of MLSA and MLICo. dated 15 September 2009 (the "**2009 Base Prospectus**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 113 to 140 of the 2009 Base Prospectus (the "**2009 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 227 to 347 of the 2009 Base Prospectus (the "**2009 Annexes**") and the form of guarantee on pages 348 to 349 of the 2009 Base Prospectus (the "**2009 Form of Guarantee**");
- (m) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities<sup>1</sup> issued on or after 15 September 2009 and prior to 22 June 2010 or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2009 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities (the "**2009 W&C Final Terms**") on pages 142 to 179 of the 2009 Base Prospectus, the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 180 to 225 of the 2009 Base Prospectus (the "**2009 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the 2009 Annexes and the 2009 Form of Guarantee;
- (n) for the purpose of any issue of Notes by MLBV under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 22 June 2010 and prior to 22 June 2011 or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2010 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**2010 Note Final Terms**") on pages 74 to 116 of the base prospectus of MLSA and MLICo. dated 22 June 2010 (the "**2010 Base Prospectus**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 117 to 145 of the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**2010 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 238 to 367 of the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**2010 Annexes**") and the form of guarantee on pages 376 to 378 of the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**2010 Form of Guarantee**");
- (o) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities issued on or after 22 June 2010 and prior to 22 June 2011 or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2010 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities (the "**2010 W&C Final Terms**") on pages 147 to 184 of the 2010 Base Prospectus, the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 185 to 236 of the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**2010 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the 2010 Annexes and the 2010 Form of Guarantee;
- (p) for the purpose of any issue of Share Linked Instruments, FX Linked Instruments, Commodity Linked Instruments and Fund Linked Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Share Linked Securities, FX Linked Securities, Commodity Linked Securities and Fund Linked Securities issued on or after 11 August 2010 and prior to 22 June 2011, the 2010 W&C Final Terms, the 2010 W&C Securities Conditions, the 2010 Annexes, the 2010 Form of Guarantee and supplement No. 2 dated 11 August 2010 to the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**11 August 2010 Supplement**");
- (q) for the purpose of any issue of Saudi Share Linked Warrants under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Saudi Share Linked Warrants issued on or after 8 March 2011 and prior to 22 June 2011, the 2010 W&C

<sup>1</sup> Instruments issued under the Programme prior to the date hereof were referred to in the respective Base Prospectus or Offering Circular as "Securities", W&C Instruments were referred to as "W&C Securities" and each individual product was referred to as a "Security"/"W&C Security" (Index Linked Securities/W&C Securities, Share Linked Securities/W&C Securities etc.).

Securities Conditions, the 2010 Annexes, and supplement No. 8 dated 8 March 2011 to the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**8 March 2011 Saudi Share Linked Warrants Supplement**") containing the form of final terms for Saudi Share Linked Warrants;

- (r) for the purpose of any issue of Finnish W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Finnish W&C Securities issued on or after 23 March 2011 and prior to 22 June 2011, the 2010 W&C Final Terms, the 2010 W&C Securities Conditions, the 2010 Annexes and supplement No. 9 dated 23 March 2011 to the 2010 Base Prospectus (the "**23 March 2011 Finnish W&C Securities Supplement**") containing the form of guarantee for such Finnish W&C Securities;
- (s) for the purpose of any issue of Notes by MLBV under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 22 June 2011 and prior to 24 May 2012 or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2011 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**2011 Note Final Terms**") on pages 92 to 123 of the base prospectus of MLSA and MLICo. dated 22 June 2011 (the "**2011 Base Prospectus**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 124 to 160 of the 2011 Base Prospectus (the "**2011 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 261 to 457 of the 2011 Base Prospectus (the "**2011 Annexes**") and the form of guarantee on pages 458 to 460 of the 2011 Base Prospectus (the "**2011 Form of Guarantee**");
- (t) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities issued on or after 22 June 2011 and prior to 24 May 2012 or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2011 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities (the "**2011 W&C Final Terms**") on pages 162 to 200 of the 2011 Base Prospectus, the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 201 to 259 of the 2011 Base Prospectus (the "**2011 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the 2011 Annexes and the 2011 Form of Guarantee;
- (u) for the purpose of any issue of Notes by MLBV under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 24 May 2012 and prior to 9 January 2013 or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2012 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**2012 Note Final Terms**") on pages 105 to 139 of the base prospectus of MLSA and MLICo. dated 24 May 2012 (the "**2012 Base Prospectus**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 140 to 176 of the 2012 Base Prospectus (the "**2012 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 284 to 489 of the 2012 Base Prospectus (the "**2012 Annexes**") and the form of guarantee on pages 494 to 496 of the 2012 Base Prospectus (the "**2012 Form of Guarantee**");
- (v) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities issued on or after 24 May 2012 and prior to 9 January 2013 or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the 2012 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities (the "**2012 W&C Final Terms**") on pages 178 to 218 of the 2012 Base Prospectus, the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 219 to 282 of the 2012 Base Prospectus (the "**2012 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the 2012 Annexes and the 2012 Form of Guarantee;
- (w) for the purpose of any issue of Notes by MLBV under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 9 January 2013 and prior to 15 November 2013 or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the January 2013 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**January 2013 Note Final Terms**") on pages 76 to 111 of the offering circular of MLBV and MLICo. dated 9 January 2013 (the "**January 2013 Offering Circular**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 112 to 153 of the January 2013 Offering Circular (the "**January 2013 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 263 to 492 of the January 2013 Offering Circular (the

"**January 2013 Annexes**") and the form of non-COSI guarantee on pages 497 to 499 of the January 2013 Offering Circular (the "**January 2013 Form of Non-COSI Guarantee**");

- (x) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities issued on or after 9 January 2013 and prior to 15 November 2013 or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the January 2013 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities on pages 155 to 195 of the January 2013 Offering Circular (the "**January 2013 W&C Final Terms**"), the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 196 to 261 of the January 2013 Offering Circular (the "**January 2013 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the January 2013 Annexes and the January 2013 Form of Non-COSI Guarantee;
- (y) for the purpose of any issue of Notes under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of Notes issued on or after 15 November 2013 and prior to the date of this Offering Circular or for the purpose of any other Series of Notes in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the November 2013 Note Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the Notes (the "**November 2013 Note Final Terms**") on pages 82 to 117 of the offering circular of BAC, MLBV, MLICo. and MLCMAG dated 15 November 2013 (the "**November 2013 Offering Circular**"), the terms and conditions of the Notes on pages 118 to 156 of the November 2013 Offering Circular (the "**November 2013 Note Conditions**"), the annexes on pages 260 to 488 of the November 2013 Offering Circular (the "**November 2013 Annexes**") and the form of non-COSI guarantee on pages 493 to 495 of the November 2013 Offering Circular (the "**November 2013 Form of Non-COSI Guarantee**");
- (z) for the purpose of any issue of W&C Instruments under the Programme which are to be consolidated and form a single series with an existing tranche or series of W&C Securities issued on or after 15 November 2013 and prior to the date of this Offering Circular or for the purpose of any other Series of W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms provide that the November 2013 W&C Securities Conditions apply, the form of final terms of the W&C Securities (the "**November 2013 W&C Final Terms**") on pages 158 to 196 of the November 2013 Offering Circular, the terms and conditions of the W&C Securities on pages 197 to 258 of the November 2013 Offering Circular (the "**November 2013 W&C Securities Conditions**"), the November 2013 Annexes and the November 2013 Form of Non-COSI Guarantee; and
- (aa) the Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI) (the "**Framework Agreement**") dated 24 May 2012, between SIX Swiss Exchange, SIX SIS AG ("**SIS**"), MLICo. and MLCMAG in its capacity as collateral provider (the "**Collateral Provider**") pursuant to which the Collateral Provider undertakes to secure the Current Value of the Swiss W&C Instruments for which "Collateralisation" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

To the extent that this Offering Circular is used in connection with an issue or offering of Instruments under the Programme in circumstances where the Prospectus Directive does not apply and where the Instruments are not to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, the following documents, which may be produced or issued from time to time after the date hereof, shall upon publication be deemed to form part of this Offering Circular:

- (i) BAC's annual report on Form 10-K and proxy statements of BAC filed with the SEC after the date of this Offering Circular; and
- (ii) any other reports filed by BAC with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than, with respect to these reports, information that is furnished but deemed not to have been filed under the rules of the SEC) and the rules and regulations thereunder subsequent to the date of the financial statements included in the BAC 2013 Annual Report including, without limitation, any quarterly report on Form 10-Q not incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular.



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BAC will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Offering Circular has been delivered, upon the oral or written request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) above. Written requests for such documents should be directed to: Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Attention: Fixed Income Investor Relations, or [fixedincomeir@bankofamerica.com](mailto:fixedincomeir@bankofamerica.com). Telephone requests may be directed to either +1-866-607-1234 (toll free) or +1-212-449-6795. BAC's filings with the SEC are available through (1) the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, and (2) BAC's website at [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com). In addition, all documents incorporated herein by reference will be available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) or at the specified offices of the Principal Paying Agent and the Principal Instrument Agent in London. References to web addresses in this Offering Circular are included as



inactive textual references only. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular, information on these websites is not part of this Offering Circular.

The Issuers and the Guarantor will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Offering Circular which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Instruments, prepare a supplement to this Offering Circular or publish a new offering circular for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Instruments.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

**This overview must be read as an introduction to this Offering Circular. Any decision to invest in any Instruments should be based on a consideration of this Offering Circular as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference.**

*Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" or in the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments", as applicable, and in the remainder of this Offering Circular shall have the same meanings in this overview. BAC may issue Notes; MLBV may issue Notes and Certificates; MLCMAG may issue Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants and Saudi Share Linked Warrants) and Certificates and MLICo. may issue Warrants and Certificates of any kind. Notes, Certificates and Warrants are together referred to as "Instruments".*

Issuers:	<p>Bank of America Corporation ("<b>BAC</b>")</p> <p>Merrill Lynch B.V. ("<b>MLBV</b>")</p> <p>Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG ("<b>MLCMAG</b>")</p> <p>Merrill Lynch International &amp; Co. C.V. ("<b>MLICo.</b>")</p> <p>BAC is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company and a financial holding company. BAC provides a diversified range of banking and non-banking financial services and products worldwide.</p> <p>MLBV is a private limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law. The main activity of MLBV consists of issuing notes, certificates and other securities to investors, the proceeds of which are loaned to, or placed on deposit with, Group companies.</p> <p>MLCMAG is a company incorporated as a Swiss stock corporation (<i>Aktiengesellschaft</i>) under the laws of Switzerland. MLCMAG is a bank and securities dealer primarily engaged in securities and derivatives trading activities.</p> <p>MLICo. is a Curaçao limited partnership of unlimited duration organised under the laws of Curaçao. MLICo. engages primarily in the issuance of warrants and related financial instruments and the distribution of managed fund products.</p>
Guarantor (in respect of Notes issued by MLBV; Certificates issued by MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo.; and Warrants issued by MLCMAG and MLICo.):	Bank of America Corporation (in such capacity, the " <b>Guarantor</b> ")
Description:	Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme
Guarantees:	The payment and non-cash delivery obligations under the Instruments issued by MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. (other than Swiss COSIs) are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor upon and subject to the terms set out in the Non-COSI Guarantee. The payment obligations of MLICo., to the extent of any Shortfall under the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs, will be conditionally but irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor upon and subject to the terms set out in the Swiss COSI Guarantee.
Calculation Agent:	Merrill Lynch International or such other calculation agent specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Arranger:	Merrill Lynch International
<b>In respect of Notes:</b>	
Issuers:	BAC MLBV
Dealers:	Merrill Lynch International Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.  Notes may also be issued to other dealers and third parties.
Maximum nominal amount of Notes which may be issued:	MLBV may issue up to €15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) under this Programme and its other structured products programmes.  BAC may issue up to U.S.\$8,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) under this Programme and certain other of its international securities programmes and platforms.
Principal Paying Agent:	Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch)
Registrar:	Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or partly-paid basis at an issue price which is at par or a discount to, or a premium over, par. The issue price will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Terms of Notes:	Notes may be denominated in any currency specified in the applicable Final Terms with any agreed maturity, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory restrictions.  Notes may: (i) bear interest at a fixed or floating rate; (ii) not bear interest; (iii) have an interest amount or rate and/or a redemption amount determined or calculated by reference to one or more underlying assets or bases of reference such as indices (including equity, bond, commodity or inflation indices), currency exchange rates, shares, GDRs or ADRs, fund shares or units, commodities or the credit of one or more underlying entities (each such underlying asset or basis of reference, a " <b>Reference Item</b> " and any Reference Item linked Notes, " <b>Reference Item Linked Notes</b> "); (iv) reference any combination of the foregoing; (v) be redeemed by physical delivery (" <b>Physical Delivery Notes</b> ") of specified asset(s); and/or (vi) have such other terms and conditions as specified in the applicable Final Terms.  Interest periods, interest rates and the terms of and/or amounts payable on redemption will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.  The applicable Final Terms will indicate either that the relevant Notes may not be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments (if applicable), for taxation reasons, following an Event of Default and acceleration of the Notes, or (if applicable) following an Additional Disruption Event), or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the relevant Issuer and/or the Noteholders.

Physical Delivery Notes:	<p>In order to receive the relevant asset(s), a Noteholder must deliver an Asset Transfer Notice on or prior to a specified cut-off time and pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses arising from delivery of the relevant assets. For certain Reference Item Linked Notes, if certain disruption events occur on settlement, the relevant settlement date may be postponed and in certain circumstances the relevant Issuer will be entitled to make payment of a cash amount in lieu of physical delivery.</p> <p>The Non-COSI Guarantee provides that, in the case of Physical Delivery Notes issued by MLBV, the Guarantor will have the right to elect not to make physical delivery of the Entitlement, but rather to pay the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
Negative Pledge:	None
Cross Default:	None
Events of Default:	Terms of the Notes contain, among others, events of default covering non-payment or non-delivery and relating to the insolvency of the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor.
Taxation:	<p>The relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (if applicable) will, subject to certain limitations and exceptions (set forth in Condition 9 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes"), pay to Noteholders who are United States Aliens or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) a Netherlands Non-resident (each as defined in Condition 9 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment of principal or interest or other amount with respect to the Notes or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Non-COSI Guarantee after deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed upon such Noteholders or by reason of the making of such payment, by the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable) or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, will not be less than the amount provided for in the Notes or the Non-COSI Guarantee (as applicable) to be then due and payable, except as provided in Condition 9 of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes".</p>

**In respect of W&C Instruments:**

Issuers:	<p>MLBV (in respect of Certificates only)</p> <p>MLCMAG (in respect of Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants and Saudi Share Linked Warrants) and Certificates)</p> <p>MLICo. (in respect of Warrants (of any kind) and Certificates)</p>
Dealers:	<p>Merrill Lynch International</p> <p>Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG</p> <p>Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.</p> <p>W&amp;C Instruments may also be issued to other dealers and third parties.</p>

Principal Instrument Agent:	Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch)
Registrar:	Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l.
Issue Price:	W&C Instruments may be issued at such price as shall be determined by the relevant Issuer or Manager appointed in respect of the issue. The issue price will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Terms of W&C Instruments:	<p>MLBV may from time to time issue Certificates, MLCMAG may from time to time issue Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants and Saudi Share Linked Warrants) and Certificates and MLICo. may from time to time issue Warrants (of any kind) and Certificates. The terms of any issue of W&amp;C Instruments may be linked to one or more underlying assets or bases of reference such as indices (including equity, bond, commodity or inflation indices), currency exchange rates, shares, GDRs or ADRs, fund shares or units, commodities or the credit of one or more underlying entities (each such underlying asset or basis of reference, a "<b>Reference Item</b>" and any Reference Item linked W&amp;C Instruments, "<b>Reference Item Linked W&amp;C Instruments</b>" and, together with any Reference Item Linked Notes, "<b>Reference Item Linked Instruments</b>") or any combination of the foregoing and W&amp;C Instruments may be issued on such terms as may be determined by the relevant Issuer and specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p> <p>W&amp;C Instruments may or may not pay additional amounts as specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
Settlement:	<p>Settlement may be by way of cash payment ("<b>Cash Settled</b>") or physical delivery ("<b>Physical Delivery</b>"). Swedish W&amp;C Instruments and Finnish W&amp;C Instruments will be Cash Settled only. Rule 144A Warrants which are Physical Delivery Warrants will be issued only in relation to Share Linked Warrants, GDR/ADR Linked Warrants and Fund Linked Warrants. For certain Physical Delivery W&amp;C Instruments, if certain disruption events occur on settlement, the relevant settlement date may be postponed and in certain circumstances the relevant Issuer will be entitled to make payment of a cash amount in lieu of physical delivery.</p> <p>The Non-COSI Guarantee provides that, in the case of Physical Delivery W&amp;C Instruments, the Guarantor will have the right to elect not to make physical delivery of the Entitlement, but rather to pay the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
Exercise Rights:	<p>European Style Warrants are only exercisable on the Exercise Date.</p> <p>American Style Warrants are exercisable on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period.</p> <p>The applicable Final Terms will specify whether or not Warrants will be automatically exercised.</p> <p>The applicable Final Terms will specify if Warrants may be automatically exercised early (as a result of an Issuer Call, a mandatory early exercise or a Holder put).</p>

Certificates will be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date. In the case of Physical Delivery Certificates in order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Certificate, the Holder must deliver a Collection Notice prior to a specified cut-off time and pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses arising from such delivery.

The applicable Final Terms will specify if the Exercise Date for Certificates may be brought forward (as a result of an Issuer Call, a mandatory early exercise or a Holder put).

Expenses and Taxation:

A holder of a W&C Instrument must pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses arising from the exercise and settlement of such W&C Instrument and/or if applicable, delivery of the Entitlement. The relevant Issuer shall not be liable for tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise or enforcement of any W&C Instrument and all payments will be made subject to any such tax, duty, withholding or other payment.

Swiss COSIs:

Swiss W&C Instruments may be collateralised in accordance with the terms of the SIX Swiss Exchange "Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)" (the "**Framework Agreement**"), dated 24 May 2012, between SIX Swiss Exchange, SIS, MLICo. and MLCMAG in its capacity as collateral provider (the "**Collateral Provider**") pursuant to which the Collateral Provider undertakes to secure the Current Value of the Swiss W&C Instruments for which "Collateralisation" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

## Reference Item Linked Instruments

Index Linked Instruments:

Amounts payable in respect of Index Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to one or more Indices. The Index may reference or be comprised of equities, bonds, property, currency exchange rates or other assets or bases of reference.

Index Linked Instruments may be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment if an Index is modified or cancelled and there is no successor index acceptable to the Calculation Agent, if the Index's Sponsor fails to calculate and announce the Index, if certain market disruption events occur, or if certain events (such as illegality, disruptions or cost increases) occur with respect to the relevant Issuer's and/or any Affiliate's hedging arrangements.

If certain disruption events occur with respect to valuation of an Index, such valuation may be postponed and/or may be made by the Calculation Agent. Payments may also be postponed.

Share Linked Instruments:

Amounts payable in respect of Share Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to a single Share or basket of Shares. Share Linked Instruments may also provide for settlement by physical delivery of a specified amount of Shares of one or more companies, subject to payment of the Exercise Price (in case of Warrants) and any other amounts payable.

Share Linked Instruments may, at the discretion of the relevant Issuer, be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment (including valuation and in certain circumstances Share substitutions) if certain corporate events (such as events affecting the value of a Share (including Share divisions or consolidations, extraordinary dividends and capital calls), de-listing of a Share, insolvency, merger or nationalisation of a Share issuer, a tender offer or redenomination of a Share) occur, if certain events (such as illegality, disruptions or cost increases) occur with respect to the relevant Issuer's and/or any Affiliate's hedging arrangements, or if insolvency filings are made with respect to a Share issuer.

If certain disruption events occur with respect to valuation of a Share, such valuation may be postponed and/or may be made by the Calculation Agent. Payments may also be postponed.

**GDR/ADR Linked Instruments:** Amounts payable in respect of GDR/ADR Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to a single global depositary receipt ("**GDR**") or American depositary receipt ("**ADR**") or a basket of GDRs and/or ADRs. GDR/ADR Linked Instruments may also provide for settlement by physical delivery of a specified amount of GDRs and/or ADRs subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other amounts payable.

GDR/ADR Linked Instruments may, at the discretion of the relevant Issuer, be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment (including valuation and in certain circumstances GDR/ADR substitutions) if certain corporate events (such as events affecting the value of a GDR and/or ADR (including GDR, ADR or underlying share divisions or consolidations, extraordinary dividends and capital calls), de-listing of a GDR, ADR or underlying share, insolvency, merger or nationalisation of an underlying share issuer, a tender offer or redenomination of a GDR, ADR and/or underlying share) occur, if certain events (such as illegality, disruptions or cost increases) occur with respect to the relevant Issuer's and/or any Affiliate's hedging arrangements, or if insolvency filings are made with respect to an underlying share issuer.

**FX Linked Instruments:** Amounts payable in respect of FX Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to the rate of exchange of a single currency or basket of currencies. FX Linked Instruments may also provide for settlement by physical delivery of a specified amount of the relevant currencies, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other amounts payable.

If certain disruption events occur with respect to a rate of exchange of a single currency or basket of currencies, such valuation may be postponed and/or may be made by the Calculation Agent.

**Commodity Linked Instruments:** Amounts payable in respect of Commodity Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to a single Commodity and/or Commodity Index or basket of Commodities and/or Commodity Indices. Commodity Linked Instruments may also provide for settlement by physical delivery of a specified amount of Commodities, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other amounts payable.

If certain disruption events occur with respect to valuation of a Commodity or futures or options contracts relating to such Commodity, such valuation may be postponed and/or may be made by the Calculation Agent. Commodity Linked Instruments linked to a Commodity Index may be subject to adjustment if the Commodity Index is modified or cancelled and there is no successor acceptable to the Calculation Agent or if the Commodity Index's sponsor fails to calculate and announce the index.

**Fund Linked Instruments:**

Amounts payable in respect of Fund Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to units, interests or shares in a single Fund or basket of Funds. Fund Linked Instruments may also provide for settlement by physical delivery of a specified amount of units, interests or shares of one or more Funds, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other amounts payable.

Fund Linked Instruments may, at the discretion of the relevant Issuer, be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment (including as to valuations and fund substitutions) if certain corporate events (such as insolvency (or an analogous event) or nationalisation of a Fund; litigation against, or regulatory events occurring with respect to, a Fund; suspensions of Fund subscriptions or redemptions; certain changes in net asset value or violations of leverage restrictions of a Fund; Fund reporting disruptions; or modifications to the investment objectives or changes in the nature or administration of a Fund) occur, if certain valuation or settlement disruption events occur with respect to a Fund, or if certain events (such as illegality, disruptions or cost increases) occur with respect to the relevant Issuer's and/or any Affiliate's hedging arrangements.

Fund Linked Instruments linked to Exchange Traded Funds may be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment (including as to valuation) if certain corporate events (such as events affecting the value of a Fund Share including share divisions or consolidation, de-listing of a Fund Share, insolvency, merger or nationalisation of a Fund Share issuer, or a tender offer of a Fund Share) or modifications of its investment objectives occur or if certain events occur with respect to the relevant Issuer's and/or Affiliate's hedging arrangements.

If certain disruption events occur with respect to valuation of a Fund Share in respect of an Exchange Traded Fund, such valuation may be postponed and/or may be made by the Calculation Agent. Payments may also be postponed.

**Inflation Linked Instruments:**

Amounts payable in respect of Inflation Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to a single Inflation Index or basket of Inflation Indices.

Inflation Linked Instruments may be subject to early redemption or cancellation, as applicable, and/or adjustment if an Inflation Index is modified or cancelled and there is no successor index acceptable to the Calculation Agent, or if the Inflation Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce the Index.

**Credit Linked Instruments:**

Amounts payable and/or deliverable in respect of Credit Linked Instruments will be calculated by reference to the credit of a specified entity or entities.



If an Event Determination Date occurs during the Notice Delivery Period, the Credit Linked Instruments will be redeemed or cancelled, as the case may be, and the relevant Issuer will: (a) where "Auction Settlement" is specified as being applicable in the Final Terms and subject to the occurrence of a Fallback Settlement Event, pay the Auction Settlement Amount, (b) if "Cash Settlement" is specified in the applicable Final Terms or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is Cash Settlement, pay the Credit Event Redemption Amount or (c) if "Physical Settlement" is specified as being applicable in the Final Terms or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is Physical Settlement, deliver the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement.

**Saudi Share Linked Warrants:** Amounts payable in respect of Saudi Share Linked Warrants will be calculated by reference to the notional liquidation by a Hypothetical Dealer of a Hedge Position corresponding to a single Share or basket of Shares listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange (*Tadawul*) during the relevant Execution Period commencing on the Valuation Date.

Saudi Share Linked Warrants may, at the discretion of MLICo., be subject to early settlement or cancellation, as applicable, or adjustment (including valuation and in certain circumstances Share substitutions) if certain corporate events (such as events affecting the value of a Share (including Share divisions or consolidations, extraordinary dividends and capital calls), de-listing of a Share, insolvency, merger or nationalisation of a Share issuer, a tender offer or redenomination of a Share) occur, if certain events (such as illegality, any disruptions, cost increases, or Saudi Arabian-specific regulatory or other events) occur with respect to MLICo.'s and/or any Affiliate's hedging arrangements, or if insolvency filings are made with respect to a Share issuer.

## **General:**

**Form and Transfer of Instruments:**

### *Global Instruments and Clearing Systems*

Generally, each Tranche of Instruments (other than Swedish Instruments, Finnish Instruments and Swiss W&C Instruments) will at all times be represented by a global warrant, a global certificate or a global note in registered form (the "**Global Instrument**"), as applicable, deposited on the issue date specified in the applicable Final Terms with: (a) in the case of Instruments held in a Clearing System (other than the Swedish CSD (as defined below), Euroclear Finland (as defined below) and SIS and Notes intended to be held under the New Safekeeping Structure (the "**NSS**")), a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") (which shall at all times be an entity located outside the United Kingdom) for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**" and, together with Euroclear, the Swedish CSD, Euroclear Finland and SIS, the "**Clearing Systems**" and each a "**Clearing System**") or (b) in the case of Notes intended to be held under the NSS for Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the relevant clearing system, a common safekeeper (the "**Common Safekeeper**").

Certificates and Warrants which are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main ("**Clearstream, Frankfurt**") will be constituted by a global certificate or a global warrant, as applicable, in bearer form which will be delivered to, and held by, Clearstream, Frankfurt; provided, however, that such Certificates and Warrants will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes.

#### *Swedish Instruments*

Swedish Notes, Swedish Warrants and Swedish Certificates (Swedish Warrants and Swedish Certificates together, "**Swedish W&C Instruments**" and, together with Swedish Notes, "**Swedish Instruments**") may be issued under the Programme, and will be registered in uncertificated and dematerialised electronic book-entry form with Euroclear Sweden AB, the Swedish central securities depository (the "**Swedish CSD**") in accordance with all applicable Swedish laws, regulations and rules. No definitive or global notes or certificates representing the relevant Swedish Instruments will be issued to represent such beneficial owners' interests recorded in the register of the Swedish CSD.

#### *Finnish Instruments*

Finnish Notes, Finnish Warrants and Finnish Certificates (Finnish Warrants and Finnish Certificates together, "**Finnish W&C Instruments**" and, together with Finnish Notes, "**Finnish Instruments**") may be issued under the Programme, and will be registered in uncertificated and dematerialised book-entry form with the Finnish central securities depository, Euroclear Finland Ltd. ("**Euroclear Finland**") in accordance with all applicable Finnish laws, regulations and rules. No definitive or global notes or certificates representing the relevant Finnish Instruments will be issued to represent such beneficial owners' interests recorded in the register of Euroclear Finland.

#### *Swiss W&C Instruments*

Swiss Warrants and Swiss Certificates (together, "**Swiss W&C Instruments**") will on issue be constituted as uncertificated securities, which will be entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and no Holder of Swiss W&C Instruments will at any time have the right to effect or demand the conversion of such Swiss W&C Instruments into, or the delivery of, Warrants or Certificates, as the case may be, in definitive form.

#### Status of the Instruments:

The Instruments (other than Swiss COSIs) constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured indebtedness (in the case of Notes) or obligations (in the case of W&C Instruments) of the relevant Issuer.

	<p>Swiss COSIs constitute direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of MLICo. and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of MLICo. and are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.</p>
Status of the Guarantees:	<p>The obligations of the Guarantor under each Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, will rank <i>pari passu</i> with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.</p>
Approval, listing and admission to trading:	<p>Application has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Instruments issued under the Programme during the 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF market and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Notes may be listed and/or admitted to trading on such other or further exchange(s) and/or market(s) as determined by the relevant Issuer.</p> <p>The W&amp;C Instruments may be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and admitted to trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange and/or listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchange(s) or market(s) as determined by the relevant Issuer. Instruments which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market may also be issued.</p>
Governing Law:	<p>The Instruments issued by MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo., and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. Notes issued by BAC will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. Each Guarantee will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.</p>
Rating:	<p>The Programme has no rating. If any issue of Notes under the Programme is to be rated, the rating of such Notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any such rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.</p>
Selling Restrictions:	<p>There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Instruments in the United States, the European Economic Area (including Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and The Netherlands), Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, the People's Republic of China, Curaçao, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Panama, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Uruguay, and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Series of Instruments (see "Offering and Sale").</p>

Risk Factors:

In the course of conducting their business operations, BAC and its subsidiaries (together, the "**Group**"), including MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo., are exposed to a variety of risks, some of which are inherent in the financial services industry and others of which are more specific to their own businesses, and that are material for purposes of assessing the risks associated with investing in the Instruments. See "Risk Factors" for more information regarding these risks.

**POTENTIAL INVESTORS MUST REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE RELEVANT REFERENCE ITEM(S) ARE AND TO SEE HOW THE CASH SETTLEMENT AMOUNT, FINAL REDEMPTION AMOUNT OR ENTITLEMENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, PAYABLE AND/OR DELIVERABLE ON THE INSTRUMENTS AND ANY INTEREST PAYMENTS (IN THE CASE OF NOTES) OR ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT PAYMENTS (IN THE CASE OF W&C INSTRUMENTS) ARE DETERMINED AND WHEN SUCH AMOUNTS ARE PAYABLE AND/OR DELIVERABLE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION TO PURCHASE ANY INSTRUMENTS.**

## RISK FACTORS

*Each of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations in respect of its Instruments issued under the Programme and/or are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with its Instruments issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur, and none of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*Each of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Instruments issued under the Programme, but the inability of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (if applicable) to pay any cash amounts in connection with any cash settled instruments ("**Cash Settled Instruments**") or to deliver the Entitlement in connection with any physical delivery instruments ("**Physical Delivery Instruments**") may occur for other reasons, and none of the Issuers nor the Guarantor represents that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Instruments are exhaustive. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to any of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG or MLICo. or that any of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG or MLICo. currently believes to be immaterial could also have a material impact on its business operations or the Instruments. The Final Terms in respect of an issue of Instruments may contain additional Risk Factors in respect of such Instruments. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

*Terms used in this section and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to them in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" or the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments", as applicable (together the "**Conditions**" and references herein to "**relevant Conditions**" shall be construed accordingly).*

### Organisation of the Risk Factors

1. **Risk Factors Relating to the Issuers**
2. **Risk Factors Relating to BAC and the Group and to the Group's Businesses and Industry**
3. **Risks Relating to the Instruments Generally**
4. **Risks Relating to Notes**
5. **Risks Relating to W&C Instruments**
6. **Risks Relating to Warrants**
7. **Risks Relating to Swiss COSIs**
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    - (viii) Risks relating to Credit Linked Instruments
    - (ix) Risks relating to Saudi Share Linked Warrants

## **Risk Factors Relating to the Issuers**

### **Factors that may affect the relevant Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Instruments issued under the Programme**

Each of MLBV and MLICo. is a finance vehicle whose principal purpose is to raise debt or enter into financial contracts to assist the financing activities of such Issuer's affiliates. Accordingly, neither MLBV nor MLICo. has any trading assets nor generates any significant net income.

The main activity of MLBV consists of issuing notes, certificates and other securities to investors, the proceeds of which are loaned to, or placed on deposit with, Group companies. The main markets in which MLBV issues securities are the Eurobond markets.

MLICo. engages primarily in the issuance of warrants, certificates and related financial instruments and the distribution of Merrill Lynch International managed funds and other managed fund products.

MLCMAG operates as an investment bank and stock exchange broker and is authorised to conduct all kinds of business related thereto. In the course of conducting its business operations, MLCMAG is exposed to a variety of risks. These risks include market and credit risks. These and certain other factors or risks relating to MLCMAG's business are described in note 2.3 of the MLCMAG 2013 Accounts.

The payment and non-cash delivery obligations under Instruments issued by MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. (other than in respect of Swiss COSIs) under the Programme are guaranteed unconditionally and irrevocably pursuant to the Non-COSI Guarantee. MLICo.'s payment obligations to the extent of any Shortfall under the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs issued under the Programme will be guaranteed conditionally but irrevocably pursuant to the Swiss COSI Guarantee. As a result, if the Guarantor's financial condition were to deteriorate, each of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. and investors in the Instruments issued by them may suffer direct and materially adverse consequences. Accordingly, prospective investors in Instruments should review, *inter alia*, the factors below regarding BAC, the Group (as defined above) and the Group's businesses and industry, which may affect BAC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the relevant Guarantee.

### **Risk Factors Relating to BAC and the Group and to the Group's Businesses and Industry**

*When used in this Offering Circular, and as required by the context, "BAC" may refer to Bank of America Corporation individually, Bank of America Corporation and its subsidiaries or certain of Bank of America Corporation's subsidiaries or affiliates, individually or collectively.*

In the course of conducting its business operations, BAC is exposed to a variety of risks, some of which are inherent in the financial services industry and others of which are more specific to BAC's own businesses. The most significant factors, of which BAC is aware, that could affect BAC's businesses, results of operations and financial condition are described in the BAC 2013 Annual Report under the caption "*Item 1A. Risk Factors*". Additional factors that could affect BAC's businesses, results of operations and financial condition are discussed in the BAC 2013 Annual Report under the heading "*Forward-looking Statements*" and in the BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report under the heading "*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*". However, other factors not discussed in the BAC 2013 Annual Report or the BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report could also adversely affect BAC's businesses, results of operations and financial condition. Therefore, the risk factors set forth in the BAC 2013 Annual Report should not be considered a complete list of the potential risks that BAC may face.

**Any risk factor described in the BAC 2013 Annual Report or in any of BAC's other SEC filings could by itself, or together with other factors, materially adversely affect BAC's liquidity, cash flows, competitive position, business, reputation, results of operations or financial condition, including by materially increasing BAC's expenses or decreasing BAC's revenues, which could result in material losses.**

## **Risks Relating to the Instruments Generally**

### ***Investors risk losing all of their investment in the Instruments***

Potential investors should be aware that depending on the terms of the relevant Instruments (i) they may receive no or a limited amount of interest, (ii) payments may occur at a different time than expected and (iii) except in the case of principal protected Instruments, they may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment if the value of the Reference Item(s) does not move in the anticipated direction.

Investors in Instruments which are principal protected may still be subject to loss of some or all of their investment if the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) are subject to bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings or some other event occurs which impairs the ability of each to meet its obligations under the Instruments. An investor may also lose some or all of its investment if it seeks to sell the relevant Instruments prior to their scheduled maturity, and the sale price of the Instruments in the secondary market is less than the initial investment or the relevant Instruments are subject to certain adjustments in accordance with the terms and conditions of such Instruments that may result in the scheduled amount to be paid or asset(s) to be delivered upon redemption being reduced to or being valued at an amount less than an investor's initial investment.

### ***The Instruments may not be a suitable investment for all investors***

Each potential investor in the Instruments must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to evaluate the Instruments, the merits and risks of investing in the Instruments and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any applicable supplement and all the information contained in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Instruments and the impact the Instruments will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Instruments, including Instruments with amounts payable in one or more currencies, or where the Settlement Currency or Specified Currency of the Instruments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) have knowledge of and access to appropriate analytical resources to analyse quantitatively the effect (or value) of any redemption, cap, floor, or other features of the Instruments, and the resulting impact upon the value of the Instruments;
- (e) understand thoroughly the terms of the Instruments and be familiar with any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (f) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

The Instruments are complex financial instruments. A potential investor should not invest in Instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how such Instruments will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of those Instruments and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

In addition, an investment in Index Linked Instruments, Share Linked Instruments, GDR/ADR Linked Instruments, FX Linked Instruments, Commodity Linked Instruments, Fund Linked Instruments, Inflation Linked Instruments, Credit Linked Instruments, Saudi Share Linked Warrants or other Reference Item Linked Instruments, may entail significant risks not associated with investments in

conventional securities such as debt or equity securities, including, but not limited to, the risks set out in "Risks Relating to the Structure of a Particular Issue of Instruments" below.

***The Instruments (other than Swiss COSIs) are unsecured obligations***

The Instruments (other than Swiss COSIs) constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured indebtedness or obligations, as applicable, of the relevant Issuer.

Swiss COSIs constitute direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of MLICo. and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of MLICo. and are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.

The obligations of the Guarantor under each Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, will rank *pari passu* with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

Since BAC is a holding company, the right of BAC, and hence the right of creditors of BAC (including the Holders), to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary (including each of MLB, MLCMAG and MLICo.) upon its liquidation or reorganisation or otherwise is necessarily subject to the prior claims of creditors of the subsidiary, except to the extent that claims of BAC itself as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognised. In addition, dividends, loans and advances from certain subsidiaries to BAC are restricted by net capital requirements under the Exchange Act and under the rules of certain exchanges and other regulatory bodies.

***The yield on the Instruments may be less than the yield on a conventional debt security of comparable maturity***

Any yield that an investor may receive on the Instruments, which could be negative, may be less than the return an investor would earn if the investor purchased a conventional debt security with the same maturity date. As a result, an investment in the Instruments may not reflect the full opportunity cost to an investor when factors that affect the time value of money are considered.

***Movements in the level or price of a Reference Item will affect the performance of the Instruments***

The level or price of the Reference Item 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 level or price of the Reference Item. This may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level or price of the Reference Item during the life of the Instruments is consistent with investors' expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the level or price of the Reference Item, the greater the effect on the yield of the Instruments.

***Leverage will magnify the effect of changes in the Reference Item***

If the formula used to determine any amount payable and/or non-cash consideration deliverable contains a multiplier or leverage factor, then the percentage change in the value of the Instrument will be greater than any positive and/or negative performance of the Reference Item(s). Any Instruments which include such multiplier or leverage factor represent a very speculative and risky form of investment since any change in the value of the Reference Item(s) carries the risk of a correspondingly higher change in the value of the Instruments.

For Tranche Portfolio CLNs, the Implicit Portfolio Size of the Reference Portfolio is likely to be significantly larger than the nominal amount of the Notes. Accordingly, the credit risk of investors in the Notes in relation to the Reference Portfolio is leveraged. The value of such Notes may be more volatile, and credit losses in respect of such Notes may be greater than would be the case in the absence of such leverage. The value of such Notes may also be adversely affected by changes in the relative value of different tranches of credit risk on the Reference Portfolio. Such relative value changes may occur as a result of, for example, changes in assumptions used by market participants to model the



credit risk of the Reference Portfolio, as well as changes in the supply of and demand for credit protection in relation to each such tranche.

***A postponement of valuation or determination due to a Market Disruption Event and Disrupted Day may have an adverse effect on the value of the Instruments***

If the Instruments include provisions dealing with the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or a failure of an exchange or related exchange to open on a Valuation Date, an Averaging Date or a Pricing Date and the Calculation Agent determines that a Market Disruption Event or such failure has occurred or exists on any relevant date, any consequential postponement of the relevant date or any alternative provisions for valuation provided in the Instruments may have an adverse effect on the value of the Instruments or of any amounts payable under the Instruments.

***The occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event may lead to a delayed and/or reduced payment***

If a Payment Disruption Event is applicable to an Instrument, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, then, in the event that the Calculation Agent determines, in its sole discretion, that an event that (i) prevents, restricts or delays the relevant Issuer from converting or delivering relevant currencies, (ii) imposes capital controls, or (iii) implements changes to laws relating to foreign investments (a "**Payment Disruption Event**") has occurred or is likely to occur, then either (a) the relevant exercise or payment date (as applicable) in respect of the Instruments or (b) the relevant Issuer's obligation to make a payment in respect of such exercise or payment date may be postponed to a date falling five Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to Holders) after the date on which the Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring. No accrued interest will be payable in respect of any such postponement and no Event of Default in respect of the Instruments will result from such postponement. Partial payments or physical delivery of Shares in lieu of cash settlement of Share Linked Instruments may, in the relevant Issuer's sole discretion, be made during such period (after deduction for any expenses). In the event that a Payment Disruption Event is still continuing on the date which is one year after the last date on which amounts are due under the Instruments (or in the case of Saudi Share Linked Warrants, the earlier of (x) one year after the last date on which amounts are due under the Instruments and (y) four years after the Trade Date) (the "**Payment Event Cut-Off Date**"), then (1) such final payment date shall be extended to the Payment Event Cut-Off Date and (2) the remaining amounts payable under the Instruments shall be deemed to be zero and the relevant Issuer shall have no obligations whatsoever under the Instruments. Therefore, in a case where Payment Disruption Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Holder could lose all or part of its investment in the Instruments.

In the event that the relevant Issuer satisfies its obligation to make a cash payment by the delivery of Shares following the occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event, Holders may be unable to sell such Shares, or may be unable to sell them at a price equal to the cash payment that would have been payable but for the occurrence of the Payment Disruption Event.

***The occurrence of a CNY Payment Disruption Event may lead to a delayed and/or reduced payment or payment in another currency***

If a CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable to an Instrument, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, then, in the event that the Calculation Agent determines, in its sole discretion, that any of the following events has occurred or is likely to occur: (i) an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the relevant Issuer to convert any amounts in CNY due in respect of the Instruments in the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), (ii) an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the relevant Issuer to deliver CNY between accounts inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) or from an account inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) to an account outside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), or (iii) the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre becomes illiquid as a result of which the relevant Issuer cannot obtain sufficient CNY in order to satisfy its payment obligations (in whole or in part) under the Instruments (each, a "**CNY Payment Disruption Event**"), then either (a) the relevant exercise or payment date (as applicable) in respect of the Instruments, or (b) the relevant Issuer's obligation to make a payment in respect of such exercise or payment date, may be postponed to a date falling five Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to Holders) after the date on which the CNY Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring. No accrued interest will be payable in respect of any such postponement and no Event of Default in respect

of the Instruments will result from such postponement. In the event that a CNY Payment Disruption Event is still continuing on the Payment Event Cut-Off Date, then (1) such final payment date shall be extended to the Payment Event Cut-Off Date and (2) the remaining amounts payable under the Instruments shall be deemed to be zero and the relevant Issuer shall have no obligations whatsoever under the Instruments. Therefore, in a case where a CNY Payment Disruption Event is relevant as specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Holder could lose all or part of its investment in the Instruments. If "Payment of Equivalent Amount" is applicable to an Instrument, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer may make payment of the equivalent amount of the relevant Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Additional Amount, Cash Settlement Amount or other amount payable under the Instruments in another currency as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

***Risks relating to Instruments denominated in CNY***

All payments in CNY under the Instruments will be made solely by credit or transfer to a CNY account maintained by the payee with a bank in the CNY Settlement Centre in accordance with the prevailing rules and regulations and in accordance with the Conditions. The relevant Issuer shall not be required to make payment by any other means (including in bank notes or by transfer to a bank account in the People's Republic of China or anywhere else other than the CNY Settlement Centre).

There is only limited availability of CNY outside the People's Republic of China, which may affect the liquidity of the Instruments and the relevant Issuer's ability to source CNY outside the People's Republic of China to fulfil its payment obligations under the Instruments.

CNY is not freely convertible at present. The government of the People's Republic of China continues to regulate conversion between CNY and foreign currencies despite the significant reduction over the years by such government of its control over routine foreign exchange transactions under current accounts. The People's Bank of China ("PBOC") has established a clearing and settlement system pursuant to the Settlement Agreement on the Clearing of CNY Business between PBOC and Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited. However, the current size of CNY and CNY denominated financial assets in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is limited, and its growth is subject to many constraints imposed by the laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China on foreign exchange. There can be no assurance that access to CNY funds for the purposes of making payments under the Instruments or generally may remain or will not become restricted.

The value of CNY against foreign currencies fluctuates and is affected by changes in the People's Republic of China and international political and economic conditions and by many other factors. As a result, foreign exchange fluctuations between a purchaser's home currency and CNY may affect purchasers who intend to convert gains or losses from the sale or redemption of the Instruments into their home currency. The government of the People's Republic of China has gradually liberalised the regulation of interest rates in recent years. Further liberation may increase interest rate volatility.

***If a Currency Substitution Event with respect to the Instruments occurs, adjustments may be made to the economic terms of the Instruments which may result in a reduced investment return***

In the event of a Currency Substitution Event, the relevant Issuer may (a) make adjustments to the economic terms of the relevant Instruments, including, without limitation, to the exercise, settlement, valuation, calculation and payment terms or (b) redeem or settle the Instruments early on such day as shall be notified to the Holders at an early redemption amount or early settlement amount that accounts for the Currency Substitution Event. Any such action may reduce the value of the Instruments and may result in the amounts paid or non-cash consideration delivered under the Instruments being less than what would have been paid or delivered if the adjustments had not been made or the early redemption or settlement had not occurred, and may be less, or significantly less, than the initial investment.

***The relevant Issuer may make certain modifications to the Instruments without the consent of the Holders***

The Conditions provide that the relevant Agent and the relevant Issuer may, without the consent of Holders, agree to (i) any modification (subject to certain specific exceptions) of the Instruments or the New York Law Agency Agreement or the English Law Agency Agreement (as applicable) (each as defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") which is not prejudicial to the interests of the

Holders or (ii) any modification of the Instruments or the New York Law Agency Agreement or the English Law Agency Agreement (as applicable) which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

***At meetings of Holders, the decision of the majority will bind all Holders***

The Conditions contain provisions for calling meetings of Holders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Holders, including Holders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

***There may be conflicts of interest between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or their respective Affiliates and the Holders***

The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or any of their respective Affiliates or agents may engage in activities that may result in conflicts of interests between their and their respective Affiliates' or agents' financial interests on the one hand and the interests of the Holders on the other hand. The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or any of their respective Affiliates or agents may also engage in trading activities (including hedging activities) related to the Reference Item(s) underlying any Instruments and other instruments or derivative products based on or related to the Reference Item(s) underlying any Instruments for their proprietary accounts or for other accounts under their management. The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or any of BAC's Affiliates or agents may also issue other derivative instruments in respect of the Reference Item(s) underlying Instruments. The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or any of BAC's Affiliates or agents may also act as underwriter in connection with future offerings of Shares or other securities related to an issue of Instruments or may act as financial adviser to certain companies whose Shares or other securities are included in a basket of Shares or other securities or which are reference entities, or in a commercial banking capacity for any such companies. Such activities could present certain conflicts of interest, could influence the prices of such shares or other securities and could adversely affect the value of such Instruments. The relevant Issuer also may enter into arrangements with Affiliates or agents to hedge market risks associated with its obligations under the Instruments. Any such Affiliate or agent would expect to make a profit in connection with such arrangements. The relevant Issuer would not seek competitive bids for such arrangements from unaffiliated parties.

Where the Instruments are offered to third parties, as the Dealer(s) and any distributors act pursuant to a mandate granted by the relevant Issuer and they receive fees on the basis of the services performed and the outcome of the placement of the Instruments, potential conflicts of interest could arise.

Any additional risk factors relating to additional conflicts of interest with respect to a specific Series of Instruments will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

In addition, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent is an Affiliate of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) and in such capacity may make certain determinations and calculate amounts payable or deliverable to Holders. The Calculation Agent may make such determinations using data which is not easily obtainable by a Holder of the Instruments. Under certain circumstances, the Calculation Agent, as an Affiliate of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable), and its responsibilities as calculation agent for the Instruments could give rise to potential conflicts of interest between the Calculation Agent and the Holders. As BAC controls the Calculation Agent, potential conflicts of interest could arise.

In addition, a proprietary index will generally be developed, owned, calculated and maintained by MLI or a MLI Affiliate, which would be responsible for the composition, calculation and maintenance of such index. In such circumstances, MLI or the MLI Affiliate, as the case may be, as the index sponsor, would be under no obligation to take into account the interests of the Holders of any Instruments referenced by such index. In such capacity as index sponsor, MLI or the MLI Affiliate, as the case may be, will have the authority to make determinations that could materially and adversely affect the value of the Instruments.

***The secondary market price of the Instruments may be less than the Issue Price***

Investors should note that, in certain circumstances immediately following the issue of the Instruments or at any time prior to maturity, the secondary market price of the Instruments may be less than the

Issue Price, reflecting the fees to be paid to distributor(s) included in the Issue Price, hedging and other costs for the Instruments, changes to the relevant Issuer's or (if applicable) the Guarantor's credit spreads and changes in the level of the Reference Item. These factors, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the Instruments, are expected to reduce the price at which an investor may be able to sell the Instruments in any secondary market and will affect the value of the Instruments in complex and unpredictable ways. See also "There may be conflicts of interest between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and/or their respective Affiliates and Holders" above.

***A Holder may not receive the Entitlement relating to a Physical Delivery Instrument if it fails to deliver the required notice and pay Expenses relating to such Physical Delivery Instrument***

In order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Note, the holder of such Note must (i) duly deliver to the Clearing System and/or Paying Agents, as specified in the Final Terms, a duly completed Asset Transfer Notice on or prior to the relevant time on the Cut-Off Date and (ii) pay the relevant Expenses. As used in the Conditions, "Expenses" includes any applicable depositary charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes arising from the redemption, exercise and settlement (as applicable) of such Instruments and/or the delivery of the Entitlement.

In order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery W&C Instrument, the holder of such W&C Instrument must (i) deliver or send to the Clearing System and/or Paying Agents, as specified in the Final Terms, (a) a duly completed Exercise Notice on or prior to the relevant time on the Expiration Date (in the case of a Warrant) or (b) a duly completed Collection Notice on or prior to the relevant time on the Cut-Off Date (in the case of a Certificate) and (ii) pay the relevant Expenses.

Failure by a Holder properly to complete and deliver an Asset Transfer Notice, Exercise Notice or Collection Notice, as the case may be, or to procure that its agent does so on its behalf, may result in such notice being treated as null and void. This may result in a delay in delivery of the Entitlement, or the relevant Issuer being unable to deliver the Entitlement. Failure to pay the Expenses will have the same consequences to a Holder.

***In the case of Physical Delivery Instruments, settlement may be delayed or made in cash if certain events arise***

In the case of Physical Delivery Instruments (other than Credit Linked Instruments), if a Settlement Disruption Event occurs or exists on the Maturity Delivery Date (in the case of Notes) or Settlement Date (in the case of W&C Instruments), settlement will be postponed until the next date on which no Settlement Disruption Event occurs. The relevant Issuer in these circumstances has the right to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price in lieu of delivering the Entitlement. Such a determination may have an adverse effect on the value of the relevant Instruments. In addition, if "Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and in the opinion of the Calculation Agent it is impossible or impracticable to deliver some or all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement when due as a result of illiquidity in the market for the Relevant Assets, the relevant Issuer has the right to pay the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price in lieu of delivering those Relevant Assets. Any Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price may be significantly less than Holders expected to receive prior to such Settlement Disruption Event or Calculation Agent determination.

***Holders have no claim against any Reference Item(s), and the return on a Reference Item Linked Instrument, if any, may be less than the return on an investment directly in the Reference Item(s)***

An Instrument will not represent a claim against any Reference Item(s) and, in the event of any loss, a Holder will not have recourse under an Instrument to any Reference Item(s). The investment return on the Instruments, if any, may be less than a comparable investment directly in the Reference Item(s), or the components included in any Reference Item(s). In contrast to an investment in the Instruments, a direct investment in the Reference Item(s) or the components of the Reference Item(s) would allow an investor to receive the full benefit of any appreciation or depreciation, as the case may be, in the value of such Reference Item(s) or these components.

***The Guarantor has the option to vary settlement under the Non-COSI Guarantee***

In relation to Physical Delivery Instruments, under the Non-COSI Guarantee, the Guarantor has the right at all times to elect not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the holders of Physical Delivery Instruments, but in lieu thereof to pay an amount in cash equal to the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms. Such cash payment will constitute a complete discharge of the Guarantor's obligations in relation to such Physical Delivery Instruments.

***The relevant Issuer may have the right to vary settlement***

If so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of the Instruments. If exercised by the relevant Issuer, Physical Delivery Instruments may be cash settled or Cash Settled Instruments may be physically settled. Exercise of such option may affect the value of the Instruments.

***If the relevant Issuer determines that the performance of either its obligations under the Instruments or (if applicable) the obligations of the Guarantor under the relevant Guarantee has or will become illegal in whole or in part for any reason, the relevant Issuer may redeem or cancel the Instruments, as applicable***

If, in the case of illegality and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the relevant Issuer redeems or cancels the Instruments, then the relevant Issuer will, in the case of Notes, redeem each Note at the Early Redemption Amount together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption, or in the case of W&C Instruments, pay an amount to each Holder determined by reference to the fair market value of each Instrument, in each case, less hedging costs, which may be less than the purchase price of the Instruments and may in certain circumstances be zero.

***United States federal tax legislation may impose a withholding tax on payments made by the relevant Issuer with respect to the Instruments to certain holders***

United States federal tax legislation was enacted on 18 March 2010 that, effective for certain payments made after 30 June 2014, imposes a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax on certain payments made by a foreign financial institution that enters into an agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "U.S. Treasury") to collect and provide to the U.S. Treasury substantial information regarding United States account holders, including certain account holders that are foreign entities with United States owners, with such institution. An Instrument may constitute an account for these purposes.

Pursuant to U.S. Treasury regulations, the 30 per cent. United States withholding tax may be imposed on U.S. source payments (e.g. dividend equivalent payments) made by the relevant Issuer or any Paying Agent with respect to the Instruments after 30 June 2014 and non-U.S. source payments made by the relevant Issuer with respect to the Instruments after 31 December 2016 to "recalcitrant holders", which are generally holders that do not comply with the relevant Issuer's request for information to enable it to comply with the tax legislation, and to non-compliant foreign financial institutions. However, the withholding tax will not be imposed on certain "grandfathered obligations". In the event withholding is required under the legislation, neither the relevant Issuer nor any Paying Agent will pay any additional amounts with respect to the amount so withheld.

***United States federal tax legislation may impose a withholding tax on certain payments made to an Issuer in which case the relevant Issuer (other than BAC) may be entitled to redeem or cancel the Instruments prior to maturity***

United States federal tax legislation was enacted on 18 March 2010 that, effective for certain payments made after 30 June 2014, imposes a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax on certain United States source payments made to a foreign financial institution, unless such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to collect and provide to the U.S. Treasury substantial information regarding United States account holders, including certain account holders that are foreign entities with United States owners, with such institution. An Instrument may constitute an account for these purposes.

If the relevant Issuer (other than BAC) determines in good faith that it has, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, become subject to withholding imposed on a payment made to it on account of the relevant Issuer's inability to comply with the newly enacted legislation's reporting requirements

(provided that such inability to comply with the reporting requirements is attributable to non-compliance by any Holder of such Instruments (or a foreign withholding agent (if any) in the chain of custody of payments made to the Holders) with the relevant Issuer's requests for certifications or identifying information), it may redeem or cancel the Instruments held by non-compliant and compliant Holders at their Early Redemption Amount (in the case of Notes) or at their Early Settlement Amount (in the case of W&C Instruments).

***United States federal tax may be withheld from payments with respect to Instruments that are treated as "dividend equivalents". This may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of the Instruments. In addition, if any payment with respect to Instruments would be treated as a "dividend equivalent", the relevant Issuer would be entitled to redeem or cancel the Instruments at any time prior to maturity, settlement, expiration or exercise.***

A "dividend equivalent" payment is treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and such payments generally would be subject to a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax if paid to a United States Alien holder. Under proposed U.S. Treasury regulations issued pursuant to Section 871(m) of the Code, payments (including deemed payments) that are contingent upon or determined by reference to actual or estimated U.S. source dividends, with respect to certain equity-linked instruments, whether explicitly stated or implicitly taken into account in computing one or more of the terms of such Instruments, may be treated as "dividend equivalents". While the proposed regulations provide an exception for equity-linked instruments referencing indices that satisfy certain criteria, the scope of this exception is unclear and may not apply to Instruments linked to a U.S. or non-U.S. index. The proposed regulations are extremely complex, and significant aspects of the application of the proposed regulations to the Instruments are uncertain. If adopted in their current form, the regulations would impose a withholding tax on payments made on certain Instruments on or after 1 January 2016 to the extent that they are treated as "dividend equivalents". However, the U.S. Treasury and Internal Revenue Service have announced that they intend to limit this withholding to equity-linked instruments issued on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations addressing dividend equivalent withholding. If any payments are treated as dividend equivalents subject to withholding, the relevant Issuer (or an applicable withholding agent) would be entitled to withhold taxes without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld. As a result, actual payments on the Instruments may be substantially less than the amounts specified in their terms.

In addition, these proposed U.S. Treasury regulations would similarly impose a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax on "dividend equivalent" payments made to a secondary market purchaser of the Instruments depending on the facts as of the date of acquisition. As a result, an initial holder's ability to transfer the Instruments on a secondary market, if any, may be further limited.

In addition, if any payment with respect to the Instruments would be treated as a dividend equivalent, the relevant Issuer would be entitled to redeem or cancel the Instruments, in whole, but not in part, at any time prior to maturity, settlement, expiration or exercise at their Early Redemption Amount (in the case of Notes) or Early Settlement Amount (in the case of W&C Instruments), as determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion. These amounts could be significantly less than the holder's initial investment, and could be as low as zero.

***The value of the Instruments could be adversely affected by a change in English law or administrative practice or by a change in New York law***

The Conditions of the Instruments (other than Notes issued by BAC) are based on English law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Instruments. The Conditions of the Notes issued by BAC and each of the Guarantees are based on the laws of the State of New York in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Instruments. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice or change to the laws of the State of New York, as applicable, after the date of issue of the relevant Instruments and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of, or the amounts paid under, any Instruments affected by it.

***Reform of LIBOR and EURIBOR and proposed regulation of other "benchmarks"***

The London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("**LIBOR**"), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("**EURIBOR**") and other indices which are deemed "benchmarks" are the subject of recent national, international and other

regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective whilst others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted.

Key international proposals for reform of "benchmarks" include (i) IOSCO's *Principles for Oil Price Reporting Agencies* (October 2012) and *Principles for Financial Market Benchmarks* (July 2013), (ii) ESMA-EBA's *Principles for the benchmark-setting process* (June 2013) and (iii) the European Commission's *proposed regulation on indices used as "benchmarks" in certain financial instruments, financial contracts and investment funds* (September 2013) (the "**Proposed Benchmark Regulation**").

The Proposed Benchmark Regulation, if passed in its current form, would apply to "contributors", "administrators" and "users" of "benchmarks" in the EU, and would, among other things, (i) require benchmark administrators to be authorised (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regulatory regime) and to comply with extensive requirements in relation to the administration of "benchmarks" and (ii) ban the use of "benchmarks" of unauthorised administrators. The scope of the Proposed Benchmark Regulation is wide and, in addition to so-called "critical benchmark" indices such as LIBOR and EURIBOR, could also potentially apply to many interest rate and foreign exchange rate indices, equity indices and other indices (including "proprietary" indices or strategies) where referenced in listed financial instruments, financial contracts and investment funds.

It is presently unclear whether the Proposed Benchmark Regulation will be passed in its current form (including its broad scope) and, if so, when it would be effective. However, if so enacted, it could have a material impact on any listed Instruments linked to a "benchmark" index, including in any of the following circumstances:

- an index which is a "benchmark" could not be used as such if its administrator does not obtain authorisation or is based in a non-EU jurisdiction which does not have equivalent regulation. In such event, depending on the particular "benchmark" and the applicable terms of the Instruments, the Instruments could be de-listed, adjusted, terminated or otherwise impacted; and
- the methodology or other terms of the "benchmark" could be changed in order to comply with the terms of the Proposed Benchmark Regulation, and such changes could have the effect of reducing or increasing the rate or level or affecting the volatility of the published rate or level, and could lead to adjustments to the terms of the Instruments including Calculation Agent determination of the rate or level in its discretion.

More broadly, any of the international, national or other proposals for reform or general increased regulatory scrutiny of "benchmarks" could have a material adverse effect on the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a "benchmark" and complying with any such regulations or requirements. Such factors may have the effect of discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in certain "benchmarks", trigger changes in the rules or methodologies used in certain "benchmarks" or lead to the disappearance of certain "benchmarks". The disappearance of a "benchmark" or changes in the manner of administration of a "benchmark" may result in an adjustment to the terms and conditions of the relevant Instruments or other consequences, depending on the specific provisions of the relevant Instruments and the provisions for valuing the underlying asset or basis of reference relating to the relevant Reference Item.

In addition to the international proposals for reform of "benchmarks" described above, there are numerous other proposals, initiatives and investigations which may impact "benchmarks". For example, there are ongoing global investigations into the setting of foreign exchange rate "benchmarks", which may result in further regulation in relation to the setting of foreign exchange rates. Further, in June 2014, HM Treasury announced a review in relation to the way in which wholesale financial markets operate. As part of this review new legislation may be introduced deeming foreign exchange, fixed income and certain commodity markets to be "regulated benchmarks" in the UK.

Any of the above changes or any other consequential changes to LIBOR, EURIBOR or any other "benchmark" as a result of international, national or other proposals for reform or other initiatives or investigations, could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any Instruments linked to a "benchmark".

## **Risks Relating to Notes**

### ***Failure by a Holder to pay instalments in respect of Partly Paid Notes may result in the Holder losing all of his investment***

BAC or MLBV may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay BAC or MLBV, as the case may be, any subsequent instalment could result in a Holder losing all of his investment.

### ***Notes may be subject to optional redemption by the relevant Issuer, which may limit their market value***

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the relevant Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The relevant Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, a Holder generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

### ***Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium may be volatile***

The market value of Notes issued at a substantial discount from, or premium to, their principal amount may fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the Notes, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

## **Risks Relating to W&C Instruments**

### ***Certain factors affecting the value and trading price of W&C Instruments***

Either (1) in the case of Cash Settled W&C Instruments, the Cash Settlement Amount or (2) in the case of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments, the value of the Entitlement less (in the case of Warrants) the Exercise Price (the "**Physical Settlement Value**") at any time prior to expiration (in the case of a Warrant) or exercise (in the case of a Certificate) is typically expected to be less than the trading price of such W&C Instruments at that time. The difference between the trading price and the Cash Settlement Amount or the Physical Settlement Value, as the case may be, will reflect, among other things, the "time value" of the W&C Instruments. The "time value" of the W&C Instruments will depend partly upon the length of the period remaining to expiration (in the case of a Warrant) or exercise (in the case of a Certificate) and expectations concerning the price or level of the Reference Item(s). W&C Instruments offer hedging and investment diversification opportunities but also pose some additional risks with regard to interim value. The interim value of the W&C Instruments varies with the price or level of the Reference Item(s), as well as by a number of other interrelated factors, including those specified herein.

Before exercising W&C Instruments, Holders should carefully consider, among other things, (i) the trading price of the W&C Instruments, (ii) the price or level and volatility of the Reference Item(s), (iii) the time remaining to expiration (in the case of a Warrant) or exercise (in the case of a Certificate), (iv) in the case of Cash Settled W&C Instruments, the probable range of Cash Settlement Amounts, (v) any change(s) in interim interest rates and dividend yields if applicable, (vi) any change(s) in currency exchange rates and (vii) any related transaction costs.

An optional exercise or mandatory early exercise feature in W&C Instruments is likely to limit their market value. In the case of an optional exercise feature, during any period when the relevant Issuer may elect to exercise W&C Instruments, the market value of those W&C Instruments generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be exercised. This also may be true prior to any exercise period. In the case of a mandatory early exercise feature, if the relevant Mandatory Early Exercise Event occurs the W&C Instruments will be exercised prior to their originally designated exercise or expiration date. Potential investors should be aware that in certain circumstances, an



optional exercise or mandatory early exercise of the W&C Instruments by the relevant Issuer may result in a loss of all or a substantial portion of their investment.

***There are no Events of Default in relation to W&C Instruments***

The Conditions of the W&C Instruments do not provide for any events of default. If the relevant Issuer defaults on any obligation under the W&C Instruments prior to the Settlement Date, Holders will be able to claim against the Guarantor under the relevant Guarantee, but will have no right to declare all of the remaining obligations of the relevant Issuer in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments to be immediately due and payable.

**Risks Relating to Warrants**

***There will be a time lag between the time a Holder gives instructions to exercise and the time the applicable Cash Settlement Amount relating to such exercise is determined, and such time lag could decrease the Cash Settlement Amount***

In the case of any exercise of Warrants, there will be a time lag between the time a Holder gives instructions to exercise and the time the applicable Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled Warrants) relating to such exercise is determined. Any such delay between the time of exercise and the determination of the Cash Settlement Amount will be specified in the Conditions of the W&C Instruments. However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in exercise of Warrants arising from any daily maximum exercise limitation (in the case of American Style Warrants), the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or failure of an exchange or related regulations affecting the ability to obtain or exchange any relevant currency in the case of FX Linked Warrants or other Warrants in respect of which "Exchange Rate" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Cash Settlement Amount may change significantly during any such period between exercise and determination of the Cash Settlement Amount, and such movement or movements could decrease the Cash Settlement Amount of the Warrants being exercised and may result in such Cash Settlement Amount being zero.

***Holders may have to tender a specified number of Warrants at any one time in order to exercise***

If so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, a Holder must tender or hold a specified number of Warrants at any one time in order to exercise. Thus, Holders with fewer than the specified minimum number of Warrants will either have to sell their Warrants or purchase additional Warrants, incurring transaction costs in each case, in order to realise their investment. Furthermore, holders of such Warrants incur the risk that there may be differences between the trading price of such Warrants and the Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled Warrants) or the Physical Settlement Value (in the case of Physical Delivery Warrants) of such Warrants. Therefore it may cost an investor more to purchase additional Warrants than the value of the increase in the Cash Settlement Amount or Physical Settlement Value, as the case may be, attributable to such additional Warrants.

***The number of American Style Warrants exercisable on any date other than the Expiration Date may be limited to a maximum number***

In the case of American Style Warrants, if so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer will have the option to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable on any date (other than the Expiration Date) to the maximum number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of American Style Warrants being exercised on any date (other than the Expiration Date) exceeds such maximum number and the relevant Issuer elects to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable on such date, a Holder may not be able to exercise on such date all American Style Warrants that such Holder desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of American Style Warrants to be exercised will be reduced until the total number of American Style Warrants exercised on that date no longer exceeds the maximum, such American Style Warrants being selected at the discretion of the relevant Issuer or in any other manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the American Style Warrants tendered for exercise but not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which American

Style Warrants may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

***Transfers of Rule 144A Warrants are restricted***

Issue and transfers of Warrants to purchasers that intend to hold their Warrants through a Rule 144A Global Warrant may be made only to or through MLICo. or the Dealer to purchasers in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons that have executed and delivered to the Dealer, for the benefit of the Dealer, MLICo. and the Guarantor, an Investor Representation Letter pursuant to which such purchaser must certify, among other things, that such purchaser is a QIB who is also a QP. A transfer or attempted transfer of any Rule 144A Warrant which does not comply with the applicable transfer restrictions shall be absolutely null and void *ab initio* and shall vest no rights in the purported transferee.

**Risks Relating to Swiss COSIs**

***Risks relating to collateralisation***

Collateralisation eliminates the issuer default risk only to the extent that the proceeds from the liquidation of collateral upon occurrence of a Liquidation Event (less the costs of liquidation and payout) are able to meet the investors' claims. The investor bears the following risks, among others: (i) the Collateral Provider is unable to supply the additionally required collateral if the value of the Swiss COSIs rises or the value of the collateral decreases; (ii) in a Liquidation Event, the collateral cannot be liquidated immediately by the SIX Swiss Exchange because of factual hindrances or because the collateral must be handed over to the executory authorities for liquidation; (iii) the market risk associated with the collateral results in insufficient liquidation proceeds or, in extreme circumstances, the collateral might lose its value entirely before the liquidation can take place; (iv) the settlement of Swiss COSIs in a foreign currency according to the Framework Agreement may result in losses for the investor because the Current Value (determinant for the investor's claim against the Issuer) is set in the foreign currency, while payment of the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds (determinant for the extent to which the investor's claim against the Issuer is satisfied) is made in Swiss francs; (v) the collateralisation is challenged according to the laws governing debt enforcement and bankruptcy, so that the collateral cannot be liquidated according to the terms of the Framework Agreement for the benefit of the investors in Swiss COSIs.

***Additional information***

The costs for the service provided by the SIX Swiss Exchange with respect to the collateralisation of Swiss COSIs may be taken into account for the pricing of Swiss COSIs and may therefore be borne by the investors, as the case may be. With regard to the payment of the pro-rata share of the net liquidation proceeds the investor shall bear the solvency risks of the SIX Swiss Exchange and the financial intermediaries along the payout chain. The payment to the investors may be delayed for factual or legal reasons. To the extent the calculation of the Current Value of Swiss COSIs proves to be incorrect, the collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs may be insufficient.

**Risks Relating to the Market Generally**

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk that may have an impact on an investment in the Instruments.

***Many factors will determine the price of the Instruments in the secondary market and such market may be illiquid***

It is not possible to predict the price at which Instruments will trade in the secondary market or whether such market will be liquid or illiquid. Each Issuer may, but is not obliged to, list or admit to trading an issue of Instruments on a stock exchange or market. If the Instruments are not listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange or market, pricing information for the Instruments may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity of the Instruments may be adversely affected. If the relevant Issuer does list or admit to trading an issue of Instruments, there can be no assurance that at a later date, the Instruments will not be delisted or that trading on such stock exchange or market will not be suspended. In the event of a de-listing or suspension of listing or trading on a stock exchange or market, the relevant Issuer will use its reasonable efforts to list or admit to trading the Instruments on

another stock exchange or market, unless it concludes it would be unduly burdensome to do so. Also, in the case of American Style Warrants to the extent Warrants of a particular issue are exercised, the number of Warrants of such issue outstanding will decrease, resulting in a diminished liquidity for the remaining Warrants of such issue. A decrease in the liquidity of an issue of Warrants may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such issue of Warrants.

The relevant Issuer cannot assure holders of the Instruments that a trading market for their Instruments will ever develop or be maintained. Many factors independent of the creditworthiness of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (if applicable) affect the trading market of the Instruments. These factors include:

- (a) the complexity and volatility of the Reference Item(s) or formula or other basis of reference applicable to the Instruments;
- (b) the method of calculating amounts payable, including any dividend rates or yield or other securities or financial instruments applicable to the securities payable and/or deliverable, or other consideration, if any, in respect of the Instruments;
- (c) the time remaining to the expiration (in the case of Warrants), exercise (in the case of Certificates) or redemption (in the case of Notes) of the Instruments;
- (d) the aggregate amount or number of Instruments outstanding;
- (e) the redemption or settlement features of the Instruments;
- (f) the value of other securities linked to the Reference Item(s) or formula or other basis of reference applicable to the Instruments;
- (g) the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally;
- (h) the general economic conditions of the capital markets, as well as geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory and judicial events that affect the financial markets generally, may affect the value of the Reference Item(s) and the Instruments; and
- (i) the possibility that investors may be unable to hedge their exposure to risks relating to their Instruments.

In addition, certain Instruments may be designed for specific investment objectives or strategies and, therefore, may have a more limited secondary market and experience more price volatility. Holders may not be able to sell such Instruments readily or at prices that will enable them to realise their anticipated yield. No investor should purchase Instruments unless such investor understands and is able to bear the risk that such Instruments may not be readily saleable, that the value of such Instruments will fluctuate over time, that such fluctuations may be significant and that such investor may lose all or a substantial portion of the purchase price of the Instruments.

The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), or any of BAC's Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase Instruments at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty for their own account for business reasons or in connection with their hedging arrangements. Any Instruments so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation. The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), or any of BAC's Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, be a market-maker for an issue of Instruments. Even if the relevant Issuer or such other entity is a market-maker for an issue of Instruments, the secondary market for such Instruments may be limited. These activities may affect the price of such obligations or securities in a manner that would be adverse to a Holder's investment in the Instruments. The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and BAC's Affiliates have not considered, and are not required to consider, the interest of investors as Holders in connection with entering into any of the above mentioned transactions.

There may be less liquidity in the market for Instruments if the Instruments are exclusively offered to retail investors without any offer to institutional investors. To the extent that an issue of Instruments becomes illiquid, an investor may have to exercise such Instruments (in the case of American Style Warrants) or wait until the Exercise Date (in the case of European Style Warrants or Certificates) or the Maturity Date (in the case of Notes) of such Instruments to realise value.

***Investors may be subject to foreign exchange exposure and the Instruments may become subject to exchange controls***

In the case of Cash Settled Instruments, the relevant Issuer will pay the Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of W&C Instruments) or Final Redemption Amount (in the case of the Notes) in respect of the Instruments in the Settlement Currency or Specified Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Settlement Currency or Specified Currency, as applicable (the "**Settled Currency**"). These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Settled Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Settled Currency would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Instruments, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the Cash Settlement Amount or Final Redemption Amount (as applicable) in respect of the Instruments and (iii) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Instruments.

Government and monetary authorities may impose exchange controls (as some have done in the past) that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, the Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled W&C Instruments) or the Final Redemption Amount (in the case of Notes) that investors may receive may be less than expected or zero.

***In certain circumstances the relevant Issuer will not be obliged to maintain the listing of Instruments which are specified as being listed in the applicable Final Terms***

When the relevant Issuer specifies in the applicable Final Terms that a Series of Instruments is to be admitted to trading on the Euro MTF market operated by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to listing on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and/or listed or admitted to trading by any other relevant stock exchange or market, the relevant Issuer expects, but is not obliged, to maintain such listing of the Instruments on such exchange(s) or market(s). Changed circumstances, including changes in listing requirements, could result in a suspension or removal of any such listing, or cause the relevant Issuer to conclude that continued listing of the Instruments on such exchange(s) or market(s) is unduly burdensome.

***Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments***

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (i) Instruments are legal investments for it, (ii) Instruments can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Instruments. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Instruments under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

***Payments on the Instruments are subject to the credit risk of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable), and the value of the Instruments will be affected by a credit rating reduction of BAC***

The amount payable or deliverable on the Instruments at maturity, redemption, settlement, expiration or exercise is dependent upon the ability of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) to repay their respective obligations on the applicable maturity date, redemption date, settlement date, expiration date or exercise date. This will be the case even if the value of the Reference Item increases (or decreases, as the case may be) after the pricing date. No assurance can be given as to what the relevant Issuer's or (if applicable) the Guarantor's financial condition will be on the applicable maturity date, redemption date, settlement date, expiration date or exercise date. The value of the Instruments is expected to be affected, in part, by investors' general appraisal of BAC's creditworthiness and actual or anticipated changes in BAC's credit ratings prior to the maturity date, redemption date, settlement date, expiration date or exercise date may affect the value of the Instruments. Such perceptions are generally influenced by the ratings accorded to BAC's outstanding securities by standard statistical rating services. A reduction (or anticipated reduction) in the rating, if any, accorded to outstanding debt securities of BAC by one of these rating agencies could result in a reduction in the trading value of the Instruments. As the return on the Instruments depends upon factors in addition to the relevant Issuer's

or (if applicable) the Guarantor's ability to pay its respective obligations, an improvement in these credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the Instruments. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any of the Instruments and may be subject to suspension, change, or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

### **Risks Relating to the Structure of a Particular Issue of Instruments**

A wide range of Instruments may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Instruments may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common features.

#### **General risks relating to Reference Item Linked Instruments**

Reference Item Linked Instruments will represent an investment linked to the economic performance of the relevant Reference Item(s) and potential investors should note that the return (if any) on their investment in such Instruments will depend upon the performance of such Reference Item(s). Potential investors should also note that whilst the market value of such Instruments is linked to such Reference Item(s) and will be influenced (positively or negatively) by such Reference Item(s), any change in the market value of such Instruments may not be comparable to changes in the market value of the Reference Item(s). It is impossible to predict how the market value of the relevant Reference Item(s) will vary over time. In addition, in contrast to a direct investment in the relevant Reference Item(s), such Instruments represent the right to receive payment or delivery, as the case may be, of the Cash Settlement Amount(s), the Final Redemption Amount(s) or the Entitlement, as the case may be, as well as periodic payments of interest or additional amounts (if specified in the applicable Final Terms), all or some of which and the value of which will be determined by reference to the performance of the relevant Reference Item(s) but which are likely to differ from and may be less than the return on a direct investment in the same Reference Items(s).

As the amounts payable and/or non-cash consideration deliverable in respect of Reference Item Linked Instruments are linked to the performance of the relevant Reference Item(s), a purchaser of such an Instrument must generally be correct about the direction, timing and magnitude of an anticipated change in the value of the relevant Reference Item(s). Assuming all other factors are held constant, the lower the value of such an Instrument and the shorter the remaining term to expiration (in the case of a Warrant), exercise (in the case of a Certificate) or redemption (in the case of a Note), the greater the risk that purchasers of such Instrument will lose all or part of their investment.

Reference Item Linked Instruments may be principal protected or non-principal protected. Investors in Reference Item Linked Instruments that are non-principal protected may risk losing their entire investment if the value of the relevant Reference Item(s) does not move in the anticipated direction. Whether or not an Instrument is principal protected, all payments on such Instrument are subject to the relevant Issuer's and (if applicable) the Guarantor's credit risk and their respective ability to pay their relevant obligations on the applicable payment dates.

**POTENTIAL INVESTORS MUST REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE RELEVANT REFERENCE ITEM(S) ARE AND TO SEE HOW THE CASH SETTLEMENT AMOUNT, FINAL REDEMPTION AMOUNT OR THE ENTITLEMENT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND ANY INTEREST PAYMENTS (IN THE CASE OF NOTES) OR ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT PAYMENTS (IN THE CASE OF W&C INSTRUMENTS) ARE DETERMINED AND WHEN SUCH AMOUNTS ARE PAYABLE AND/OR DELIVERABLE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION TO PURCHASE ANY INSTRUMENTS.**

#### ***Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)***

Where the terms and conditions of the Instruments reference one or more emerging market Reference Item(s), investors in such Instruments should be aware that the political and economic situation in countries with emerging economies or stock markets may be undergoing significant evolution and rapid development, and such countries may lack the social, political and economic stability characteristics of more developed countries, including a significant risk of currency value fluctuation. Such instability may result from, among other things, authoritarian governments, or military involvement in political and economic decision-making, including changes or attempted changes in

governments through extra-constitutional means; popular unrest associated with demands for improved political, economic or social conditions; internal insurgencies; hostile relations with neighbouring countries; and ethnic, religious and racial disaffections or conflict. Certain of such countries may have in the past failed to recognise private property rights and have at times nationalised or expropriated the assets of private companies. As a result, the risks from investing in those countries, including the risks of nationalisation or expropriation of assets, may be heightened. In addition, unanticipated political or social developments may affect the values of a Reference Item investment in those countries. The small size and inexperience of the securities markets in certain countries and the limited volume of trading in securities may make the emerging market Reference Item(s) illiquid and more volatile than investments in more established markets. There may be little financial or accounting information available with respect to local issuers, and as a result it may be difficult to assess the value or prospects of the Reference Item(s).

***The relevant Issuer may redeem early or settle a Series of Instruments if an Additional Disruption Event occurs, causing the investor to lose some or all of its investment in such Series of Instruments***

If Additional Disruption Events are specified as applicable in the Final Terms for the applicable Series of Instruments of the relevant Issuer, and one or more Additional Disruption Event occurs with respect to that Series of Instruments, the relevant Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, cause the early redemption or settlement of such Series of Instruments in accordance with the applicable Conditions. If the relevant Issuer elects to redeem early or settle the Instruments as a result of an Additional Disruption Event, the amount payable or other consideration deliverable to the Holders may be significantly less than the investor's initial investment, and may be as low as zero. Additional Disruption Events include, among others, as specified in the applicable Final Terms and described in the applicable Conditions, (1) Change in Law, (2) Increased Cost of Hedging and (3) Hedging Disruption.

**Risks associated with baskets comprised of various components as Reference Items**

***Exposure to performance of basket and its components***

Where the Instruments are linked to or reference a basket of assets, the investors in such Instruments are exposed to the performance of such basket. The investors will bear the risk of the performance of each of the basket components. See, as applicable, the risk factors set out in the sections entitled "Risks relating to Index Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to Share Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to GDR/ADR Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to FX Linked Instruments and other Instruments in respect of which "Exchange Rate" is specified to be applicable", "Risks relating to Commodity Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to Fund Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to Inflation Linked Instruments", "Risks relating to Credit Linked Instruments" and "Risks relating to Saudi Share Linked Warrants".

***A high correlation of basket components may have a significant effect on amounts payable***

Some Instruments are linked to baskets of Reference Items where the performance of such Reference Items tends to move in the same direction, or correlate, as a result of changes in market conditions, such as a change in interest rates. Correlation of basket components indicates the level of interdependence among the individual basket components with respect to their performance. If, for example, all of the basket components originate from the same sector and the same country, a high positive correlation may generally be assumed. Past rates of correlation may not be determinative of future rates of correlation: investors should be aware that, though basket components may not appear to be correlated based on past performance, it may be that they suffer the same adverse performance following a general downturn or other economic or political event. Where the basket components are subject to high correlation, any move in the performance of the basket components will exaggerate the performance of the Instruments.

***The negative performance of a single basket component may outweigh a positive performance of one or more other basket components***

Investors in Instruments must be aware that even in the case of a positive performance of one or more basket components, the performance of the basket as a whole may be negative if the performance of the

other basket components is negative to a greater extent, subject to the Conditions of the relevant Instruments.

***A small basket, or an unequally weighted basket, will generally leave the basket more vulnerable to changes in the value of any particular Reference Item***

The performance of a basket that includes a smaller number of Reference Items will generally, subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant Instruments, be more affected by changes in the value of any particular Reference Item included therein than a basket that includes a greater number of Reference Items.

The performance of a basket that gives greater weight to some Reference Items will generally, subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant Instruments, be more affected by changes in the value of any such particular Reference Item included therein than a basket that gives relatively equal weight to each Reference Item.

***A change in composition of a basket may have an adverse effect on basket performance***

Where the Instruments grant the Calculation Agent the right, in certain circumstances, to adjust the composition of the basket, investors should be aware that any replacement basket component may perform differently from the original basket component, which may have an adverse effect on the performance of the basket which will in turn have an adverse effect on the value of the Instruments.

**Risks relating to Instruments linked to certain References Item(s)**

**Risks relating to Index Linked Instruments**

***Factors affecting the performance of Indices may adversely affect the value of the Instruments***

Indices are comprised of a synthetic portfolio of shares, bonds, currency exchange rates, commodities, property or other assets, and as such, the performance of an Index is dependent upon the performance of components of such Index, which may include interest rates, currency developments, political factors, market factors such as the general trends in capital markets or broad based indices and (in the case of shares) company-specific factors such as earnings position, market position, risk situation, shareholder structure and distribution policy. If an Index does not perform as expected, this will materially and adversely affect the value of Index Linked Instruments.

***Returns on the Instruments do not reflect a direct investment in underlying shares or other assets comprising the Index***

The return payable on Instruments that reference Indices may not reflect the return a potential investor would realise if it actually owned the relevant assets comprising the components of the Index or owned a different form of interest in the relevant Index. For example, if the components of the Indices are shares, Holders will not receive any dividends paid or distributions made on those shares and will not participate in the return on those dividends or distributions unless the relevant Index takes such dividends into account for purposes of calculating the relevant level. Similarly, Holders will not have any voting rights in the underlying shares or any other assets which may comprise the components of the relevant Index. Accordingly, Holders of Instruments that reference Indices as Reference Items may receive a lower payment upon redemption/settlement of such Instruments than any return such Holder would have received if it had invested in the components of the Index directly or other comparable instruments linked to the Index.

***A change in the composition or discontinuance of an Index could adversely affect the market value of the Instruments***

The sponsor of any Index can add, delete or substitute the components of such Index or make other methodological changes that could change the level of one or more components. The changing of components of any Index may affect the level of such Index as a newly added component may perform significantly worse or better than the component it replaces, which in turn may affect the payments made by the relevant Issuer to the Holders of the Index Linked Instruments. The sponsor of any such Index may also alter, discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of such Index. The sponsor of an Index will have no involvement in the offer and sale of the Index Linked Instruments and will

have no obligation to any Holder of such Instruments. Accordingly, the sponsor of an Index may take any actions in respect of such Index without regard to the interests of the Holder of the Instruments, and any of these actions could adversely affect the market value of the Index Linked Instruments.

***The substitution of an Index with a Successor Index could adversely affect the market value of the Instruments***

Upon notification by the relevant Issuer to the Calculation Agent that any payment (or deemed payment as determined for United States tax purposes) may be treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for United States tax purposes (a "**U.S. Withholding Tax Event**"), the relevant Issuer may, at its option, upon notification to the Calculation Agent that it wishes to substitute a Successor Index for the relevant Index (an "**Index Substitution Event**"), effect such Index Substitution Event and, in the case of Notes, not redeem the Notes early pursuant to Note Condition 7 (*Redemption and Purchase*) or, in the case of W&C Instruments, not cancel the W&C Instruments pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 8 (*Cancellation for Tax Reasons and Tax Compliance Reasons*). With respect to a relevant Index, a "**Successor Index**" includes an index that uses, 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. Such a substitution could adversely affect the market value and the performance of the Index Linked Instruments.

***Exposure to Index Modification, Index Cancellation, Index Disruption and correction of Index levels***

The Calculation Agent has broad discretion to make certain determinations and adjustments, to replace the original Reference Item with another and/or to cause early redemption/settlement of the Instruments, any of which may be adverse to Holders in connection with Index Modification, Index Cancellation, and Index Disruption. The Calculation Agent may determine that the consequence of any such event is to make adjustments to the Instruments, or to replace such Index with another or to cause early redemption/settlement of the Instruments. The Calculation Agent may (subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant Instruments) also amend the relevant Index level due to corrections in the level reported by the Index Sponsor. The consequences of such amendments could adversely affect the market value of the Index Linked Instruments.

***There are additional risks in relation to "Proprietary Indices" or "Strategies"***

See "There may be conflicts of interest between the relevant Issuer, its Affiliates and the Holders" above.

***There are additional risks in relation to Commodity Indices***

See "Additional risks in relation to the "rolling" of commodity futures contracts (including commodity futures contracts which are Components of a Commodity Index)" below.

***Specific risks relating to Index Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "LEPW Conditions" shall be applicable***

Holders of Index Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "LEPW Conditions" shall be applicable should note that all payments made by the relevant Issuer will be made subject to deductions to account for any costs and taxes which a hypothetical broker dealer, directly or indirectly, could incur in connection with any hedging arrangements which such hypothetical broker dealer could make in order to hedge such Index Linked Instruments.

***Instruments are not sold or promoted by an Index or the sponsor of such Index***

Instruments linked to an Index are not sponsored, endorsed, sold, or promoted by such Index or the sponsor of such Index. The sponsor of an Index makes no representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of such Index or the levels at which such Index stands at any particular time on any particular date. Neither an Index nor sponsor of such Index shall be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in such Index. A sponsor of an Index is under no obligation to advise any person of any error in such Index. A sponsor of an Index does not make any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, as to the advisability of investing or assuming any risk in connection with the Instruments linked to such Index.



***The relevant Issuer, BAC and BAC's Affiliates are not liable for the actions or omissions of the sponsor of an Index, any information concerning an Index, the performance of such Index or use thereof in connection with the Instruments***

None of the relevant Issuer, BAC and any of BAC's Affiliates is liable to the Holders of Instruments for any act or failure to act by a sponsor of an Index in connection with the calculation, adjustment, or maintenance of such Index. Although the Calculation Agent will obtain information concerning an Index from publicly available sources it believes reliable, it will not independently verify this information. Accordingly, no representation, warranty, or undertaking (express or implied) is made and no responsibility is accepted by the relevant Issuer, BAC, any of BAC's Affiliates or the Calculation Agent as to the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of information concerning such Index. In addition, none of the relevant Issuer, BAC, any of BAC's Affiliates and the Calculation Agent makes any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, as to the performance of any Index which is linked to the Instruments, any data included in, or omitted from, such Index, or the use of such Index in connection with the Index Linked Instruments.

#### **Risks relating to Share Linked Instruments**

***No issuer of the relevant Share(s) will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Share Linked Instruments***

No Share Company or Companies will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Share Linked Instruments and none of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any Dealer will make any investigation or enquiry in connection with such offering with respect to any information concerning any such Share Company or Companies contained in such Final Terms or in the documents from which such information was extracted. Neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor (if applicable) controls any Share Company or Companies and are not responsible for any disclosure made by any Share Company or Companies. Consequently, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the relevant issue date (including events that would affect the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the publicly available information described in this paragraph or in any applicable Final Terms) that would affect the trading price of the relevant Share(s) will have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning such Share Company or Companies could affect the trading price of the Share(s) and therefore the trading price of the Instruments or amounts paid or delivered under the Instruments.

***Factors affecting the performance of Shares may adversely affect the value of the Share Linked Instruments***

The performance of Shares is dependent upon macroeconomic factors, such as interest and price levels on the capital markets, currency developments, political factors and company-specific factors such as earnings position, market position, risk situation, shareholder structure and distribution policy. These factors are not within the relevant Issuer's or (if applicable) the Guarantor's control and may result in a decline in the value of the Instruments.

***Holders have no claim against the Share Company or Companies or recourse to the Shares***

Share Linked Instruments do not represent a claim against or an investment in any Share Company or Companies and investors will not have any right of recourse under the Share Linked Instruments to any such company or the Shares. Share Linked Instruments are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any Share Company or Companies and such companies have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions for any Holders. Accordingly, the Share Company or Companies may take any actions in respect of such Share without regard to the interests of the investors in the Share Linked Instruments, and any of these actions could adversely affect the market value of the Share Linked Instruments.

***Determinations made by the Calculation Agent in respect of Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Events, Tender Offers, De-listings, Nationalisations, Insolvencies and Additional Disruption Events may have an adverse effect on the value of the Share Linked Instruments***

Upon determining that a Potential Adjustment Event, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Additional Disruption Event has occurred in relation to an underlying

Share or Share Company, the Calculation Agent has broad discretion to make certain determinations to account for such event including to (i) make adjustments to the terms of the Share Linked Instruments and/or (ii) (in the case of a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Additional Disruption Event) cause early redemption/settlement of the Share Linked Instruments, any of which determinations may have an adverse effect on the value of the Share Linked Instruments. In particular, in the event that the Share Linked Instruments are early settled/redeemed, the amount payable to Holders may be significantly less than the investor's initial investment, and may be as low as zero.

Potential Adjustment Events include (a) a sub-division, consolidation or re-classification of the Shares, (b) an extraordinary dividend, (c) a call of the Shares that are not fully paid, (d) a repurchase by the Share Company, or an affiliate thereof, of the Shares, (e) a separation of rights from the Shares or (f) any event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the value of the Shares. Additional Disruption Events include (1) a change in applicable law since the Trade Date that makes it illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of the Shares or more expensive for the relevant Issuer to hedge its obligations under the relevant Share Linked Instruments, (2) an insolvency filing by or on behalf of any issuer of the relevant Share(s), (3) Increased Cost of Hedging and (4) Hedging Disruption.

***Holders may receive physical delivery of Shares in lieu of payment of cash amounts***

Where the Share Linked Instruments include the right of the relevant Issuer, subject to the fulfilment of a particular condition, to redeem the Share Linked Instruments at their maturity by delivering Shares to the investor, the investors will receive such Shares rather than a monetary amount upon maturity. Holders will, therefore, be exposed to the Share Company or Companies and the risks associated with such Shares. The investor should not assume that he or she will be able to sell such Shares for a specific price after the redemption/settlement of the Instruments, and in particular not for the purchase price of the Share Linked Instruments. Under certain circumstances the Shares may only have a very low value or may, in fact, be worthless, in which case see "Investors risk losing all of their investment in the Instruments" above. Holders may also be subject to certain documentary or stamp taxes in relation to the delivery and/or disposal of such Shares. The holding of such Shares instead of the Instruments may adversely affect the Holder's tax position.

***Holders will have no voting rights or may have no right to receive dividends or distributions in respect of the relevant Shares***

Except as provided in the relevant Conditions in relation to Physical Delivery Instruments, Holders of Share Linked Instruments will not have voting rights or any other rights with respect to the relevant Shares to which such Share Linked Instruments relate.

Unless the "Dividend Conditions" are applicable for Share Linked Instruments, Holders of Share Linked Instruments will not have rights to receive dividends or distributions. As a result, the return on the Share Linked Instruments may not reflect the return an investor would realise if the investor actually owned those relevant Shares and received the dividends paid or other distributions made in connection with them.

***Specific risks relating to Share Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "LEPW Conditions" shall be applicable***

Share Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "LEPW Conditions" shall be applicable are linked to the value of specified Shares during a specified period. If cash dividends are declared and paid on such Shares during such specified period, Holders of such Share Linked Instruments shall receive such amounts, less deductions for local taxes (including withholding taxes). Holders of such Share Linked Instruments should note that they will not acquire any interest in or right to acquire the relevant Shares, and will not in any way have any rights with respect to the relevant Shares (including voting rights). There is no obligation on the relevant Issuer or any of its Affiliates to purchase, sell, hold, deliver, pledge or transfer any such Shares. In addition, the Additional Amount(s) and/or Settlement Amount (if any) due to Holders of such Share Linked Instruments will generally be payable in a currency other than the currency in which the relevant Shares are denominated; as a result, the returns to Holders will be subject to exchange rate risk as well.

Holders of such Share Linked Instruments should note that following the occurrence of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent may make certain determinations in respect of such Share Linked Instruments, such as the issue of additional Share Linked Instruments to Holders or the issue to Holders of new Share Linked Instruments linked to the share capital or other securities of another company created as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction relating to the relevant Share Company or the distribution of a cash amount to Holders or the adjustment of the terms and conditions of such Share Linked Instruments, in each case, to account for the diluting or concentrative effect of such Potential Adjustment Event. Holders of such Share Linked Instruments should note that none of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any of their respective affiliates are in a position to advise or give assurance to the Holders as to the impact to the economic, legal or tax position of such Holders as a result of such determinations or actions to the Holders. Holders of such Share Linked Instruments should consult their own business, accounting, regulatory, legal, tax and other professional advisers with respect to any consequences or considerations (whether relating to tax or otherwise) which may be relevant to or which may result from any such determinations or actions.

Holders of such Share Linked Instruments should also note that all payments made by the relevant Issuer (other than Additional Amounts) will be made subject to deductions to account for any costs and taxes which a hypothetical broker dealer, directly or indirectly, could incur in connection with any hedging arrangements which such hypothetical broker dealer could make in order to hedge such Share Linked Instruments.

### **Risks relating to GDR/ADR Linked Instruments**

#### ***Exposure to risk that redemption amounts do not reflect direct investment in the shares underlying the Depositary Receipts***

There are important differences between the rights of holders of ADRs or GDRs (ADRs and GDRs, together, "**Depositary Receipts**") and the rights of holders of the stock of the issuer of underlying shares represented by such Depositary Receipts. A Depositary Receipt is a security that represents capital stock of the relevant underlying share issuer. The relevant Deposit Agreement for the Depositary Receipt sets out the rights and responsibilities of the Depositary (being the issuer of the Depositary Receipt), the underlying share issuer and holders of the Depositary Receipt which may be different from the rights of holders of the underlying shares. For example, the underlying share issuer may make distributions in respect of its underlying shares that are not passed on to the holders of its Depositary Receipts. Any such differences between the rights of holders of the Depositary Receipts and holders of the underlying shares of the underlying share issuer may be significant and may materially and adversely affect the value of the relevant GDR/ADR Linked Instruments.

#### ***Exposure to the risk of non-recognition of beneficial ownership of the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts and therefore generally do not include dividends***

The legal owner of the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts is the custodian bank which at the same time is the issuing agent of the Depositary Receipts. Depending on the jurisdiction under which the Depositary Receipts have been issued and the jurisdiction to which the custodian agreement is subject, it is possible that the corresponding jurisdiction would not recognise the purchaser of the Depositary Receipts as the actual beneficial owner of the underlying shares. Particularly in the event that the custodian becomes insolvent or that enforcement measures are taken against the custodian, it is possible that an order restricting free disposition could be issued with respect to the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts or that such shares are realised within the framework of an enforcement measure against the custodian. If this is the case, the holder of the Depositary Receipt loses the rights under the underlying shares and the GDR/ADR Linked Instruments would become worthless. See "Investors risk losing all of their investment in the Instruments" above.

#### ***Potential exposure to risks of emerging markets***

Depositary Receipts often represent shares of underlying share issuers based in emerging market jurisdictions. In such case, there are risks relating to GDR/ADR Linked Instruments linked to Depositary Receipts which represent such underlying shares, see "Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)" above.

***Distributions on the underlying shares may not be passed on to the Depositary Receipts***

The issuer of the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts may make distributions in respect of such shares that are not passed on to the purchasers of its Depositary Receipts which may materially and adversely affect the value of the GDR/ADR Linked Instruments.

***Adjustment to the terms and conditions or replacement of the Reference Item following certain corporate events in relation to the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts may materially and adversely affect the value of the Instruments***

Following certain corporate events specified in the terms and conditions of the relevant GDR/ADR Linked Instruments relating to the underlying shares represented by Depositary Receipts or the relevant issuer of such underlying shares, such as a merger where the relevant company is not the surviving entity, the amount Holders of GDR/ADR Linked Instruments will receive, if any, at maturity of such Instruments may be adjusted by the Calculation Agent or the affected underlying shares and Depositary Receipts may be replaced by another Reference Item. The occurrence of such corporate events and the consequential adjustments may materially and adversely affect the value of the GDR/ADR Linked Instruments.

***Exposure to changes in the rate of exchange between the currency of the Depositary Receipt and the underlying share***

Where the currency of the Depositary Receipt is different from that of the underlying share, represented by a Depositary Receipt, Holders of Instruments linked to such Depositary Receipt may be exposed not only to the performance of the Depositary Receipt but also to the performance of the relevant foreign currency of the underlying share, which cannot be predicted. See "Factors affecting the performance of the relevant foreign exchange rate may adversely affect the value of the Instruments" below.

***Risks relating to FX Linked Instruments and other Instruments in respect of which "Exchange Rate" is specified to be applicable******Factors affecting the performance of the relevant foreign exchange rate may adversely affect the value of the Instruments***

In the case of FX Linked Instruments or any other Instruments in respect of which "Exchange Rate" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, any changes to the foreign exchange rate(s) to which such Instruments are linked will affect the nature and value of the investment return on such Instruments. The performance of foreign exchange rates is dependent upon the supply and demand for currencies in the international foreign exchange markets, which are subject to international and domestic political factors, economic factors (including inflation rates in the countries concerned, interest rate differences between the respective countries), economic forecasts, currency convertibility and safety of making financial investments in the currency concerned, speculation and measures taken by governments and central banks. Measures taken by governments and central banks include, without limitation, imposition of regulatory controls or taxes, issuance of a new currency to replace an existing currency, alteration of the exchange rate or exchange characteristics by devaluation or revaluation of a currency or imposition of exchange controls with respect to the exchange or transfer of a Specified Currency that would affect exchange rates and the availability of a Specified Currency which would affect the return on such an Instrument or the ability of the relevant Issuer to make delivery in the Specified Currency.

***BAC is a major foreign exchange dealer and is subject to conflicts of interest***

Investors should note that BAC and its Affiliates (including Merrill Lynch International) are regular participants in the foreign exchange markets and in the ordinary course of their business may effect transactions for their own account or for the account of their customers and hold long and short positions in currencies and related derivatives, including in the currencies of the relevant foreign exchange rate(s). Such transactions may affect the relevant foreign exchange rate(s), the market price, liquidity or value of the Instruments and could be adverse to the interests of Holders. Neither BAC nor any of its Affiliates has any duty to enter into such transactions in a manner which is favourable to Holders.

***Currencies of emerging markets jurisdictions pose particular risks***

Instruments (including FX Linked Instruments) which expose the investor to emerging market currencies may experience greater volatility and less certainty as to the future levels of such emerging market currencies or their rate of exchange as against other currencies. See "Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)" above.

**Risks relating to Commodity Linked Instruments**

An investment in Commodity Linked Instruments entails significant risks in addition to those associated with investments in a conventional debt security.

***Ownership of the Commodity Linked Instruments will not entitle an investor to any rights with respect to any futures contracts or Commodities included in or tracked by the Reference Item(s)***

An investor will not own or have any beneficial or other legal interest in, and will not be entitled to any rights with respect to, any of the Commodities or commodity futures included in such Reference Item(s). Neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor (if applicable) will invest in any of the Commodities or commodity futures contracts included in such Reference Item(s) on behalf or for the benefit of the Holders.

***Factors affecting the performance of Commodities may adversely affect the value of the Commodity Linked Instruments; Commodity prices may be more volatile than other asset classes***

The prices of Commodities may be volatile and may fluctuate substantially if, for example, natural disasters or catastrophes, such as hurricanes, fires, or earthquakes, affect the supply or production of such Commodities. Commodity prices also fluctuate due to general macro-economic forces and general market movements. The price of Commodities may also fluctuate substantially if conflict or war affects the supply or production of such Commodities. If any amount payable in respect of an Instrument is linked to the price of a Commodity, any change in the price of such Commodity may result in the reduction of the amount of such payment in respect of an Instrument. The reduction in the amount payable on the redemption/settlement of the Instrument may result, in some cases, in a Holder receiving a smaller sum on redemption/settlement of the Instrument than the amount originally invested in such Commodity Linked Instrument.

***Commodity Linked Instruments may reference physical commodities or commodity contracts, and Commodity Indices may include commodity contracts that are not traded on regulated exchanges***

Commodities comprise both (i) "physical" commodities, which need to be stored and transported, and which are generally traded at a "spot" price, and (ii) commodity contracts, which are agreements either to (a) buy or sell a set amount of an underlying physical commodity at a predetermined price and delivery period (which may be referred to as a delivery month), or to (b) make and receive a cash payment based on changes in the price of the underlying physical commodity.

Commodity Indices are typically based solely on futures contracts traded on regulated futures exchanges; however, a Commodity Index may include over-the-counter contracts traded on trading facilities outside the United States that are subject to lesser degrees of regulation or, in some cases, no substantive regulation. Accordingly, trading in such contracts, and the manner in which prices and volumes are reported by the relevant trading facilities, may not be subject to the provisions of, and the protections afforded by, the applicable regulations governing regulated futures exchanges. As a result, the trading of contracts on such facilities and the inclusion of such contracts in a Commodity Index may be subject to certain risks not presented by most exchange-traded futures contracts, including risks related to the liquidity and price histories of the relevant contracts and any Instruments which reference any such commodity contracts may have reduced liquidity or greater price volatility or be subject to more extensive market disruptions.

***Commodity Linked Instruments which are linked to commodity futures contracts may provide a different return from Commodity Linked Instruments linked to the relevant physical commodity and will have certain other risks***

The price of a futures contract on a commodity will generally be at a premium or at a discount to the spot price of the underlying commodity. This discrepancy is due to such factors as (i) the need to

adjust the spot price due to related expenses (e.g., warehousing, transport and insurance costs) and (ii) different methods being used to evaluate general factors affecting the spot and the futures markets. In addition, and depending on the commodity, there can be significant differences in the liquidity of the spot and the futures markets. Accordingly, Commodity Linked Instruments which are linked to commodity futures contracts may provide a different return from Commodity Linked Instruments linked to the relevant physical commodity.

Investments in futures contracts involve certain other risks, including potential illiquidity. A holder of a futures position may find that such position becomes illiquid because certain commodity exchanges limit fluctuations in such futures contract prices pursuant to "daily limits". Once the price of a particular futures contract has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the contract can neither be taken nor liquidated unless holders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. This could prevent a holder from promptly liquidating unfavourable positions and subject it to substantial losses. Futures contract prices in various commodities occasionally have exceeded the daily limit for several consecutive days with little or no trading. Any such losses in such circumstances could have a negative adverse effect on the return of any Commodity Linked Instruments the Reference Item of which is the affected futures contract. There can be no assurance that any such disruption or any other force majeure (such as an act of God, fire, flood, severe weather conditions, act of governmental authority or a labour dispute or shortage) will not have an adverse effect on the value of or trading in the Reference Item(s), or the manner in which it is calculated, and therefore, the value of the Instruments.

In the case of a direct investment in commodity futures contracts, the invested capital may be applied in whole or in part by way of collateral in respect of the future claims of the respective counterparties under the commodity futures contracts. Such capital will generally bear interest, and the interest yield will increase the return of the investor making such direct investment. However, Holders of Instruments linked to the price of commodity futures contracts do not participate in such interest yields from the hypothetical fully collateralised investment in commodity futures contracts.

***Additional risks in relation to the "rolling" of commodity futures contracts (including commodity futures contracts which are Components of a Commodity Index)***

Commodity contracts have a predetermined expiration date, which is the date on which trading of the commodity contract ceases. Holding a commodity contract until expiration will result in delivery of the underlying physical commodity or the requirement to make or receive a cash settlement. Alternatively, "rolling" the commodity contracts means that the commodity contracts that are nearing expiration (the "**near-dated commodity contracts**") are sold before they expire and commodity contracts that have an expiration date further in the future (the "**longer-dated commodity contracts**") are purchased. Investments in commodities apply "rolling" of the component commodity contracts in order to maintain an ongoing exposure to such commodities.

"Rolling" can affect the value of an investment in commodities in a number of ways, including:

- (i) **The investment in commodity contracts may be increased or decreased through "rolling":** Where the price of a near-dated commodity contract is greater than the price of the longer-dated commodity contract (the commodity is said to be in "backwardation"), then "rolling" from the former to the latter will result in exposure to a greater number of the longer-dated commodity contract being taken. Therefore, any loss or gain on the new positions for a given movement in the prices of the commodity contract will be greater than if one had synthetically held the same number of commodity contracts as before the "roll". Conversely, where the price of the near-dated commodity contract is lower than the price of the longer-dated commodity contract (the commodity is said to be in "contango"), then "rolling" will result in exposure to a smaller number of the longer-dated commodity contract being taken. Therefore, any gain or loss on the new positions for a given movement in the prices of the commodity contract will be less than if one had synthetically held the same number of commodity contracts as before the "roll".
- (ii) **Where a commodity contract is in contango (or, alternatively, backwardation) it may be expected to (though it may not) have a negative (or, alternatively, positive) effect over time:** Where a commodity contract is in "contango", the price of the longer-dated commodity contract will generally be expected to (but may not) decrease over time as it nears expiry. In

such event, rolling is generally expected to have a negative effect on an investment in the commodity contract. Where a commodity contract is in "backwardation", the price of the longer-dated commodity contract will generally be expected to (but may not) increase over time as it nears expiry. In such event, the investment in the relevant commodity contract can generally be expected to be positively affected.

Commodity indices are indices which track the performance of a basket of commodity contracts on certain commodities, depending on the particular index. The weighting of the respective commodities included in a commodity index will depend on the particular index, and is generally described in the relevant index rules of the index. Commodity indices apply "rolling" of the component commodity contracts in order to maintain an ongoing exposure to such commodities. Specifically, as a commodity contract is required to be rolled pursuant to the relevant index rules, the commodity index is calculated as if exposure to the commodity contract was liquidated and exposure was taken to another (generally longer-dated) commodity contract for an equivalent exposure. Accordingly, the same effects as described above with regard to "rolling" on the value of a Commodity Reference Item also apply with regard to the index level of a Commodity index.

***Legal and regulatory changes relating to the Commodities may lead to adjustment to, or early redemption or settlement of, the Commodity Linked Instruments, and could adversely affect the return on and value of the Commodity Linked Instruments***

The legal and regulatory regimes of Commodities in many jurisdictions, including, in particular, the United States and Europe, may change in ways that could increase the level of regulation of markets and market participants, reduce liquidity, increase market volatility and increase the costs of participating in the commodity or futures markets which could negatively affect an interest in Commodity Linked Instruments.

In the United States, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "**Dodd-Frank Act**"), which was enacted in July 2010, provides for substantial changes to regulation of the listed and over-the-counter ("**OTC**") derivative markets. The Dodd-Frank Act requires regulators, including the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("**CFTC**"), to adopt regulations to implement many of the requirements of the legislation, including additional obligations on market participants that trade OTC derivatives on physical commodities; increasing the level of regulation on market participants; requiring an increasing number of OTC derivative transactions to be executed on regulated exchanges or trading platforms and cleared through regulated clearing houses; and requiring swap dealers to be registered and subject to various additional regulatory requirements, including capital and margin requirements. These changes may have the effect of reducing liquidity and increasing costs in these markets, as well as affecting the structure of the markets in other ways. Furthermore, these changes and the resulting increased costs and regulatory oversight requirements may result in market participants being required to, or deciding to, cease or limit their trading activities. While the CFTC has adopted some final regulations, the ultimate nature and scope of the regulations, and its impact on the relevant Issuer and the Commodity Linked Instruments, cannot yet be determined.

In addition, other regulatory bodies have proposed, or may in the future propose, legislation similar to that proposed by the Dodd-Frank Act which could contain other restrictions that could adversely impact the liquidity of, and increase the costs of, participating in the commodities markets. In Europe, the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) and its accompanying technical standards, as well as the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) and its implementing measures, seek to address concerns in relation to the monitoring of counterparty credit risk of OTC derivatives market participants, transparency and liquidity in financial markets. For example, MiFID II and the European Commission's proposed new regulation, the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (MiFIR), propose regulations to establish position limits (or an alternative equivalent) on trading commodity derivatives. It is not possible to predict the scope of any final rules or the degree to which Member States will be required or permitted to adopt these or additional regulations.

Any such changes to the legal and regulatory regime in relation to Commodities may adversely affect the relevant Issuer's obligations in respect of any underlying or hedging transactions in relation to the Commodity Linked Instruments, or may make it unlawful or infeasible, in whole or in part, for any reason for the relevant Issuer to access the commodity markets for purposes of managing commodity market risk, which may lead to adjustment to, or early redemption/settlement of, the Commodity Linked Instruments. In the event of an early redemption/settlement, any early settlement amount or

early redemption amount may be less than the purchase price of the Commodity Linked Instruments, and may be zero.

In addition, any such changes to the legal and regulatory regime in relation to Commodities could have an adverse impact on the price of a Commodity, or the return on a Commodity Index, and the return on and value of the Commodity Linked Instruments.

***Data sourcing and calculation risks associated with a Commodity Index and the commodity contracts underlying a Commodity Index may adversely affect the value of the Commodity Index***

The closing level of a Commodity Index or the prices of commodity contracts underlying such Commodity Index will be calculated based on price data that are subject to potential errors in data sources or other errors that may affect the closing levels published by the relevant sponsor of a Commodity Index or the prices published by the relevant price source(s) for such underlying commodity contracts, as applicable. Also, there may be errors in any other data sourced by the sponsor of a Commodity Index. Such errors could adversely affect the closing level of the Commodity Index on any given day, which could in turn have an adverse effect on the value of the Instruments and any amount payable under the Instruments. There can be no assurance that any error or discrepancy on the part of any data source or sponsor will be corrected or revised or that the sponsor of a Commodity Index will incorporate any such correction or revision into the calculation of such Commodity Index. None of the sponsor of a Commodity Index, the Issuers and the Guarantor makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the correctness or completeness of that information or takes any responsibility for the accuracy of such data or the impact of any inaccuracy of such data on the relevant level of such Commodity Index, or on the value of any commodity contracts included in such Commodity Index.

**Risks relating to Fund Linked Instruments**

***No Fund will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Fund Linked Instruments***

No Fund will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Fund Linked Instruments and none of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any Dealer will make any investigation or enquiry in connection with such offering with respect to any information concerning any such Fund contained in such Final Terms or in the documents from which such information was extracted. Neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor (if applicable) controls any Fund or is responsible for any disclosure made by any Fund. Consequently, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the relevant issue date (including events that would affect the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the publicly available information or in any applicable Final Terms) that would affect the net asset value of a unit (or fund interest) in the relevant Fund(s) or, the share price of the Fund Shares of the relevant Exchange Traded Fund(s) ("ETFs"), will have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning such Fund could affect the net asset value of a unit (or fund interest) in such Fund, or the share price of the Fund Shares of such ETFs, and therefore the trading price of the Instruments or amounts paid or delivered under the Instruments.

***A Fund may be subject to Fund Events which may adversely impact the value of Fund Linked Instruments***

If certain events specified as Fund Events occur, the Calculation Agent may replace the Fund by other Funds and thereafter the amount payable in respect of the Fund Linked Instruments will depend on and be calculated by reference to the performance of an alternate asset. This may have a considerable impact on the value of the Fund Linked Instruments and the amount payable in respect of the Fund Linked Instruments. Alternatively, any determination dates and payment dates may be changed by the Calculation Agent, or the amount paid per Fund Linked Instrument may be based on the only cash amounts that an investor in the fund actually received, which might be as low as zero.

***Risk from composition and changes to a Fund***

The management company of a Fund can, without regard to the interests of the investors in the Fund Linked Instruments, add, delete or substitute any Funds by reference to which the value of a Fund is calculated or make other methodological changes that could change the investment profile of a Fund.



The management company may also determine to discontinue a Fund. If a Fund is discontinued, it may be replaced by other assets and/or the Fund Linked Instruments may be redeemed or exercised early.

In the event that a Fund is materially modified or permanently cancelled or the management company fails to calculate or announce the net asset value of a Fund, the Calculation Agent will either make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement, payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Fund Linked Instruments as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for the effect on the Fund Linked Instruments of such events, or may redeem or exercise the Fund Linked Instruments early. Any of these decisions or determinations may adversely impact the value of the Fund Linked Instruments. In the event that the Fund Linked Instruments are early settled/redeemed, that amount payable to an investor may be less than the investor's initial investment, and may be as low as zero.

***Funds may be subject to transfer restrictions and illiquidity***

Funds and the assets thereof may be subject to transfer restrictions arising by way of applicable securities laws or otherwise. Such restrictions may mean that purchasers of the Fund Linked Instruments are not entitled to acquire interests in the Funds directly. Holders of units or shares in a Fund may have the right to transfer or withdraw their investment in the Funds only at certain times and upon completion of certain documentary formalities and such rights may be subject to suspension or alteration. These circumstances may affect the net asset value of the Funds in question. Potential investors should familiarise themselves with the features of the Funds in this regard.

***Events which affect the value of a Fund will affect the value of Fund Linked Instruments***

The occurrence of any of the following events could materially and adversely affect the value of shares or units in a Fund, and have a consequent material and adverse effect on the value of Fund Linked Instruments:

- *Valuation:* The valuation of Funds is generally controlled by the management company of the Fund. Valuations are performed in accordance the terms and conditions governing the Fund. Such valuations may be based upon the unaudited financial records of the Fund and any accounts pertaining thereto. Such valuations may be preliminary calculations of the net asset values of the Fund and accounts. The Fund may hold a significant number of investments which are illiquid or otherwise not actively traded and in respect of which reliable net asset values may be difficult to obtain. In consequence, the management company may vary certain quotations for such investments held by the Fund in order to reflect its judgement as to the fair value thereof. Therefore, valuations may be subject to subsequent adjustment upward or downward. Uncertainties as to the valuation of Fund assets and/or accounts may have an adverse effect on the net asset value of the Fund where such judgements regarding valuations prove to be incorrect.
- *Trading charges:* The performance of a Fund will be affected by the charges incurred thereby relating to the investments of such Fund. The Fund may engage in short-term trading which may result in increased turnover and associated higher than normal brokerage commissions and other expenses.
- *Legal and regulatory changes:* Future changes to applicable law or regulation may be adverse to a Fund.
- *Investment risk:* All investments risk the loss of capital and/or the diminution of investment returns. A Fund may utilise (*inter alia*) strategies such as short-selling, leverage, securities lending and borrowing, investment in sub-investment grade or non-readily realisable investments, uncovered options transactions, options and futures transactions and foreign exchange transactions and the use of concentrated portfolios, each of which could, in certain circumstances, magnify adverse market developments and losses.
- *Illiquidity:* A Fund may make investments in markets that are volatile and/or illiquid and it may be difficult or costly for positions therein to be opened or liquidated.

- *Performance risk:* No assurance can be given relating to the present or future performance of a Fund. The performance of a Fund is dependent on the performance of the management company thereof. Certain management companies may utilise analytical models upon which investment decisions are based. No assurance can be given that these persons will succeed in meeting the investment objectives of the Fund, that any analytical model used thereby will prove to be correct or that any assessments of the short-term or long-term prospects, volatility and correlation of the types of investments in which the Funds have invested or will invest will prove accurate.
- *Effect of exchange rates and exchange controls:* The net asset value of a Fund could be adversely affected not only by hedging costs and changes in exchange rates, but also by local exchange control regulations and other limitations, including currency exchange limitations and political and economic developments in the relevant countries.
- *Market risks:* The markets in which a Fund invests may prove to be highly volatile from time to time as a result of, for example, sudden changes in government policies on taxation and currency repatriation or changes in legislation relating to the value of foreign ownership in companies, and this may affect the net asset value at which a Fund may liquidate positions to meet repurchase requests or other funding requirements.
- *Hedging risks:* A Fund may in certain cases employ various hedging techniques to reduce the risk of investment positions. A substantial risk remains, nonetheless, that such techniques will not always be available and when available, will not always be effective in limiting losses. A Fund may take substantial unhedged positions.
- *Interest rate risks:* The values of securities held by a Fund (or by any underlying Fund) tend to be sensitive to interest rate fluctuations and unexpected fluctuations in interest rates could cause the corresponding net asset values of a Fund's positions to move in directions which were not initially anticipated. To the extent that interest rate assumptions underlie the hedge ratios implemented in hedging a particular position, fluctuations in interest rates could invalidate those underlying assumptions and expose a Fund to losses.
- *Absence of regulation:* A Fund will generally not be regulated under the laws of any country or jurisdiction. As a result, certain protections of such laws (which, among other things, may require investment companies to have disinterested directors, require securities to be held in custody and segregated, regulate the relationship between the investment company and its adviser and mandate investor approval before fundamental investment policies may be changed) do not apply to a Fund. This absence of regulation may adversely affect the performance of a Fund.
- *Suspension of trading:* A securities exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in any instrument traded on that exchange. A suspension could render it impossible for a Fund to liquidate positions and thereby expose a Fund to losses.
- *Dependence on key individuals:* The success of a Fund is dependent on the expertise of its managers. The loss of one or more individuals could have a material adverse effect on the ability of a Fund manager to direct a fund's portfolio, resulting in losses for a Fund and a decline in the value of a Fund. Indeed, certain fund managers may have only one principal, without whom the relevant Fund manager could not continue to operate.
- *Experience of Fund managers:* Certain Funds may be managed by investment managers who have managed hedge funds for a relatively short period of time. The previous experience of such investment managers is typically in trading proprietary accounts of financial institutions or managing unhedged accounts of institutional asset managers or other investment firms. As such investment managers do not have direct experience in managing Funds or hedge funds, including experience with financial, legal or regulatory considerations unique to Fund management, and there is generally less information available on which to base an opinion of such managers' investment and management expertise, investments with such investment managers may be subject to greater risk and uncertainty than investments with more experienced Fund managers.

- *Risk of fraud:* There is a risk that a Fund manager could divert or abscond with the assets, fail to follow agreed-upon investment strategies, provide false reports of operations or engage in other misconduct.
- *Performance compensation payable to Fund managers:* The performance-based compensation paid to a Fund manager is typically calculated on a basis that includes unrealised appreciation and may consequently be greater than if such compensation were based solely on realised gains. Each Fund generally calculates its own performance compensation based on its individual performance, irrespective of increases in the overall value of the Fund. Furthermore, when the Fund is rebalanced and an unprofitable underlying asset is removed, the loss carried forward by such Fund's trading is eliminated for purposes of calculating subsequent performance compensation due to the Fund manager of any replacement underlying asset. Thus, there may be substantial incentive compensation due to the relevant Fund manager even during a period when the portfolio of assets is incurring significant losses.
- *Concentration risk:* As many hedge funds have the authority to concentrate their investments in securities of a single issuer or industry, the overall adverse impact on one or more components of the fund, and correspondingly on the value of the Fund, of adverse movements in the value of such securities could be considerably greater than if the Fund were not permitted to concentrate their investments. Moreover, a number of hedge funds included as components in a Fund might accumulate substantial positions in the same or related instruments at the same time. As information regarding the actual investments made by such funds is not generally available, the management company will be unable to identify any such accumulations, which could expose the relevant Fund to the risk of sudden and severe declines.
- *Risks of leverage:* A Fund may borrow without limitation and typically utilise various lines of credit and other forms of leverage. In addition, certain of a Fund's investment strategies (primarily those utilising derivative instruments) may involve indirect forms of leverage. While leverage presents opportunities for increasing a Fund's total return, it increases the potential risk of loss as well. Any event which adversely affects the value of an investment by a Fund is magnified to the extent that such investment is leveraged. Leverage can have a similar effect on issuers in which a Fund invests. The use of leverage by a Fund could result in substantial losses which would be greater than if leverage had not been used. A Fund's assets may be further leveraged or hedged by the use of derivatives. In addition, investments of a fund may include investments in partnerships and other pooled investment vehicles, which themselves employ leverage to a significant extent. Such investments are subject to the same leverage risks as described above and a Fund could lose its entire investment. As a general matter, the banks and dealers that provide financing to a fund can apply essentially discretionary margin, haircut, financing and security and collateral valuation policies. Changes by banks and dealers in these policies may result in large margin calls, loss of financing and forced liquidations of positions at disadvantageous net asset values.
- *Non-deductible taxes:* As Funds may be resident in so-called off-shore jurisdictions, which have not entered into any double taxation conventions with other countries, any income of such Fund may be subject to taxation in the countries of origin. As such withholding taxes are non-deductible due to the fact that such Funds are not subject to income taxation in their countries of residence, the Fund's net income may be reduced which may have a negative impact on the performance of such Fund.
- *Investment criteria:* It may be difficult to specify precisely or comprehensively the strategies of a Fund. As a result, it may not sometimes be clear whether or not a Fund fulfils the investment criteria set out in its offering document.
- *Risks of equity investments:* The investment orientation of a Fund may be based to a significant extent on equity investments. Investment in equity securities to aggressively seek capital appreciation is speculative and is generally perceived to encompass greater risks than those involved in connection with an investment in debt securities of comparable issuers.
- *Risks of fixed income investments:* A Fund may invest in fixed income securities and, therefore, may be exposed to the risk of default by the issuers of such securities. Such default

may result in delays in payment, or non-payment of interest or principal when due. Furthermore, the net asset value of fixed income securities may also fluctuate with changes in prevailing interest rates and/or in the creditworthiness of the issuer, and these fluctuations may result in a loss of capital by a Fund.

- *Risks of collective investment schemes:* Some Funds may invest in other collective investment schemes. Investment in schemes of this type may afford the investor less transparency in respect of the ultimate assets of the scheme.
- *Large transactions:* Large subscriptions and redemptions may result in the liquidation or dilution of fund assets that may affect the net asset value of such Fund.
- *Emerging markets:* A Fund may invest in securities of governments of, or companies domiciled in, less-developed or emerging markets. See "Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)" above. Custody arrangements in such countries may also present enhanced risk.
- *Risks of repos:* A Fund may use repurchase agreements. Under a repurchase agreement, a security is sold to a buyer and at the same time the seller of the security agrees to buy back the security at a later date at a higher net asset value. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default of the transferor of securities in a repurchase agreement, a Fund could experience delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses, including possible declines in the value of the collateral during the period while it seeks to enforce its rights thereto; possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period and the expenses of enforcing its rights. In the case of a default by the transferee of securities in a repurchase agreement, the management company bears the risk that the transferee may not deliver the securities when required.
- *Risks of currency speculation:* A Fund may engage in exchange rate speculation. Foreign exchange rates have been highly volatile in recent years. The combination of volatility and leverage gives rise to the possibility of large profit but also carries a high risk of loss. In addition, there is counterparty credit risk since foreign exchange trading is done on a principal to principal basis.
- *Risks of commodity futures:* Commodity futures prices can be highly volatile. As a result of the low margin deposits normally required in futures trading, an extremely high degree of leverage is typical of a futures trading account. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in substantial losses to the investor. Like other leveraged investments, a futures transaction may result in losses in excess of the amount invested.
- *Risks of derivative instruments:* A Fund may use derivative instruments, such as collateralised debt obligations, stripped mortgage-backed securities, options and swaps. There are uncertainties as to how the derivatives market will perform during periods of unusual price volatility or instability, market illiquidity or credit distress. Substantial risks are also involved in borrowing and lending against such instruments. The prices of these instruments are volatile, market movements are difficult to predict and financing sources and related interest rates are subject to rapid change. One or more markets may move against the positions held by a Fund, thereby causing substantial losses. Most of these instruments are not traded on exchanges but rather through an informal network of banks and dealers. These banks and dealers have no obligation to make markets in these instruments and may apply essentially discretionary margin and credit requirements (and thus, in effect, force a Fund to close out its relevant positions). In addition, such instruments carry the additional risk of failure to perform by the counterparty to the transaction. Government policies, especially those of the U.S. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "**Federal Reserve Board**") and non-U.S. central banks, have profound effects on interest and exchange rates which, in turn, affect prices of derivative instruments. Many other unforeseeable events, including actions by various government agencies and domestic and international political events, may cause sharp market fluctuations.
- *Risks of short selling:* A Fund may sell securities short. Short selling exposes a Fund to theoretically unlimited risk due to the lack of an upper limit on the price to which a security

may rise. Short selling involves the sale of borrowed stock. If a stock loan is called, the short seller may be forced to repurchase the stock at a loss. In addition, some traders may attempt to profit by forcing short sellers to incur a loss. Traders may make large purchases of a stock that has been sold short. The large purchases are intended to drive up the stock price, and cause the short sellers to incur losses. By doing this, the traders hope the short sellers will limit their losses by repurchasing the stock and force the stock price even higher.

- *Risks of arbitrage:* The use of arbitrage strategies by a Fund in no respect should be taken to imply that such strategies are without risk. Substantial losses may be incurred on "hedge" or "arbitrage" positions, and illiquidity and default on one side of a position may effectively result in the position being transformed into an outright speculation. Every arbitrage strategy involves exposure to some second order risk of the market, such as the implied volatility in convertible bonds or warrants, the yield spread between similar term government bonds or the net asset value spread between different classes of stock for the same underlying firm. Further, there are few examples of "pure" arbitrage Funds. Most Funds also employ limited directional strategies which expose them to market risk.
- *Credit risk:* Many of the markets in which a Fund effects its transactions are "over-the-counter" or "inter-dealer" markets. The participants in these markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of "exchange based" markets. To the extent that a Fund invests in swaps, derivatives or synthetic instruments, or other over-the-counter transactions in these markets, such Fund may take a credit risk with regard to parties with which it trades and also may bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those involved in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are characterised by clearing organisation guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered into directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from these protections, which in turn may subject a Fund to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract or because of a credit or liquidity problem. Such "counterparty risk" is increased for contracts with longer maturities when events may intervene to prevent settlement. The ability of a Fund to transact business with any one or any number of counterparties, the lack of any independent evaluation of the counterparties or their financial capabilities, and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement, may increase the potential for losses.
- *Risks relating to controlling stakes:* A Fund may take controlling stakes in companies. The exercise of control over a company imposes additional risks of liability for environmental damage, product defects, failure to supervise and other types of related liability.
- *Price volatility:* The market price of Fund Linked Instruments may be volatile and may depend on the time remaining to the redemption date or settlement date (as applicable) and the volatility of the price of Fund share(s) or unit(s). The price of Fund share(s) or unit(s) 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 in the Fund or Funds may be traded.

***As the shares of certain Funds may only be redeemable on certain dates, there is a risk of delays or defaults in payment***

The shares of a Fund may only be redeemable on certain redemption dates, subject to the prescribed notice period in respect of such Fund. This gives rise to a time delay between the execution of an order for redemption and payment of the proceeds on such redemption. If the Fund becomes insolvent following the date on which a redemption order would have to be notionally placed or the Calculation Agent determines that the relevant Fund would fail to pay to any shareholder in cash the full redemption proceeds owing to them if they redeemed their shares on the relevant date, an adjustment may be made by the Calculation Agent when calculating the return on the Instruments to the net asset value per share of the relevant Fund, thereby reducing the return on the Instruments.

In the case of Fund Linked Instruments linked to ETFs, if the Calculation Agent determines that an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred at any relevant time, any such determination may have an effect on the timing of valuation and consequently the value of the Instruments and/or may

delay settlement in respect of the Fund Linked Instruments. Potential investors should review the relevant Conditions and the applicable Final Terms to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Fund Linked Instruments.

In the case of Fund Linked Instruments linked to ETFs following the declaration by the ETF of the occurrence 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 relevant Fund Shares and, if so, will (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any of the terms of the relevant 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 and (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment. Such adjustment may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of the affected Fund Linked Instruments.

In addition, in the case of Fund Linked Instruments linked to ETFs, if a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Material Underlying Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to any Fund Share, the relevant 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 of the relevant Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-Listing, Material Underlying Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency and determine the effective date of that adjustment. Such adjustment may have an adverse effect on the value and liquidity of the affected Fund Linked Instruments; or
- (ii) redeem or cancel, as applicable, all of the Fund Linked Instruments. In the event of such redemption or cancellation the amount payable to an investor may be less than the investor's initial investment, and may be as low as zero.

#### **Risks relating to Inflation Linked Instruments**

A relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to a measure of inflation to which the Instruments are linked may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with other indices. Any movement in the level of the index may result in a reduction of the interest payable on the Instruments, and in the case of Instruments with a settlement/redemption amount linked to inflation, in a reduction of the amount payable on settlement/redemption which in some cases could be less than the amount originally invested.

The timing of changes in the relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to the measure of inflation comprising the relevant index or indices may affect the actual yield to investors on the Inflation Linked Instruments, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations.

An index to which interest payments on an Inflation Linked Instrument and/or the redemption amount of an Inflation Linked Instrument are linked is only one measure of inflation for the relevant jurisdiction, and such index may not correlate perfectly with the rate of inflation experienced by Holders in such jurisdiction.

#### **Risks relating to Credit Linked Instruments**

##### ***General risks relating to Credit Linked Instruments***

The Issuers may issue Credit Linked Instruments where the amount payable is dependent upon whether certain events ("**Credit Events**") have occurred in respect of one or more Reference Entity/Entities and, if so, on the value of certain specified assets of such Reference Entity/Entities or where, if one or more Credit Events have occurred, on redemption the relevant Issuer's obligation is to deliver certain specified assets.

Holders of any such Credit Linked Instruments should be aware that depending on the terms of the Credit Linked Instruments (i) they may receive no or a limited amount of interest or additional amounts, (ii) the payment of the redemption amount, interest or additional amounts 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 Credit Linked Instruments may be volatile and will be affected by, amongst other things, the time remaining to the redemption date or settlement date, as applicable, prevailing credit spreads and the creditworthiness of the Reference Entity/Entities which in turn may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions. Risks relating to Credit Linked Instruments may be correlated or compounded and such correlation and/or compounding may result in increased volatility in the value of such Instruments and/or in increased losses for holders of such Instruments.

Actions of Reference Entities (for example, merger or demerger or the repayment or transfer of indebtedness) may adversely affect the value of any Credit Linked Instruments. The views of market participants and/or legal counsel may differ as to how the terms of market standard credit default swaps, and the corresponding terms of any Credit Linked Instruments, should be interpreted in the context of such actions, or such terms may operate in a manner contrary to the expectations of market participants and/or adversely to the interests of holders of any Credit Linked Instruments. Holders of any Credit Linked Instruments should be aware that the Reference Entities to which the value of such Instruments are exposed, and the terms of such exposure, may change over the term of such Instruments. Reference Entities may not be subject to regular reporting requirements under Luxembourg securities laws and may report information in accordance with different disclosure and accounting standards. Consequently, the information available for such Reference Entities may be different from, and in some cases less than, the information available for entities that are subject to the reporting requirements under the Luxembourg securities laws. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Calculation Agent and any of their respective affiliates make any representation as to the accuracy or completeness of any information available with respect to the Reference Entities.

***Holders may be affected by Credit Events that occur before the Issue Date***

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments may suffer a loss of some or all of their investment if one or more Credit Events occur on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date (which may fall prior to the Issue Date). None of the Calculation Agent, the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any of their respective affiliates has any responsibility to avoid or mitigate the effects of a Credit Event that has taken place prior to the Issue Date.

***There may be increased risks associated with Nth-to-Default Instruments***

Where the Credit Linked Instruments are Nth-to-Default Instruments, the relevant Credit Linked Instruments will be subject to redemption in full as described above upon the occurrence of a Credit Event in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in relation to which an Event Determination Date has occurred. With Nth-to-Default Instruments, the credit risk to holders of the Instruments may be increased as a result of, amongst other things, the concentration of Reference Entities in a particular industry sector or geographic area, or the exposure of the Reference Entities to similar financial or other risks.

***There may be increased risks associated with Trunched Portfolio CLNs***

If a Credit Event occurs in respect of a Reference Entity that results in an Incurred Loss Amount, the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Credit Linked Notes shall be reduced by the sum of the lesser of: (a) the Outstanding Principal Amount; and (b) the relevant Settlement Amount, which amount may be at a considerable discount to par and could be zero and interest will cease to accrue from the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date with respect to an amount equal to the relevant Settlement Amount with respect to such Reference Entity and Credit Event.

If following the occurrence of a Credit Event, the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Credit Linked Notes is reduced to zero, the Credit Linked Notes will be redeemed early. An investor therefore risks losing all of its principal and interest.

Further, if on an Interest Determination Date, the Calculation Agent determines that a potential Credit Event has occurred or a Credit Event has occurred which, in either case, could result in the determination of an Incurred Loss Amount, then interest shall be deferred in an amount which would have accrued on the Reference Entity Notional Amount of the relevant affected Reference Entity until the actual Settlement Amount can be determined and, in such cases, any interest which would have

been paid had the relevant potential Credit Event or Credit Event been determined in the same Interest Period shall be paid on a deferred basis on the Interest Payment Date following the date on which the relevant Settlement Amount has been determined.

Since payment under the Credit Linked Notes is linked to the credit of the Reference Portfolio, Holders will be exposed to the credit risk of the Reference Entity to the full extent of the principal amount of their Credit Linked Notes. Holders will have no right to vote or exercise any other right or remedy with respect to any Reference Entity or any of its obligations.

***The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Dealer(s) and the Calculation Agent have no duty to disclose use of non-public information with respect to any Reference Entity***

The relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Dealer(s), the Calculation Agent or any of their respective Affiliates may have acquired, or during the term of the Credit Linked Instruments may acquire, non-public information with respect to the Reference Entity/Entities that they may not disclose. Potential investors must therefore make an investment decision based upon their own due diligence and purchase the Credit Linked Instruments in the knowledge that non-public information which the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Dealer(s), the Calculation Agent or any of their respective Affiliates may have will not be disclosed to investors. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Dealer(s), the Calculation Agent and any of their respective Affiliates is under any obligation (i) to review on the Holders' behalf, the business, financial conditions, prospects, creditworthiness, status or affairs of the Reference Entity/Entities or conduct any investigation or due diligence into the Reference Entity/Entities or (ii) other than as may be required by applicable rules and regulations relating to the Credit Linked Instruments, to make available (a) any information relating to the Instruments or (b) any non-public information they may possess in respect of the Reference Entity/Entities.

***A Credit Event may occur even if the relevant Issuer does not suffer any loss***

The relevant Issuer's obligations in respect of Credit Linked Instruments are irrespective of the existence or amount of the relevant Issuer's and/or any Affiliates' credit exposure to a Reference Entity and the relevant 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.

#### ***Risks relating to Physical Settlement***

Where the Credit Linked Instruments provide that the applicable Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement", or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement", the relevant Issuer may determine that the specified assets to be delivered are either (a) assets which (i) for any reason (including, without limitation, failure of the relevant clearing 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 or (ii) it is impracticable to Deliver on the specified settlement date because (1) the relevant holder(s) has not taken any action that is deemed necessary by the Calculation Agent to enable such Delivery or (2) the holder(s) has failed to provide know-your-customer information sign and deliver relevant transfer documentation and/or confidentiality agreement, pay a fee to the agent to effect the transfer and/or provide any other information or documentation or make any other payment (including taxes) specified under the terms of the relevant specified asset or as is customary to provide in respect of such specified asset or (b) assets which the relevant Issuer and/or any Affiliate and/or agent has not received under the terms of any transaction and/or trading position entered into by the relevant Issuer and/or such Affiliate and/or agent to hedge the relevant Issuer's obligations in respect of the Credit Linked Instruments.

Any such determination may delay settlement in respect of the Credit Linked Instruments 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 Credit Linked Instruments and, in the case of payment of a cash amount, will affect the timing of the valuation of such Credit Linked Instruments and as a result, the amount payable on redemption. Potential investors should review the relevant Conditions and the applicable Final Terms to ascertain whether and how such provisions should apply to the Credit Linked Instruments.



In the case of Physical Settlement, where the Reference Obligation is a loan, in order for the Delivery of the loan (or an interest in the loan) to be effected, the Reference Obligation must be capable of being transferred to the Holder in accordance with its terms and the Holders must have the capacity to hold such loan (or loan interest).

In the event that a Governmental Intervention Credit Event or certain Restructuring Credit Events which, in each case, constitute an Asset Package Credit Event occurs, the assets that may be delivered to the Holders may include the Asset Package received or retained by a Relevant Holder in place of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond in connection with such Asset Package Credit Event. Such Asset Package may be comprised of illiquid assets and/or may be worth significantly less than the original Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond prior to such Asset Package Credit Event. If the Relevant Holder is offered, receives and retains nothing, the Asset Package shall be deemed to be zero. In these circumstances, Holders may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment.

#### ***Risks relating to Cash Settlement***

If the applicable Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement", or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement", then, following the occurrence of a Credit Event, the Calculation Agent will be required to seek quotations in respect of selected obligations of the affected Reference Entity. Such quotations may not be available, or the level of such quotations may be substantially reduced as a result of illiquidity in the relevant markets or as a result of factors other than the credit risk of the affected Reference Entity (for example, liquidity constraints affecting market dealers). Accordingly, any quotations so obtained may be significantly lower than the value of the relevant obligation which would be determined by reference to (for example) the present value of related cashflows. Quotations may be deemed to be zero in the event that no such quotations are available. This could result in a lower or zero recovery rate for investors in such Instruments.

If the relevant Issuer has discretion to choose the portfolio of obligations to be valued or delivered following a Credit Event in respect of a Reference Entity, it is likely that the portfolio of obligations selected will be obligations of the Reference Entity with the lowest market value that are permitted to be selected pursuant to the terms of any relevant Credit Linked Instruments. This could result in a lower recovery value and hence greater losses for investors in such Instruments.

#### ***Risks relating to Auction Settlement***

If, in relation to any Credit Linked Instruments, "Auction Settlement" is applicable, and a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee publishes auction settlement terms in respect of a Reference Entity (and the relevant seniority of the Reference Obligation), then the Calculation Agent will determine the Auction Settlement Amount in accordance with such auction settlement terms. The losses determined pursuant to a market auction process may be greater than the losses which would have been determined in the absence of the auction. In particular, the auction process may be affected by technical factors or operational errors which would not otherwise apply or may be the subject of actual or attempted manipulation. Auctions may be conducted by ISDA or by a relevant third party. None of the Calculation Agent, the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and any of their respective affiliates has any responsibility for verifying that any auction price is reflective of current market values for establishing any auction methodology or for verifying that any auction has been conducted in accordance with its rules. If the Dealer, the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Calculation Agent or any of their respective Affiliates participates in any auction for the purposes of such an auction, then it will do so without regard to the interests of the holders of the Credit Linked Instruments. Such participation may have a material effect on the outcome of the relevant auction. Where the terms of any Credit Linked Instruments state "M(M)R Restructuring" to be applicable and the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, several concurrent but separate Auctions may occur with respect to such Reference Entity and such Credit Event. In certain circumstances, the relevant Issuer may apply specific Parallel Auction Settlement Terms notifying Holders of the relevant Instruments. The Auction Final Price may be based on one or more obligations of the Reference Entity having a final maturity date different from the Restructured Bond or Loan and this may affect the Auction Settlement Amount determined in respect of the Credit Linked Instruments. In the event of a Governmental Intervention Credit Event or certain Restructuring Credit Events which constitute an Asset Package Credit Event, the Auction Final Price may be determined by reference to the value of the Asset Package received or retained by a Relevant Holder in place of the Prior Deliverable

Obligation or Package Observable Bond in connection with such Asset Package Credit Event. Such Asset Package may be worth significantly less than the original Package Observable Bond prior to such Asset Package Credit Event and may result in a significantly lower Auction Settlement Amount being payable to the Holders than would have been the case following the relevant Credit Event had the Auction Final Price been determined only by reference to Deliverable Obligations.

***Unwind costs may be deducted from the amounts payable to Holders of Credit Linked Instruments***

Investors should note that amounts paid or delivered in respect of any Credit Linked Instruments may take into account Unwind Costs which are determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to all costs, expenses, taxes and duties, incurred by the relevant Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or agents in connection with the redemption or cancellation of the Credit Linked Instruments and the related termination, settlement or re-establishment of any hedge or related trading position.

***The determinations of the Calculation Agent are binding on Holders***

The determination by the Calculation Agent of any amount or of any state of affairs, circumstance, event or other matter, or the formation of any opinion or the exercise of any discretion required or permitted to be determined, formed or exercised by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) and the holders. In performing its duties pursuant to the Credit Linked Instruments, the Calculation Agent shall act in its sole and absolute discretion. In making any determinations expressed to be made by it, for example as to substitute Reference Obligations or Successors, the Calculation Agent is under no obligation to consider the interests of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or the Holders. If the Final Terms specify that "Calculation Agent Determination" is applicable, the relevant Issuer and the Calculation Agent may, but will not be required to apply any DC Resolution to any Credit Linked Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the relevant Issuer that any DC Resolution shall apply to such Credit Linked Instruments.

Holders should note that the Calculation Agent may modify the terms of any Credit Linked Instruments without the consent of the Holders of such Instruments to account for any DC Resolution.

***Risks relating to the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees***

The institutions represented on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee owe no duty to the holders of Credit Linked Instruments and have the ability to make determinations that may materially affect the holders of Credit Linked Instruments. The Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee will be able to make determinations without action or knowledge of the holders of Credit Linked Instruments. Holders of Credit Linked Instruments will have no role in the composition of the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee. Separate criteria apply with respect to the selection of dealer and non-dealer institutions to serve on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee and the holders of Credit Linked Instruments will have no role in establishing such criteria. In addition, the composition of the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee will change from time to time in accordance with the DC Rules, as the term of an institution may expire or an institution may be required to be replaced. To the extent applicable, the Credit Linked Instruments will be subject to the determinations made by such selected institutions in accordance with the DC Rules.

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments will have no recourse against either the institutions serving on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee or any external reviewers. Institutions serving on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee and the external reviewers, among others, disclaim any duty of care or liability arising in connection with the performance of duties or the provision of advice under the DC Rules, except in the case of gross negligence, fraud or wilful misconduct. Furthermore, the institutions on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee do not owe any duty to the holders of Credit Linked Instruments and the holders of Credit Linked Instruments will be prevented from pursuing claims with respect to actions taken by such institutions under the DC Rules.

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments should also be aware that institutions serving on the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee have no duty to research or verify the veracity of information on which a specific determination is based. In addition, the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee is not obligated to follow previous determinations and, therefore, could reach a conflicting determination on a similar set of facts. If the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or the

Calculation Agent or any of their respective Affiliates serve as a member of the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee at any time, then they will act without regard to the interests of the holders of Credit Linked Instruments.

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments are responsible for obtaining information relating to deliberations of the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee. Notices of questions referred to the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, meetings held to deliberate such questions and the results of binding votes will be published on the ISDA website and none of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable), the Calculation Agent and any of their respective affiliates shall be obliged to inform the holders of Credit Linked Instruments of such information (other than as expressly provided in respect of such Instruments).

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments should also be aware that following the occurrence of a Credit Event Resolution Request Date in respect of a Reference Entity, any obligation of the relevant Issuer to redeem or cancel or otherwise settle any such Instruments or pay any amount in respect thereof may be suspended until the occurrence of a DC Credit Event Announcement, a DC No Credit Event Announcement or a DC Credit Event Question Dismissal.

***Risks relating to the Physical Settlement Matrix***

Holders of Credit Linked Instruments should be aware that the terms applicable to each Reference Entity incorporate the terms of the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type specified in respect of such Reference Entity.

***Risks relating to Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments***

Holders of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments should be aware that under the terms of such Credit Linked Instruments the Holders are purchasing credit protection on the relevant Reference Entity/Entities and consequently they may only receive a payout where such Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments are exercised following the occurrence of a Credit Event. If no Credit Event occurs during the life of the Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments then such Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments shall expire worthless unless otherwise provided in the terms of such Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments. In certain circumstances where an M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event has occurred, Holders may be entitled to deliver a Credit Event Notice to the relevant Issuer. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent and any of their respective affiliates shall have any obligation to inform the Holders at any time when they may be entitled to deliver such Credit Event Notice.

***Risks relating to amendments in accordance with market convention or otherwise***

***Calculation Agent's powers to amend terms without Holders' consent***

Holders should note that the Calculation Agent may (but shall not be obliged to) from time to time, without obtaining their consent or consulting them:

- (i) amend fundamental credit-linked provisions (including but not limited to the applicable Transaction Type, Credit Events, Deliverable Obligation Category, Deliverable Obligation Characteristics and deliverability, Reference Obligation, Successor and other provisions) in the Credit Linked Note Conditions and Credit Linked W&C Conditions or other provisions of the Instruments to correspond with those specified as applicable for a particular Reference Entity in the most recently published ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions, ISDA Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix version, SRO List and/or prevailing trading standards applicable to such Reference Entity;
- (ii) amend any provision of the Credit Linked Note Conditions, Credit Linked W&C Conditions or the Instruments to incorporate and/or reflect further or alternative documents from time to time published by ISDA with respect to credit derivative transactions and/or the operation or application of determinations by the ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees which the Calculation Agent determines are necessary to reflect market practice for credit derivative transactions; and/or

- (iii) in circumstances where a Reference Entity has proposed an exchange of all or substantially all of the obligations of such Reference Entity into cash, securities and/or other assets, elect to make certain amendments to any provision of the Credit Linked Note Conditions, the Credit Linked W&C Conditions or the Instruments to reflect or account for such exchange, regardless of the credit derivatives definitions or trading standards applicable to such Reference Entity, as set out in Credit Linked Note Condition 25 (*Change in Market Convention*) and Credit Linked W&C Condition 23 (*Change in Market Convention*).

#### **Risks relating to Saudi Share Linked Warrants**

##### ***No issuer of the relevant Share(s) will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants***

No issuer of the relevant Share(s) will have participated in the preparation of the applicable Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants and none of MLICo., the Guarantor and any Dealer will make any investigation or enquiry in connection with such offering with respect to any information concerning any such issuer of Shares contained in such Final Terms or in the documents from which such information was extracted. Neither MLICo. nor the Guarantor controls any issuer of the relevant Share(s) or is responsible for any disclosure made by any issuer of the relevant Share(s). Consequently, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the relevant issue date (including events that would affect the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the publicly available information described in this paragraph or in any applicable Final Terms) that would affect the trading price of the relevant Share(s) will have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning such an issuer of relevant Share(s) could affect the trading price of the Share(s) and therefore the trading price of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants or amounts paid or delivered under the Saudi Share Linked Warrants.

##### ***Exposure to value of Shares and notional liquidation of the Shares over a valuation period***

Saudi Share Linked Warrants are issued at a price linked to the value of the underlying Shares on particular trading days during a fixing period. On settlement a Holder will not receive the principal amount of its investment but instead will receive an amount calculated as the weighted average sale price of the Shares over a valuation period commencing on the Valuation Date (or such other price as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) less deductions for local taxes (if any) and other costs which would have been incurred had the Shares been held by a Saudi resident investor directly and less deductions for any other taxes and costs associated with MLICo.'s hedging position. The valuation period will be the number of days commencing on/and including the valuation date that would have been required for a holder of the Shares to complete the sale of the equivalent position on the stock exchange on which such Shares are primarily traded. Depending on the performance of the Shares, the value of the Shares at settlement may be substantially lower than when the Saudi Share Linked Warrants were initially purchased. There is no assurance that the Cash Settlement Amount on settlement will be equal to or more than the purchase price of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants. In the worst case, the Saudi Share Linked Warrants may settle at zero, exposing investors to the full loss of their initial investment. If investors have any doubt on the risk level implied, they should consult a professional investment adviser. Further, generally returns to investors in Saudi Share Linked Warrants will be payable in U.S. Dollars or another currency other than the currency in which the Shares are denominated. Changes in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the underlying Shares are denominated and that in which returns are payable to Holders will affect the return to investors. See "Exposure to changes in the rate of exchange between the currency of the Shares and Settlement Currency" below.

##### ***Factors affecting the performance of Shares may adversely affect the value of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants***

The performance of Shares is dependent upon macroeconomic factors, such as interest and price levels on the capital markets, currency developments, political factors and company-specific factors such as earnings position, market position, risk situation, shareholder structure and distribution policy. These factors are not within MLICo.'s or the Guarantor's control and may result in a decline in the value of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants. Neither MLICo. nor the Guarantor makes any representation or warranty about, or guarantee of, the performance of the Shares. Past performance of the Shares cannot

be considered to be either a guarantee of, or necessarily a guide to, future performance. The value of the Shares may go down as well as up during the term of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants. Saudi Share Linked Warrants are linked to Shares listed in an emerging market which may make the Shares less liquid and more volatile than investments in more established markets. See "Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)" above.

***Exposure to changes in the rate of exchange between the currency of the Shares and Settlement Currency***

Where the currency of the Shares is different from that of the Settlement Currency, Holders of Saudi Share Linked Warrants linked to such Shares may be exposed not only to the performance of the Shares but also to the performance of the relevant foreign currency of the Shares, which cannot be predicted. Saudi Share Linked Warrants may be linked to the Saudi Arabian Riyal which may experience volatility and uncertainty as to its future levels or its rate of exchange as against other currencies (including the Settlement Currency). See "Risks relating to Instruments which are linked to emerging market Reference Item(s)" and "Factors affecting the performance of the relevant foreign exchange rate may adversely affect the value of the Instruments" above.

***Holders have no claim against the issuer of the relevant Share(s) or recourse to the Shares or the Hedge Positions***

Saudi Share Linked Warrants do not represent a claim against or an investment in any issuer of the relevant Share(s) and investors will not have any right of recourse under the Saudi Share Linked Warrants to any such company or the Shares or MLICo.'s Hedge Positions. Saudi Share Linked Warrants are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any issuer of the relevant Share(s) and such companies have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions for any Holders. Accordingly, the issuer of a Share may take any actions in respect of such Share without regard to the interests of the investors in the Saudi Share Linked Warrants, and any of these actions could adversely affect the market value of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants.

***Determinations made by the Calculation Agent in respect of Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Events, Tender Offers, De-listings, Nationalisations, Insolvencies and Additional Disruption Events may have an adverse effect on the value of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants***

Upon determining that a Potential Adjustment Event, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Additional Disruption Event has occurred in relation to an underlying Share or Share Company, the Calculation Agent has broad discretion to make certain determinations to account for such event including to (i) make adjustments to the terms of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants, (ii) distribute additional Instruments or cash payments to Holders and/or (iii) (in the case of a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Additional Disruption Event) cause early settlement of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants, any of which determinations may have an adverse effect on the value of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants.

Potential Adjustment Events include (a) a sub-division, consolidation or re-classification of the Shares, (b) an extraordinary dividend, (c) a call of the Shares that are not fully paid, (d) a repurchase by the issuer, or an affiliate thereof, of the Shares, (e) a separation of rights from the Shares or (f) any event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the value of the Shares. Additional Disruption Events include (a) (i) a requirement of the Capital Market Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to terminate or otherwise modify any hedge position relating to the Saudi Share Linked Warrants or the imposition by the Capital Market Authority of any qualitative or quantitative limitation or any other requirements in relation to any Hedge Positions and (ii) a trading failure and (b) if specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, (i) a change in applicable law since the Trade Date that makes it (A) illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of the Shares or (B) more expensive for MLICo. to hedge its obligations under the relevant Saudi Share Linked Warrants, (ii) an insolvency filing by or on behalf of any issuer of the relevant Share(s) and/or (iii) a disruption or increased cost of hedging.

***Holders will have no voting rights in respect of the relevant Shares***

Holders of Saudi Share Linked Warrants will not have voting rights or any other rights with respect to the relevant Shares to which such Saudi Share Linked Warrants relate.

***Consequences of CMA Resolution: including potential identification of Holders, unilateral amendments and/or early termination and transfer restrictions***

The Capital Market Authority regulates share dealing and associated activities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Pursuant to Capital Market Authority Board of Commissioners resolution number 3-10-2010 as issued by the Capital Market Authority in the "Circular from the CMA regarding its approval for Authorized Persons to Enter into Swap Agreements" which amends resolution number 2-28-2008 of the Capital Market Authority Board of Commissioners (the "**CMA Resolution**"), "Authorised Persons" may enter into derivative transactions with non-resident foreign investors, whether institutions or individuals, to transfer certain economic benefits of Saudi companies' shares listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange (*Tadawul*), while the shares are registered in the name of the relevant Authorised Person, all on the terms and conditions set forth in the CMA Resolution. A copy of the CMA Resolution may be obtained on request from the relevant Dealer.

In respect of any Saudi Share Linked Warrants, MLICo. may (but shall be under no obligation under the Saudi Share Linked Warrants to) establish Hedge Positions in respect of its obligations under such Saudi Share Linked Warrants including the appointment of an "Authorised Person" as Hedging Entity which may register the relevant Shares in its name. Any such Hedge Positions would be subject to the terms and conditions of the CMA Resolution. In order to ensure compliance with the CMA Resolution, the relevant "Authorised Person" must enter into a swap agreement in a form consistent with the terms of the CMA Resolution with a term not exceeding four years and each purchaser of Saudi Share Linked Warrants will be required to make the additional disclosures and the authorisations, representations, confirmations and undertakings in the "Form of the Investor Representation Letter in respect of Saudi Share Linked Warrants" (substantially in the form set out in Schedule 25 to the English Law Agency Agreement) to MLICo., the Guarantor and the party specified as the "Authorised Person" including (amongst others):

- (i) representing that the purchaser is a "non-resident foreign investor" for the purposes of the CMA Resolution and is the ultimate beneficial owner of such Warrants;
- (ii) authorising the relevant "Authorised Person" to disclose such purchaser's name, country of origin (being its nationality or country of incorporation (as applicable)), details of Warrant holdings (including the quantity of Shares linked to such Warrants) and any other information requested by the Capital Market Authority to the Capital Market Authority; and
- (iii) acknowledging that the Calculation Agent under the Saudi Share Linked Warrants may in its sole and absolute discretion adjust the terms and conditions of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants and/or cause the cancellation of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants (in each case, without the consent of Holders), as applicable, in order to ensure compliance with any limitations or other requirements that the Capital Market Authority may impose from time to time.

Any adjustment and/or early termination of Saudi Share Linked Warrants (as described in (iii) above) may result in the loss of some or all of a purchaser's investment.

The requirement for all purchasers to provide a letter in the "Form of the Investor Representation Letter in respect of Saudi Share Linked Warrants" may adversely affect the ability of an investor to transfer any Saudi Share Linked Warrant.

## FORM OF THE INSTRUMENTS

*Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" or "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments", as applicable, shall have the same meanings in this Form of the Instruments.*

### Form of the Notes

#### *Registered Notes*

Each Tranche of Notes issued in registered form ("**Registered Notes**") will be represented by a global registered note (a "**Global Registered Note**") or Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Registered Notes**") represented by individual note certificates ("**Individual Note Certificates**"), as the case may be, together with the attached or incorporated Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the applicable Final Terms. Each Global Registered Note will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with either (a) the Common Depositary for Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system, in the case of a Registered Global Note not intended to be issued under the NSS, and registered in the name of a nominee of the Common Depositary, or (b) the Common Safekeeper for Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system, in the case of a Registered Global Note intended to be issued under the NSS, and registered in the name of a nominee of the Common Safekeeper.

The NSS form allows Notes in registered form to be issued and held in a manner which will permit them to be recognised as eligible collateral for monetary policy of the central banking system for the euro (the "**Eurosystem**") and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon their issue or at any other time prior to the applicable maturity date. However, such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.

Beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Registered Notes represented by Individual Note Certificates if: (1) an Event of Default (as defined herein) occurs and is continuing, (2) the relevant Issuer is notified that Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system approved by the holders of the Notes is available, or (3) the relevant Issuer, after notice to the Principal Paying Agent, determines to issue the Notes in definitive form.

Whenever the Global Registered Note is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, the relevant Issuer shall procure that Individual Note Certificates will be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Registered Note within five Business Days of the delivery by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Global Registered Note to the Principal Paying Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Individual Note Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Individual Note Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Global Registered Note at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the New York Law Agency Agreement (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) or the English Law Agency Agreement (in the case of Notes issued by MLB) and, in either case, the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled thereto, and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Principal Paying Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) Individual Note Certificates have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth calendar day after they are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Note; or
- (b) any of the Notes represented by a Global Registered Note (or any part of it) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Notes has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the holder of the

Global Registered Note in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Note on the due date for payment,

then the Global Registered Note (including the obligation to deliver Individual Note Certificates) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth calendar day (in the case of (a) immediately above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) immediately above) and the holder of the Global Registered Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the holder of the Global Registered Note or others may have under the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes")). With respect to Notes issued by MLBV, under the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant, persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Global Registered Note will acquire directly against MLBV all those rights to which they would have been entitled if, immediately before the Global Registered Note became void, they were entered in the Register as the holder of Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes they were shown as holding in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

### ***Swedish Notes and Finnish Notes***

If the Notes are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Notes**"), such Swedish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998: 1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).

If the Notes are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Notes**"), such Finnish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*) and the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*).

### **Form of the Warrants**

#### ***Registered Warrants***

If the applicable Final Terms specify that Warrants are eligible for sale exclusively in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons (as defined below) pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), the Warrants sold (a) in the United States to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A ("**Rule 144A**") under the Securities Act ("**QIBs**") who are also each a qualified purchaser (each a "**QP**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**") and the rules thereunder or (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs will be represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant (the "**Rule 144A Global Warrant**") which will be in registered form and either (i) deposited with the U.S. Warrant Agent as a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**"); or (ii) deposited with, and registered in the name of a nominee of, the Common Depositary.

Unless otherwise indicated, as used in this Offering Circular, "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations. Warrants which may be sold as described above to United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs in reliance on Rule 144A are referred to in this Offering Circular as "Rule 144A Warrants", which term shall also include, where the context requires, Rule 144A Warrants sold as described in the succeeding paragraph that are represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant (as defined below).

If specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Warrants may be sold (a) in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs or (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs and, in either case, concurrently outside the United States to non-United States Persons and will be represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant (the "**Regulation S/Rule 144A**").



**Global Warrant**") which will be in registered form and deposited with, and registered in the name of a nominee for, the Common Depositary.

If the Warrants are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, such Series of Warrants will on issue be constituted by a global warrant in registered form (the "**Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant**"), which will be deposited with, and registered in the name of the nominee of, the Common Depositary.

Each Rule 144A Global Warrant, Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant and Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for individual warrant certificates ("**individual warrant certificates**") in a form to be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the Principal Warrant Agent or U.S. Warrant Agent, as applicable, representing Warrants in definitive form ("**Definitive Registered Warrants**"), only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means that (a) in the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, either DTC has notified the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depositary for that Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC and no alternative clearing system is available, or DTC has ceased to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act, and no alternative clearing system is available, (b) in the case of Warrants registered in the name of a nominee of the Common Depositary, the relevant Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar 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 (c) the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Warrants held in definitive form. The relevant Issuer will give notice of any such Exchange Event to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 (*Notices*).

Whenever the Global Warrant is to be exchanged for individual warrant certificates, such individual warrant certificates shall be issued in equal number to the number of Warrants represented by the Global Warrant within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the Holder, DTC or such other relevant clearing system, to the Principal Warrant Agent or U.S. Warrant Agent, as applicable, of such information as is required to complete and deliver such individual warrant certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the individual warrant certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Global Warrant at the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent or U.S. Warrant Agent, as applicable.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Warrants scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder, but against such indemnity as the Principal Warrant Agent or U.S. Warrant Agent, as applicable, may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) individual warrant certificates have not been issued and delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth calendar day after the date on which the same are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Global Warrant; or
- (b) the date for final settlement of the Warrants has occurred and payment in full of the amount due has not been made to the Holder on the due date for payment in accordance with the terms of the Global Warrant,

then the Global Warrant (including the obligation to deliver individual warrant certificates) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth calendar day (in the case of (a) immediately above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) immediately above) and the Holder of the Global Warrant will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the Holder of the Global Warrant or others may have under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant (as defined under "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments")). Under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, each Holder is entitled to exercise or enforce in respect of each Warrant

held by him, the rights and obligations attaching to the relevant Warrant as set out in, and subject to, the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, the W&C Instruments Conditions and the applicable Final Terms issued in respect of such Warrants.

### ***CBF Warrants***

If the Warrants are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main ("**Clearstream, Frankfurt**") ("**CBF Warrants**"), such CBF Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will on issue be constituted by a global warrant in bearer form, provided, however, that the CBF Warrants will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes. The relevant global warrant will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the relevant Series of CBF Warrants to Clearstream, Frankfurt.

### ***Swedish Warrants and Finnish Warrants***

If the Warrants are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Warrants**"), such Swedish Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998: 1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).

If the Warrants are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Warrants**"), such Finnish Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*) and the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*).

### ***Swiss Warrants***

If the Warrants are to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued into and/or transferred through accounts at SIS, including such Warrants that are Swiss COSIs ("**Swiss Warrants**"), each Tranche of such Swiss Warrants will on issue be constituted as uncertificated securities which come into effect once registered in the "uncertificated securities book" as provided for in the English Law Agency Agreement and which will be entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS on the Issue Date of such Tranche.

As a matter of Swiss law, once Swiss Warrants issued in the form of uncertificated securities are entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and are entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS, such Swiss Warrants will constitute intermediated securities (*Bucheffekten*) within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (*Bucheffektengesetz*). No Holder of Swiss Warrants will at any time have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities representing such Swiss Warrants into, or the delivery of, Warrants in definitive form. However, Swiss Warrants issued in uncertificated form will be exchangeable for individual certificates ("**Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates**") representing definitive Warrants in registered form ("**Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants**") in the limited circumstances described in the relevant W&C Instruments Conditions.

Whenever a Swiss Warrant in uncertificated form is to be exchanged for Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates, the relevant Issuer shall procure that the number or nominal amount of Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates issued will be equal to the number or nominal amount represented by the Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form to the Swiss Programme Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding).

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder, but against such

indemnity as the Swiss Programme Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

## **Form of the Certificates**

### ***Registered Certificates***

If the applicable Final Terms indicate that the Certificates are to be issued in registered form ("**Registered Certificates**"), such Registered Certificates will be issued in global registered form ("**Global Registered Certificates**"), as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Each Global Registered Certificate will be deposited on or around the relevant Issue Date with, and registered in the name of the nominee for, the Common Depositary.

Each Global Registered Certificate will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for individual certificates ("**individual certificates**"), representing Certificates in definitive form ("**Definitive Registered Certificates**"), if the relevant Issuer has been notified that Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system approved by the Holders of the Certificates is available.

Whenever the Global Registered Certificate is to be exchanged for individual certificates, the relevant Issuer shall procure that individual certificates will be issued in number or nominal amount equal to the number or nominal amount of the Global Registered Certificates then outstanding within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Global Registered Certificate to the Principal Certificate Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such individual certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the individual certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Global Registered Certificate at the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Certificates scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder, but against such indemnity as the Principal Certificate Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) individual certificates have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth calendar day after they are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Certificate; or
- (b) the date for final settlement of the Certificates has occurred and payment in full of all amounts due has not been made to the Holder of the Global Registered Certificate on the due date for payment in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Certificate,

then the Global Registered Certificate (including the obligation to deliver individual certificates) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth calendar day (in the case of (a) immediately above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) immediately above) and the Holder of the Global Registered Certificate will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the holder of the Global Registered Certificate or others may have under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant). Under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, each Holder is entitled to exercise or enforce in respect of each Certificate held by him, the rights and obligations attaching to the relevant Certificate as set out in, and subject to, the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, the W&C Instruments Conditions and the applicable Final Terms issued in respect of such Certificates.

### ***CBF Certificates***

If the Certificates are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream, Frankfurt ("**CBF Certificates**"), such CBF Certificates will on issue be constituted by a permanent global

certificate in bearer form, provided, however, that the CBF Certificates will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes. The permanent global certificate will be delivered on or prior to the Issue Date of the relevant Series of CBF Certificates to Clearstream, Frankfurt.

### ***Swedish Certificates and Finnish Certificates***

If the Certificates are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Certificates**"), such Swedish Certificates will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).

If the Certificates are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Certificates**"), such Finnish Certificates will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*), the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*) and the Euroclear Finland Rules.

### ***Swiss Certificates***

If the Certificates are to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued into and transferred through accounts at SIS, including Certificates that are Swiss COSIs ("**Swiss Certificates**"), each Tranche of such Swiss Certificates will on issue be constituted as uncertificated securities which come into effect once registered in the "uncertificated securities book" as provided for in the English Law Agency Agreement and which will be entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS on the Issue Date of such Tranche.

As a matter of Swiss law, once Swiss Certificates issued in the form of uncertificated securities are entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS, the Swiss Certificates represented thereby will constitute intermediated securities (*Bucheffekten*) within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (*Bucheffektengesetz*). No Holder of Swiss Certificates will at any time have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities representing such Swiss Certificates into, or the delivery of, Certificates in definitive form. However, Swiss Certificates issued in uncertificated form will be exchangeable for individual certificates ("**Swiss Individual Certificates**") representing definitive Certificates in registered form ("**Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates**") in the limited circumstances described in the relevant W&C Instruments Conditions.

Whenever a Swiss Certificate in uncertificated form is to be exchanged for Swiss Individual Certificates, the relevant Issuer shall procure that the number or nominal amount of Swiss Individual Certificates issued will be equal to the number or nominal amount represented by the Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form to the Swiss Programme Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Swiss Individual Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Swiss Individual Certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding).

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder, but against such indemnity as the Swiss Programme Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

**FORM OF FINAL TERMS OF THE NOTES**

[Date]

**[BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION] [MERRILL LYNCH B.V.]**

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

**under the Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch B.V., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets  
AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.  
Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme**

**[unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payment and delivery obligations  
by Bank of America Corporation]<sup>1</sup>**

*[Include the following warning for all Notes where capital is at risk:*

**INVESTING IN THE NOTES PUTS YOUR CAPITAL AT RISK. YOU MAY LOSE SOME  
[OR ALL] OF YOUR INVESTMENT.]**

The Offering Circular referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended by Directive 2010/73/EU, the "**Prospectus Directive**") (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes in that Relevant Member State may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

The Notes will not be offered, sold or otherwise distributed in or from Switzerland and neither these Final Terms nor any other document relating to the Notes may be distributed in Switzerland in connection with any such offering, sale or distribution, except to selected qualified investors in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes.

[The Notes have not been and will not be registered under U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Notes may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, within the United States of America (including the U.S. states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "**United States**") or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act) (other than distributors) except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.]<sup>2</sup>

The Notes are unsecured and are not and will not be savings accounts, deposits or obligations of, or otherwise guaranteed by, any bank. The Notes do not evidence deposits of Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank and are not insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other insurer or governmental agency or instrumentality.

[The Notes, the Guarantee and, in certain cases, the Entitlement have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any U.S. state securities laws and the Notes may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (as defined herein).

<sup>1</sup> Remove references to the Guarantor and the Guarantee if BAC is the Issuer.

<sup>2</sup> Include for Notes issued by BAC.

For the purposes hereof, "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.<sup>1</sup>

*The purchase of Notes involves substantial risks and is suitable only for investors who have the knowledge and experience in financial and business matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and the merits of an investment in the Notes. Before making an investment decision, prospective purchasers of Notes should ensure that they understand the nature of the Notes and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they consider carefully, in the light of their own financial circumstances, financial condition and investment objectives, all the information set forth in the Offering Circular (including "Risk Factors" on pages 37 to 78 thereof) and these Final Terms.*

*[Insert any specific additional risk factors (relating only to the tranche of Notes documented by these Final Terms)]*

## PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 (the "**Offering Circular**") [as supplemented by the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular listed in the Annex hereto]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular [as supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular [as supplemented]. The Offering Circular [and the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular] [is] [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the [specified office of the Principal Paying Agent for the time being in London and copies may be obtained from 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ and in electronic form on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu))].

*[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue of Notes which is being increased was issued under the Original Base Prospectus/Offering Circular (as defined below).*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] dated [15 September 2009] [22 June 2010] [22 June 2011] [24 May 2012] [9 January 2013] [15 November 2013] (the "**Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]**") which are incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 [as supplemented by the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular listed in the Annex hereto], including the Conditions incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular (including those sections of the Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] incorporated by reference therein). The Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] and the Offering Circular [and the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular] are available for viewing during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the [specified office of the Principal Paying Agent for the time being in London and copies may be obtained from 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ and in electronic form on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu))].

References herein to numbered Conditions are to the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" set forth in the [Offering Circular] [Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]] and words and expressions defined in such terms and conditions shall bear the same meaning in these Final Terms, save as where otherwise expressly provided. [References in the Offering Circular to "Instruments" and related references (including, but not limited to, "Instrument Agents") shall, for the purposes of the issue of the Notes, save where the context otherwise requires, be deemed to be references to "Securities" (including "Security Agents").]

Prospective investors should note that the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" set out in the [Offering Circular] [Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]] are governed by, and construed in accordance

<sup>1</sup> Include for Notes issued by MLBV.

with, [English law] [the laws of the State of New York]<sup>1</sup> [, and the Guarantee is governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York].

*No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representation not contained in or not consistent with these Final Terms, or any other information supplied in connection with the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer[, the Guarantor] or any Dealer.*

*By investing in the Notes each investor represents that:*

- (a) *Non-Reliance. It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to invest in the Notes and as to whether the investment in the Notes is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgement and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the Issuer[, the Guarantor] or any Dealer as investment advice or as a recommendation to invest in the Notes, it being understood that information and explanations related to the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall not be considered to be investment advice or a recommendation to invest in the Notes. No communication (written or oral) received from the Issuer[, the Guarantor] or any Dealer shall be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of the investment in the Notes.*
- (b) *Assessment and Understanding. It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts, the terms and conditions and the risks of the investment in the Notes. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of the investment in the Notes.*
- (c) *Status of Parties. None of the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and any Dealer is acting as fiduciary for or adviser to it in respect of the investment in the Notes.*

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" or delete any inapplicable provision]*

- |    |                                   |   |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Issuer:                           | [Bank of America Corporation] [Merrill Lynch B.V.]  |
| 2. | Guarantor:                        | [Bank of America Corporation] [Not Applicable] <sup>2</sup>   |
| 3. | (a) Series Number:                | [●]   |
|    | (b) Tranche Number:               | [●]   |
|    |                                   | <i>(If fungible with an existing Series, include details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)</i>           |
| 4. | Specified Currency or Currencies: | [●]   |
| 5. | Aggregate Nominal Amount:         |   |
|    | (a) [Series:]                     | [●]   |
|    | (b) [Tranche:]                    | [●]   |
| 6. | Issue Price:                      | [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)] |

<sup>1</sup> Notes issued by BAC are governed by New York law. Notes issued by MLBV are governed by English law.

<sup>2</sup> Insert "Not Applicable" if BAC is the Issuer.

7. (a) Specified Denominations: [●]
- (Notes (including Notes denominated in Sterling) in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the relevant Issuer in the United Kingdom, or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and which have a maturity of less than one year must have a redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other Specified Currencies))*
- (b) Calculation Amount: [●]
- (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.*
- If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)*
8. Trade Date: [●]
9. Strike Date: [●]
10. [(a)] Issue Date [and Interest Commencement Date]: [●]
- [(b)] Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): [●]
11. Maturity Date: [●] *[Fixed Rate Note – specify date; Floating Rate Note – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month]] [the "Scheduled Maturity Date", subject as provided in the Credit Linked Note Conditions and paragraph(s) 23 and 33 below.]*
12. Interest Basis: [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
 [[LIBOR] [EURIBOR] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate]  
 [Range Accrual]  
 [Zero Coupon]  
 [Index Linked]  
 [Share Linked]  
 [GDR/ADR Linked]  
 [FX Linked]  
 [Commodity Linked]  
 [Fund Linked]  
 [Inflation Linked]  
 [Non-Interest bearing]  
 [Specify other]  
 [(further particulars specified below)]
13. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]  
 [Index Linked]  
 [Share Linked]  
 [GDR/ADR Linked]  
 [FX Linked]



- [Commodity Linked]  
[Fund Linked]  
[Inflation Linked]  
[Credit Linked]
- [Partly Paid]  
[Instalment]  
[Specify other]  
[(further particulars specified below)]
14. Change of Interest Basis or [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
Redemption/Payment Basis:
- (Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis)*
15. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put (further particulars specified below)]  
[Issuer Call (further particulars specified below)]  
[Not Applicable]
16. (a) Status of the Notes: [Senior]  
(b) Status of the Guarantee: [Senior] [Not Applicable]<sup>1</sup>

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

17. Fixed Rate Notes: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum [payable [annually] [semi-annually] [quarterly] in arrear]
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [[●] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date] [specify other]  
  
[subject to the Credit Linked Note Conditions]  
*(Include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*  
  
*(N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)*  
  
[Adjusted] [Unadjusted]  
  
*(If the Fixed Interest Period(s) are adjusted, specify the relevant Business Day Convention at paragraph 17(c) below. If Fixed Interest Period(s) are not adjusted, no Business Day Convention should be specified)*
- (c) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention] [Modified Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [specify other] [Not Applicable]<sup>2</sup>
- (d) Additional Business Centre(s): [●] [Not Applicable]
- (e) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [[●] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]

<sup>1</sup> Insert "Not Applicable" if BAC is the Issuer.

<sup>2</sup> Insert "Not Applicable" for Business Day Convention and Additional Business Centre(s) if Interest Payment Dates are Unadjusted.

- (f) Broken Amount(s): ☐ per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling on ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s))*
- (g) Day Count Fraction: ☐ Actual/Actual (ICMA) ☐ Actual/Actual (ISDA) ☐ Actual/Actual ☐ Actual/365 (Fixed) ☐ Actual/365 (Sterling) ☐ Actual/360 ☐ 30/360 (ICMA) ☐ 30/360 ☐ 360/360 [Bond Basis] ☐ 30E/360 [Eurobond Basis] ☐ 30E/360 (ISDA) ☐ Specify other
- (N.B. Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate Notes denominated in euros)*
- (h) Determination Date(s): ☐ in each year [Not Applicable]
- (Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon (N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration))*
- (N.B. Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*
- (i) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: ☐ None ☐ Give details
18. Floating Rate Notes: ☐ Applicable ☐ Not Applicable
- (a) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: ☐ ☐ Adjusted ☐ Unadjusted
- (If the Interest Period(s) are adjusted, specify the relevant Business Day Convention at paragraph 18(b) below. If Interest Period(s) are not adjusted, no Business Day Convention should be specified)*
- (b) Business Day Convention: ☐ Floating Rate Convention ☐ Following Business Day Convention ☐ Modified Following Business Day Convention ☐ Preceding Business Day Convention ☐ specify other ☐ Not Applicable
- (c) Additional Business Centre(s): ☐ ☐ Not Applicable
- (d) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: ☐ Screen Rate Determination ☐ ISDA Determination ☐ Range Accrual ☐ specify other
- [If Range Accrual insert following language:*

The Rate of Interest for each Interest Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

Coupon x (n/N)

Where:

"**Coupon**" means [●].

"**n**" means the total number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period on which the Reference Rate (as defined below) is within the Range.

"**N**" means the actual number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period.

"**Range**" means for each Interest Period in the period [from (and including) [●] to (but excluding) [●]], equal to or greater than zero but less than or equal to [●] per cent.

"**Reference Rate**" means, in respect of a calendar day, the rate for deposits in [●] for a period of [●] months which appears on [insert page reference] (or such successor page or service as may in the determination of the [Calculation Agent] replace such page or service) (the "**Screen Page**") as of [insert time] on such calendar day or if the Screen Page is not available or the relevant rate is not quoted and it is impossible or otherwise impracticable to obtain the relevant rate, the rate determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion from such source(s) and at such time as it may select,

provided that if a calendar day is not a Business Day the Reference Rate for such calendar day shall be the Reference Rate for the immediately preceding Business Day,

provided further that for each calendar day in an Interest Period falling after the seventh Business Day prior to the [end of such Interest Period], the Reference Rate shall be the Reference Rate on such seventh Business Day.]

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|-----|---|--|
| (e) | Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): | [●] [Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable] |
| (f) | Screen Rate Determination:  | [Applicable] [Not Applicable]            |
|     | - Reference Rate:   | [●]                                      |

*(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the applicable Agency Agreement)*

- Interest Determination Date(s): ☐

*(Second London Business Day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*
- 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)*
- Rate Multiplier: ☐ ☐ [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

*(Specify formula)*
- (g) ISDA Determination: ☐ ☐ [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
  - Floating Rate Option: ☐
  - Designated Maturity: ☐
  - Reset Date: ☐
- (h) Margin(s): ☐ ☐ [+/-] ☐ per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Minimum Interest Rate: ☐ ☐ [•] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (j) Maximum Interest Rate: ☐ ☐ [•] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (k) Day Count Fraction: ☐ ☐ [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]  
☐ ☐ [Actual/Actual (ISDA)]  
☐ ☐ [Actual/Actual]  
☐ ☐ [Actual/365 (Fixed)]  
☐ ☐ [Actual/365 (Sterling)]  
☐ ☐ [Actual/360]  
☐ ☐ [30/360 (ICMA)]  
☐ ☐ [30/360]  
☐ ☐ [360/360] [Bond Basis]  
☐ ☐ [30E/360]  
☐ ☐ [Eurobond Basis]  
☐ ☐ [30E/360 (ISDA)]  
☐ ☐ [Specify other]  
*(See Condition 5 for alternatives)*
- (l) Fall back provisions, 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 Terms and Conditions: ☐ ☐ [Not Applicable] [Give details]
- 19. Zero Coupon Notes: ☐ ☐ [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
  - (a) Accrual Yield: ☐ ☐ [•] per cent. per annum
  - (b) Reference Price: ☐ ☐ [•]

- (c) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [●]
- (d) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 7(G)(c) and 7(N) apply] [*specify other*] (*Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S.\$ denominated*)
20. Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Reference Item(s): [As specified in paragraph[s] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31] [32]] [*specify other*]
- (b) Provisions for determining Rate of Interest or Interest Amount where calculated by reference to an Index and/or a Share and/or a GDR/ADR and/or a Currency Price and/or a Commodity and/or a Commodity Index and/or a Fund and/or an Inflation Index: [●]
- (c) Provisions for determining Rate of Interest or Interest Amount where calculation by reference to an Index and/or a Share and/or a GDR/ADR and/or a Currency Price and/or a Commodity and/or a Commodity Index and/or a Fund and/or an Inflation Index is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [As specified in paragraph[s] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31] [32]] [*specify other*]
- (d) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [●]  
[Adjusted] [Unadjusted]  
  
(*If the Interest Period(s) are adjusted, specify the relevant Business Day Convention at paragraph 20(e) below. If Interest Period(s) are not adjusted, no Business Day Convention should be specified*)
- (e) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention] [Following Business Day Convention] [Modified Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [*specify other*]
- (f) Additional Business Centre(s): [●] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Minimum Interest Rate: [[●] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Maximum Interest Rate: [[●] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Day Count Fraction: [●]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

21. Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [[●] per Calculation Amount] *[specify provisions for calculation of Optional Redemption Amount]*
- (c) If redeemable in part:
- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [●] [Not Applicable]
22. Investor Put: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [[●] per Calculation Amount] *[specify provisions for calculation of Optional Redemption Amount]*
- (c) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): [●] [Not Applicable]
23. Automatic Early Redemption: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Automatic Early Redemption Event: [●]
- (b) Automatic Early Redemption Amount: [●] per Calculation Amount
- (c) Automatic Early Redemption Date: [●]
24. Final Redemption Amount of each Note: [[●] per Calculation Amount]
- [As specified in paragraph 24(b) below]
- In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Index Linked, Share Linked, GDR/ADR Linked, FX Linked, Commodity Linked, Fund Linked, Inflation Linked, Credit Linked or other variable linked:
- [As specified at paragraph 33(w)] *(Include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)*
- (a) Reference Item(s): [As specified in paragraph[s] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31] [32] below] *[specify other]*

- (b) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to an Index and/or a Share and/or a GDR/ADR and/or a Currency Price and/or a Commodity and/or a Commodity Index and/or a Fund and/or an Inflation Index and/or a Reference Entity and/or any other variable: [Specify provisions for calculation of Final Redemption Amount]  
[As specified in paragraph 19 of the Credit Linked Note Conditions] (Include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)
- (c) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to an Index and/or a Share and/or a GDR/ADR and/or a Currency Price and/or a Commodity and/or a Commodity Index and/or a Fund and/or an Inflation Index and/or a Reference Entity and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [See paragraph[s] [26] [27] [28] [29] [30] [31] [32] below] [specify other]
25. Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on an event of default or on an illegality or following a Currency Substitution Event (or otherwise in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Notes), and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 7(G)): [[●] per Calculation Amount] [Market Value less Associated Costs (no floor)] [Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor)]  
(N.B. "Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor)" should be specified for Notes issued by BAC which fall under Condition 7(G)(b) and are intended to be treated as indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes)  
(N.B. In the case of Index Linked, Share Linked, GDR/ADR Linked, FX Linked, Commodity Linked, Fund Linked, Inflation Linked and Credit Linked Notes, consider deducting the cost to the Issuer and/or its affiliates of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related funding and/or hedging arrangements in respect of the Notes)

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO TYPE OF NOTES

26. Index Linked Conditions [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Index/Basket of Indices: [The index] [Each of the indices] set out under the heading "**Index**" in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" below ([the "**Index**"] [each, an "**Index**" and together the "**Indices**" or "**Basket of Indices**"])

## SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)

The terms "**Index**", "**Bloomberg Code**", "**Index Sponsor**", "**Type of Index**", "**Exchange**", "**Related Exchange**", "**Index Currency**", ["**Weighting**"] and ["**Initial Level**"] (insert additional columns as applicable) applicable to [an] [the] Index shall have the corresponding meanings set forth against such Index in the table below.

Index	Bloomberg Code	Index Sponsor	Type of Index	Exchange	Related Exchange	Index Currency	[Weighting] <sup>1</sup>	[Initial Level]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

- (b) Index Performance [●] [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions] [Not Applicable]
- (c) Barrier Event (intraday): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
Barrier Event Determination Day: [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions]
- (d) Barrier Event (closing): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
Barrier Event Determination Day: [Valuation Date]
- [In respect of [the] [each] Index, each Scheduled Trading Day for such Index during [the] [each] Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Index]
- [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Index in the Basket of Indices during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (e) Barrier Level: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Averaging: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Averaging Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Valuation Date(s): [●] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions] [*specify other*]
- (i) Observation Date(s): [●] [Not Applicable]
- (j) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Observation Period End Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]

<sup>1</sup> May only be applicable in relation to Index Linked Notes relating to a Basket of Indices.



- (k) Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply] (*N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified.*) [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Index Linked Notes relating to a Basket)
- (l) Disrupted Day: [If the Valuation Date, an Averaging Date or an Observation Date, as the case may be, is a Disrupted Day, the relevant level or price will be calculated [*insert calculation method*]]
- [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions]
- (m) Additional Disruption Events: The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:
- [Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]
- (n) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
27. Share Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Share(s)/Basket of Shares: [The] [Each of the] [ordinary shares] [depository receipts] of the relevant Share Company set out under the heading "**Share Company**" in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" below (each a "**Share**" and together, the "**Shares**" [or the "**Basket of Shares**"])

#### SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)

The terms "**Share Company**", "**ISIN of Share**", "**Bloomberg Code**", "**Exchange**", "**Related Exchange**", "**Local Jurisdiction**" [, "**Weighting**"] and ["**Initial Price**"] (*insert additional columns as appropriate*) applicable to a Share shall have the corresponding meanings set forth against the relevant Share Company in the table below.

Share Company	ISIN of Share	Bloomberg Code	Exchange	Related Exchange	Local Jurisdiction	[Weighting] <sup>1</sup>	[Initial Price]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

- (b) Share Performance: [●] [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]
- (c) Barrier Event (intraday): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Barrier Event Determination Day: [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]

<sup>1</sup> May only be applicable in relation to Share Linked Notes relating to a Basket.

- (d) Barrier Event (closing): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 Barrier Event Determination Day: [Valuation Date]  
 [In respect of [the] [each] Share, each Scheduled Trading Day for such Share during each Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Share]  
 [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Share in the Basket of Shares during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (e) Barrier Level: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Averaging: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 (i) Averaging Dates: [●]  
 (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Valuation Date(s): [●] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions] [specify other]
- (i) Observation Date(s): [●]
- (j) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]  
 (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]  
 (ii) Observation Period End Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (k) Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply] (N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified) [Not Applicable]  
 (N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Share Linked Notes relating to a Basket)
- (l) Disrupted Day: [If the Valuation Date, an Averaging Date or an Observation Date, as the case may be, is a Disrupted Day, the relevant price will be calculated [insert calculation method]]  
 [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]
- (m) Tender Offer: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

- (n) Share Substitution: [Applicable. Share Substitution Criteria are *[insert details]* [as specified in the Share Linked Conditions]] [Not Applicable]
- (o) Local Tax Adjustment: [Not Applicable]
- [Applicable. Local Jurisdiction is set out in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" above. [Where Local Jurisdiction is specified to be "United States" then this shall mean the United States' federal and/or state and/or local taxes and/or any political subdivision thereof]]
- (p) Additional Disruption Events: The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:
- [Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]  
[Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]  
[Initial Stock Loan Rate: [●]]  
[Insolvency Filing]  
[Loss of Stock Borrow]  
[Maximum Stock Loan Rate: [●]]
- (q) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
28. GDR/ADR Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (For GDR/ADR Linked Notes complete sections for Share Linked Notes (paragraph 27 above) (completed and amended as appropriate) and this section)*
- (a) Partial Lookthrough: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (b) Full Lookthrough: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
29. FX Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Base Currency/Subject Currency: [●]
- (b) Currency Price: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] *[specify other]*
- (c) FX Market Disruption Event(s): *(N.B. Only complete if Inconvertibility Event/Price Materiality Event/Non-Transferability Event and/or other disruption events should be included as FX Market Disruption Events)*
- (i) Inconvertibility Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Price Materiality Event: [Applicable. Price Materiality Percentage: [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Non-Transferability Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Other: [●]

- (d) Disruption Fallbacks: *(Specify the applicable Disruption Fallbacks in the order that they will apply)*
- [Calculation Agent Determination]  
 [Currency-Reference Dealers  
 Reference Dealers: [four] *[specify other]*  
 [EM Fallback Valuation Postponement]  
 [EM Valuation Postponement]  
 [Fallback Reference Price Fallback Reference Price: [●]]  
 [Other Published Sources]  
 [Postponement Maximum Days of Postponement: [●]]  
 [Other]
- (e) FX Price Source(s): [●]
- (f) Specified Financial Centre(s): [●]
- (g) Averaging: [Applicable. The Averaging Dates are [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (i) Valuation Time: [●]
- (j) Weighting: [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the Basket to ascertain the Currency Price is [●]] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to FX Linked Notes relating to a Basket)*
- (k) EM Currency Provisions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Unscheduled Holiday: [Applicable. Maximum Days of Deferral: [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) EM Valuation Postponement: [Applicable. Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement: [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) EM Fallback Valuation Postponement: [Applicable. Fallback Maximum Period of Postponement: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] *[specify other]*] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Cumulative Events: [Applicable. Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] *[specify other]*] [Not Applicable]
- (l) Successor Currency: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 [Issue Date/other]
- (m) Rebasing: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (n) Additional Disruption Events: [Not Applicable]  
 [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:  
 [Change in Law]  
 [Hedging Disruption]  
 [Increased Cost of Hedging]]

- (o) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
30. Commodity Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Commodity/Basket of Commodities/Commodity Index/Basket of Commodity Indices: [●]
- (b) Commodity Reference Price: [●]
- (c) Price Source: [●]
- (d) Exchange: [●]
- (e) Delivery Date: [●]
- (f) Pricing Date: [●]
- (g) Common Pricing (Commodity Linked Condition 3(a): [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Commodity Linked Notes relating to a Basket of Commodities or a Basket of Commodity Indices)*
- (h) Additional Commodity Market Disruption Events: [Specify any additional Commodity Market Disruption Events]
- (i) Disruption Fallback(s): [As specified in the Commodity Linked Conditions]/[specify other]
- [Fallback Reference Price: alternate Commodity Reference Price – [●]]
- [Commodity Cut-Off Date: [●]]
- [Commodity Index Cut-Off Date: [●]]
- (j) Additional Disruption Events in respect of a Commodity Index: [Not Applicable]
- [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes in respect of a Commodity Index:
- [Change in Law]
- [Hedging Disruption]
- [Increased Cost of Hedging]]
- (k) Commodity Business Day: [●] *[If Commodity Index linked, the Commodity Business Day should mirror the definition of Business Day as used in the Commodity Index]*
- (l) Weighting: [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the Basket is [●]] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Commodity Linked Notes relating to a Basket)*
- (m) Specified Price: [high price]  
[low price]  
[average of the high price and the low price]  
[closing price]  
[opening price]  
[bid price]

- [asked price]  
 [average of the bid price and the asked price]  
 [settlement price]  
 [official settlement price]  
 [official price]  
 [morning fixing]  
 [afternoon fixing]  
 [spot price]  
 [*specify other*]
- (n) Other terms or special conditions: ☐ [Not Applicable]
31. Fund Linked Conditions: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (a) Fund/Basket of Funds: ☐ [•]
- [[The ☐ Fund is an ETF]
- [Exchange for each Fund Share: ☐]
- [Related Exchange for each Fund Share: ☐ [All Exchanges]]
- [Underlying Index: ☐]
- (N.B. Include for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (b) Fund Interest(s): ☐ [•]
- (c) Fund Performance: ☐ [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions]
- (d) Weighting: ☐ [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each Fund comprising the Basket of Funds is ☐ [•]]  
*(N.B. only applicable in relation to Fund Linked Notes relating to a Basket of Funds)*
- (e) Barrier Event (intraday): ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- Barrier Event Determination Day: ☐ [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions]
- (f) Barrier Event (closing): ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- Barrier Event Determination Day: ☐ [Valuation Date]
- [In respect of [the] [each] Fund Share, each Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share during an Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Fund Share]
- [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Fund in the Basket of Funds during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (g) Barrier Level: ☐ [•] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (h) Averaging: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (i) Averaging Dates: ☐ [*insert dates*]

- (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (i) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (j) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions] *[specify other]* *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (k) Observation Date(s): [●]
- (l) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Observation Period End Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (m) Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply] *(N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified)* [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Fund Linked Notes relating to a Basket of Funds)*
- (n) Additional Disruption Events: [Not Applicable]
- [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Notes:
- [Change in Law]
- [Hedging Disruption]
- [Increased Cost of Hedging]]
- (o) Other terms or special conditions: [Merger Event: Merger Date on or before [the Valuation Date] *[other]*] [Not Applicable]
32. Inflation Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Inflation Index/Basket of Inflation Indices/Inflation Index Sponsor(s): [●]
- Inflation Index Sponsor: [●]
- (b) Related Bond: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- The Related Bond is: [●] [Fallback Bond]
- [Fallback Bond: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]]
- The End Date is: [●]

- (c) Determination Date(s): ☐
- (d) Cut-Off Date: ☐
- (e) Other terms or special conditions: ☐ [Not Applicable]
33. Credit Linked Notes: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- [The provisions of "Annex 9A – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes*" shall apply]
- Type of Credit Linked Notes: ☐ [Single Name CLNs] ☐ [Nth-to-Default CLNs] ☐ [Linear Basket CLNs] ☐ [Tranched Portfolio CLNs]
- (a) Trade Date: ☐
- (b) Credit Observation Start Date: ☐
- (c) Scheduled Maturity Notice Date: ☐
- (d) CLN Maturity Date: ☐ [15 Business Days] ☐ [other]
- (e) Accrual of Interest upon Credit Event: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- [Not Applicable – Credit Linked Note Condition 19 will apply] (*Include if Tranched Portfolio CLNs*)
- (f) Calculation Agent responsible for making calculations and determinations in respect of the Notes: ☐
- (g) Reference Entity(ies): ☐
- Transaction Type: ☐
- Financial Reference Entity Terms: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- [Each Reference Entity contained in the Index and listed in the Relevant Annex (for which see below)]
- (*Include if the reference index is iTraxx<sup>®</sup>*)
- [As set out in the Relevant Annex (for which see below)] (*include if Tranched Portfolio CLNs or Linear Basket CLNs which are not referencing iTraxx<sup>®</sup>*)
- (h) Reference Obligation(s):
- [Standard Reference Obligation: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- [Seniority Level: ☐ [Senior Level] ☐ [Subordinated Level]]



[As specified in the Relevant Annex] *(include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)*

*(Include details of Reference Obligation(s) if Standard Reference Obligation does not apply)*

- [The obligation[s] identified as follows: [●]
- Primary Obligor: [●]
- Guarantor: [●]
- Maturity: [●]
- Coupon: [●]
- CUSIP/ISIN: [●]]
- (i) Calculation Agent Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (j) Credit Event Backstop Date: [Not] [Subject to adjustment for non-Business Days in accordance with Business Day Convention]
- (k) All Guarantees: [As set forth in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type]/[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- [In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] *(include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)*
- (l) Credit Events: [As set forth in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type]/[Bankruptcy]
- [Failure to Pay]
- Payment Requirement: [●]
- [Grace Period Extension [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- [If Applicable:
- Grace Period: [●]
- [Obligation Default]
- [Obligation Acceleration]
- [Repudiation/Moratorium]
- [Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition – delivery of Notice of Publicly Available Information] [Applicable] [Not Applicable]]
- [Restructuring]
- Mod R: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Mod Mod R: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Governmental Intervention]

Default Requirement: [●]

- Provisions relating to Credit Event Notice after M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event: Credit Linked Note Condition 11 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Provisions relating to Multiple Holder Obligation: Credit Linked Note Condition 12 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] *(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*

[other]

(m) Notice of Publicly Available Information: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[If Applicable:

Public Source(s): [●]]

Specified Number: [●]]

Notice Delivery Period: [[●] Business Days

(n) Obligation(s):

Obligation Category: [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Payment]

[select one only]: [Payment]

[Borrowed Money]

[Reference Obligation Only]

[Bond]

[Loan]

[Bond or Loan]

[In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] *(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*

Obligation Characteristics: [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type]

[select all of which apply]: [Not Subordinated]

[Specified Currency: *[specify currency]*]

- [Standard Specified Currency]
- [Not Sovereign Lender]
- [Not Domestic Currency]
- [Domestic Currency means: *[specify currency]*]
- [Not Domestic Law]
- [Domestic Law means: *[specify law]*]
- [Listed]
- [Not Domestic Issuance]
- [In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] *(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*
- Additional Obligation(s): [●]
- (o) Excluded Obligation(s): [●]
- (p) Redemption following a Credit Linked Note Condition 10 [Applicable]  
Merger Event: [Not Applicable]  
*(If Applicable)*  
[Merger Event Redemption Amount: [●]]  
[Merger Event Redemption Date: [●]]
- (q) Unwind Costs: [Standard Unwind Costs] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]
- (r) Provisions relating to Monoline Insurer as Reference Entity: Credit Linked Note Condition 14 [Applicable]  
[Not Applicable]
- (s) Provisions relating to LPN Reference Entities: Credit Linked Note Condition 15 [Applicable]  
[Not Applicable]
- (t) Settlement Method: [Cash Settlement] [Physical Settlement] [Auction Settlement]
- (u) Fallback Settlement Method: [Cash Settlement] [Physical Settlement]
- Terms relating to Cash Settlement*
- (v) Credit Event Redemption Amount: [[●] per Calculation Amount] [As set forth in the Credit Linked Note Conditions]  
[Not Applicable] *(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*
- (w) Credit Event Redemption Date: [●] Business Days  
[Not Applicable] *(include if Trunched Portfolio*

- CLNs*)
- (x) Valuation Date: [Single Valuation Date:  
[●] Business Days]  
[Multiple Valuation Dates:  
[●] Business Days; and each [●] Business Days thereafter  
Number of Valuation Dates: [●]]  
[Single Valuation Date, provided that the "Valuation Date" in respect of any Reference Obligation of a Reference Entity, shall be any Business Day falling on or before the 365th calendar day after the Event Determination Date or (following any Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date) after such Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date (as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion)] *(include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)*
- (y) Valuation Time: [●] [As per the Credit Linked Note Conditions]
- (z) Quotation Method: [Bid] [Offer] [Mid-market] [As per the Credit Linked Note Conditions]
- (aa) Quotation Amount: [●] [Representative Amount]  
[In respect of each obligation, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion] *(include if Tranche Portfolio CLNs)*
- (bb) Minimum Quotation Amount: [●] [As per the Credit Linked Note Conditions]
- (cc) Quotation Dealers: [●] [As per the Credit Linked Note Conditions]
- (dd) Quotations: [Include Accrued Interest] [Exclude Accrued Interest]
- (ee) Valuation Method: [Market] [Highest]  
[Average Market] [Highest] [Average Highest]  
[Blended Market] [Blended Highest]  
[Average Blended Market] [Average Blended Highest]
- (ff) Provisions relating to Deliverable Obligations to Credit Linked Note Condition 16 [Applicable]  
Portfolio Valuation: [Not Applicable]  
[If Applicable:  
Benchmark Obligation: [Reference Obligation]  
[Other]

*(N.B. Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics should also be completed if Credit Linked Note Condition 16 applies)]*

*Terms relating to Auction Settlement*

- (gg) Auction Settlement Amount: [●]
- (hh) Auction Settlement Date: [Five Business Days] *[specify other]*
- (ii) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]

*Terms relating to Physical Settlement*

- (jj) Physical Settlement Period: [●] Business Days
- (kk) Accrued Interest on Entitlement: [Include Accrued Interest] [Exclude Accrued Interest]
- (ll) Settlement Currency: [●]
- (mm) Deliverable Obligations:
- |                              |            |   |
|------------------------------|------------|---|
| Deliverable Category         | Obligation | [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Payment]   |
| [select one only]:           |            | [Borrowed Money]  |
|                              |            | [Reference Obligation Only]   |
|                              |            | [Bond]  |
|                              |            | [Loan]  |
|                              |            | [Bond or Loan]  |
|                              |            | [In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] <i>(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)</i> |
| Deliverable Characteristics  | Obligation | [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type]   |
| [select all of which apply]: |            | [Specified Currency: <i>[specify currency]</i> ]  |
|                              |            | [Standard Specified Currency]   |
|                              |            | [Not Sovereign Lender]  |
|                              |            | [Not Domestic Currency]   |
|                              |            | Domestic Currency means: <i>[specify currency]</i>  |
|                              |            | [Not Domestic Law]  |
|                              |            | Domestic Law means: <i>[specify law]</i>  |
|                              |            | [Listed]  |
|                              |            | [Not Subordinated]  |

[Not Domestic Issuance]

[Assignable Loan]

[Consent Required Loan]

[Direct Loan Participation]

[Qualifying Participation Seller: Applicable] [Not Applicable *[insert requirements]*]

[Transferable]

[Maximum Maturity: [●]]

[Accelerated or Matured]

[Not Bearer]

[In respect of each Reference Entity, as set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the relevant Transaction Type] *(include if Trunched Portfolio CLNs)*

	Additional Obligation(s):	Deliverable	[●]
(nn)	Excluded Obligation(s):	Deliverable	[●]
(oo)	Indicative Quotations:		[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
(pp)	Credit Cut-Off Date:		[●]
(qq)	Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount:		[As specified in Credit Linked Note Condition 5] [●] <sup>1</sup>
(rr)	Delivery provisions for Entitlement if different from Physical Delivery Note Conditions:		[●]
(ss)	Additional Disruption Events:	Change in Law:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
		Hedging Disruption:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
		Increased Cost of Hedging:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
(tt)	Nth-to-Default CLNs:		[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
	N:		[●]
	Substitution:		[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
	Credit Spread Requirement:		[●] <i>(N.B. if Substitution applicable)</i>
(uu)	Trunched Portfolio CLNs:	Credit Linked Note Condition 19	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]

<sup>1</sup> Insert "Not Applicable" for Notes issued by BAC.

[If Applicable:

Attachment Point: [●]

Exhaustion Point: [●]

Interest Calculation Method: [Not Applicable]  
[Weighted] (*Specify Weighted if the Interest Calculation Amount is the aggregate of the Outstanding Principal Amount with respect to each day during the Interest Period divided by the number of days in that Interest Period*)

"Final Redemption Amount" means a *pro rata* amount per Calculation Amount, of the Outstanding Principal Amount on the Final Redemption Date (which may be zero).

[Relevant Annex]:

[As set out at Part [●] below] (*include where bespoke portfolio of Reference Entities is required*)

[The list for the Index specified below with the Annex Date [●], as published by the Index Publisher (which can currently be accessed at <http://www.markit.com>)] (*include where the reference index is iTraxx<sup>®</sup>*)

[Additional requirements where Relevant Annex references iTraxx<sup>®</sup>]:

[Not Applicable] [Applicable] (*if applicable, complete and include the items below*)

[Index: iTraxx Europe [●]

Index Sponsor: International Index Company Ltd. or any successor thereto

Index Publisher: Markit Group Limited or any replacement therefore appointed by the Index Sponsor for the purposes of officially publishing the Relevant Index]

(vv) Linear Basket CLNs:

Credit Linked Note Condition 18 [Applicable]  
[Not Applicable]

[If Applicable:

[Reference Entity Notional Amount: [●]] (*include if this is not Aggregate Nominal Amount divided by the number of Reference Entities*)

[Relevant Annex]:

[As set out at Part [●] below] (*include where bespoke portfolio of Reference Entities is required*)

[The list for the Index specified below with the Annex Date [●], as published by the Index Publisher (which can currently be accessed at <http://www.markit.com>)] (include where the reference index is iTraxx®)

[Additional requirements where Relevant Annex references iTraxx®:]

[Not Applicable] [Applicable] (if applicable, complete and include the items below)

[Index: iTraxx Europe [●]]

Index Sponsor: International Index Company Ltd. or any successor thereto

Index Publisher: Markit Group Limited or any replacement therefore appointed by the Index Sponsor for the purposes of officially publishing the Relevant Index]

(ww) Subordinated Insurance Terms: European [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(xx) CoCo Provisions: Credit Linked Note Condition 20 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[If Applicable:

Trigger Percentage: [As specified in Credit Linked Note Condition 20] [●]]

(yy) Sovereign No Asset Package Delivery: Credit Linked Note Condition 21 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(zz) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]

34. Physical Delivery Notes: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(N.B. Not applicable to Credit Linked Notes, Swedish Notes or Finnish Notes)

[Cash Settlement] [Physical Delivery] [Cash Settlement and/or Physical Delivery] (If Cash Settlement and/or Physical Delivery specified, specify details for determining in what circumstances Cash Settlement or Physical Delivery will apply)

[The provisions of "Annex 10 - Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes" shall apply.]

(a) Relevant Asset(s): [●]

(b) Entitlement: [●]

(c) Cut-Off Date: [●]



- (d) Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount: [As specified in Note Condition 3] [●] [Not Applicable]<sup>1</sup>
- (e) Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Delivery provisions for Entitlement if different from Physical Delivery Note Conditions: [●]
- (g) Settlement Business Day: [●]
- (h) Issuer's option to vary Settlement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

35. Form of Notes: [Global Registered Note registered in the name of a nominee for [a common depositary for [Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/a common safekeeper for [Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]] and exchangeable for Definitive Registered Notes in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note]

[Definitive Registered Notes]

**OR**

[Swedish Notes]

The Swedish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).]

**OR**

[Finnish Notes]

The Finnish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*) and the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*).]

36. New Safekeeping Structure: [Yes] [No]

37. Payment Day: [Following] [Modified Following]

<sup>1</sup> Insert "Not Applicable" for Notes issued by BAC.

38. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days: [Not Applicable] *[give details]*  
*(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 18(c) and 20(f) relate)*
39. 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 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]*
40. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
- (a) Instalment Amount(s): [Not Applicable] *[give details]*
- (b) Instalment Date(s): [Not Applicable] *[give details]*
41. Redenomination: Redenomination [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
*[(If Redenomination is applicable, specify the terms of Redenomination in the Final Terms)]*
42. Payment Disruption (Condition 6(G)): [Payment Disruption Event is applicable] [CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*  
*[If CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable, include the following:]*  
 Where "CNY Settlement Centre" means [the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region] [●]
- (a) Base Currency/Subject Currency: [As specified under paragraph 29] *[insert if FX Linked Provisions are not specified to be applicable]*
- (b) Payment of Equivalent Amount: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
*[If Payment of Equivalent Amount is applicable, include the following:]*  
 Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate: [As specified in Condition 6(G)] *[specify other]*
43. Exchange Rate: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *[Insert details]*
44. Other terms: [Not Applicable] *[give details]*

**DISTRIBUTION**

45. Method of distribution: [Syndicated] [Non-syndicated]
46. (a) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers: [Not Applicable] *[give names, and addresses]*
- (b) Date of Subscription Agreement: [●]

	(c) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):	[Not Applicable] [ <i>give name(s)</i> ]
47.	If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer:	[Not Applicable] [ <i>give name and address</i> ]
48.	Calculation Agent:	[Merrill Lynch International] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
49.	Total commission and concession:	[[●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount] [Not Applicable]
50.	U.S. Selling Restrictions:	[Regulation S Compliance Category: 2; TEFRA D not applicable] <sup>1</sup> [The Notes may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America (including the U.S. states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person. A "United States Person" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or a "United States person" as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.] <sup>2</sup>
51.	U.S. Tax Considerations:	[The Notes are "Structured Notes" for purposes of the discussion under "United States Federal Income Taxation" in the Offering Circular.] [Not Applicable] <sup>3</sup>
52.	United States Withholding Tax:	[Except as set forth in "United States Federal Income Taxation" in the Offering Circular, the Issuer does not intend to withhold United States federal income tax with respect to payments to United States Aliens.]/[The Issuer or its agent will withhold 30 per cent. of all payments of interest and other amounts subject to withholding, if any, and remit such withheld taxes to the United States Internal Revenue Service.] [Not Applicable] <sup>4</sup>
53.	Additional Amounts:	[Condition 9 applies] [Condition 9 applies, save that paragraph (i) of Condition 9 shall not apply and the Issuer [(failing which the Guarantor)] shall be required to make payment of Additional Amounts for or on account of any tax, assessment or charge in the circumstances set out in paragraph (i).] [Condition 9 shall not apply]
54.	Additional U.S. Tax considerations	[Not Applicable] [ <i>give details</i> ]
55.	Additional selling restrictions:	[Not Applicable] [ <i>give details</i> ]

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<sup>1</sup> Insert for Notes issued by BAC.

<sup>2</sup> Insert for Notes issued by MLBV.

<sup>3</sup> Insert 'Not Applicable' in the case of Notes issued by MLBV.

<sup>4</sup> Insert 'Not Applicable' in the case of Notes issued by MLBV.

**PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS**

These Final Terms comprise the Final Terms required for issue [and admission to trading on [*specify relevant market (for example, the Euro MTF of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange)*]] of the Notes described herein pursuant to the Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme of Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch B.V., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

[[Subject as provided below,] the Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.] [The information relating to [●] [and [●]] contained herein has been accurately extracted from [*insert information source(s)*]. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the accuracy of such extraction but accepts no further or other responsibility in respect of such information.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....

*Duly authorised*

**PART B – OTHER INFORMATION****1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING**

[Application [has been]/[will be]/[is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be [admitted to trading on the Euro MTF and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [*specify other listing or admission to trading*] [with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable.]

*(N.B. Notes issued by MLBV with over 364 days between Issue Date and Maturity Date must be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" such as the Euro MTF.)*

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original instruments are already admitted to trading)*

**2. RATINGS**

Ratings: [The Notes have not been rated.]

*(The above disclosure should be included in the event that the Notes have not been rated)*

[The Notes to be issued have been rated:

[Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC: [●]]  
 [Moody's Investors Service, Inc.: [●]]  
 [[Other: [●]]

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

**3. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

(i) ISIN: [●]

(ii) Common Code: [●]

(iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Euroclear Sweden or any duly authorised Swedish central securities depository under the Swedish CSD Rules and Euroclear Finland, Ltd, and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable] [*give name(s) and number(s)*]

(iv) Delivery: Delivery [against] [free of] payment

(v) Names and addresses of initial Paying Agents: [Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch)  
 2 King Edward Street  
 London EC1A 1HQ  
 United Kingdom]<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of all Notes, except Swedish Notes and Finnish Notes.

[Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)  
Kungsträdgårdsgatan 8  
SE-10640 Stockholm  
Sweden]<sup>1</sup>

[Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ),  
Helsinki Branch  
Unioninkatu 30  
00100 Helsinki  
Finland]<sup>2</sup>

(vi) Registrar: [Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l.  
Atrium Business Park  
33 Rue du Puits Romain  
Bertrange L-8070  
Luxembourg]<sup>3</sup>

(vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [●]

(viii) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper, and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper (i.e. held under the New Safekeeping Structure (the "NSS")), 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 the European Central Bank being satisfied that the Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

[No. However, if after the date of these Final Terms, the Eurosystem eligibility criteria are amended such that the Notes are capable of meeting such criteria, the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper, and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper (i.e. held under the New Safekeeping Structure (the "NSS")). Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the European Central Bank being satisfied that the Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Swedish Notes.

<sup>2</sup> Include in the case of Finnish Notes.

<sup>3</sup> Include in the case of all Registered Notes.

**[Schedule - Index Disclaimer**

*[Include applicable disclaimer, if any]]*

# ANNEX

*[This Annex shall be included after publication of any supplement to the Offering Circular.]*

The Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 has been supplemented by the following supplement(s):

Supplement	Description	Date
Supplement No. [●]	In respect of <i>[insert short description of content]</i> [●]	



**[ANNEX – REFERENCE PORTFOLIO]** *(include if (i) reference is not made to a Relevant Annex or (ii) if preferred for the purposes of disclosure)*

Reference Entity	Reference Obligation Primary Obligor (Issuer)	Reference Obligation Guarantor (if any)	Reference Obligation ISIN	Reference Obligation Maturity	Reference Obligation Coupon (%)	Transaction Type	Reference Entity Weighting (%)
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following are the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each individual note certificate (an "**Individual Note Certificate**") representing a Registered Note (as defined below) in definitive form (a "**Definitive Registered Note**"), and in the case of Individual Note Certificates only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the relevant Issuer, as applicable, and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Individual Note Certificate will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions will also apply to, and be incorporated by reference into, Swedish Notes (as defined below) and Finnish Notes (as defined below). The applicable Final Terms (as defined below) in relation to any Tranche (as defined below) of Notes may specify other terms and conditions (including the Additional Terms and Conditions described below) which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Tranche of Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and Individual Note Certificate and will constitute a part of the Conditions of the Swedish Notes and the Finnish Notes.*

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of notes (the "**Notes**") issued by whichever of Bank of America Corporation ("**BAC**") or Merrill Lynch B.V. ("**MLBV**") is specified as the Issuer in the applicable Final Terms (the "**Issuer**"), and references to the Issuer shall be construed accordingly.

References herein to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of a Series and shall mean:

- (a) in relation to any Registered Note represented by a global Note (a "**Global Note**"), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any Definitive Registered Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note; and
- (d) any Swedish Note or Finnish Note.

Notes issued by BAC have the benefit of an Amended and Restated New York Law Agency Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (such agency agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**New York Law Agency Agreement**") which is governed by the laws of the State of New York and made among BAC, Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch) as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**"), Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l. as registrar (the "**Registrar**") and the other agents named therein.

Any other paying agents appointed pursuant to the New York Law Agency Agreement, together with the Principal Paying Agent, are referred to herein as the "**BAC Paying Agents**".

Notes issued by MLBV have the benefit of an Amended and Restated English Law Agency Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (such agency agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**English Law Agency Agreement**" and, together with the New York Law Agency Agreement, the "**Agency Agreements**") which is governed by English law and made among MLBV, Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V., BAC in its capacity as Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) as Swedish paying agent (the "**Swedish Paying Agent**"), Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Helsinki Branch as Finnish paying agent (the "**Finnish Paying Agent**" and, together with the Principal Paying Agent and the Swedish Paying Agent, the "**MLBV Paying Agents**" which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents appointed pursuant to the English Law Agency Agreement, and the BAC Paying Agents and the MLBV Paying Agents are referred to herein as the "**Paying Agents**"), the Registrar and the other agents named therein.

References herein to the "**applicable Agency Agreement**" shall mean (i) the New York Law Agency Agreement, in the case of Notes issued by BAC, or (ii) the English Law Agency Agreement, in the case of Notes issued by MLBV, as applicable.

References herein to the "**Agents**" are to the Registrar and the Paying Agents and any reference to an "**Agent**" is to any one of them.

The applicable Final Terms (the "**Final Terms**") for the Notes (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to, endorsed on or constituting a part of the Note which supplement these Terms and Conditions (the "**Terms and Conditions**", or the "**Conditions**") and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of the Note. References to the "**applicable Final Terms**" are to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to, endorsed on or constituting a part of the Note.

The additional Terms and Conditions (the "**Additional Terms and Conditions**") contained in Annex 1 in the case of Index Linked Notes, Annex 2 in the case of Share Linked Notes, Annex 4 in the case of GDR/ADR Linked Notes, Annex 5 in the case of FX Linked Notes, Annex 6 in the case of Commodity Linked Notes, Annex 7 in the case of Fund Linked Notes, Annex 8 in the case of Inflation Linked Notes, Annex 9A in the case of Credit Linked Notes and Annex 10 in the case of Physical Delivery Notes (each as defined below) will apply to, and form part of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes if and to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The payment of principal, interest and all other amounts payable and/or delivery of non-cash consideration deliverable in respect of Notes issued by MLBV are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by BAC (in such capacity, the "**Guarantor**") pursuant to a guarantee (the "**Guarantee**") dated 12 November 2014 executed by BAC. The original of the Guarantee is held by the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Holders of the Notes issued by MLBV at its specified office.

Any reference to "**Noteholders**" or "**Holders**" shall mean the person in whose name a Registered Note is registered and in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note or any Swedish Notes or Finnish Notes, shall be construed as provided below.

As used herein, "**Tranche**" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and "**Series**" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates (if applicable) and/or Issue Prices (each as defined below).

The Holders of the Notes issued by MLBV are entitled to the benefit of the Notes Deed of Covenant (the "**MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant**") dated 12 November 2014 and made by MLBV. The original of the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant is held by a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (each as defined below) (the "**Common Depositary**").

Copies of the New York Law Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each BAC Paying Agent. Copies of the English Law Agency Agreement, the Guarantee and the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the MLBV Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Final Terms are available for viewing at the specified office of the Issuer and the Paying Agents only by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer or the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Offering Circular and, in the case of Notes admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF, the applicable Final Terms will also be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Final Terms relating to Notes listed and/or admitted to trading on any other stock exchange or market will be published in accordance with the rules and regulations of such stock exchange or market.

The Noteholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the applicable Agency Agreement, the Guarantee (if applicable), the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant (if applicable) and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the applicable Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the applicable Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms 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 inconsistency between the applicable Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

1. **Form, Denomination and Title**

The Notes are issued in registered form ("**Registered Notes**") and, in the case of Individual Note Certificates, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination, or subdivided or reissued in a smaller denomination.

The Notes may be Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Zero Coupon Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes, Inflation Linked Interest Notes, interest bearing Credit Linked Notes or a combination of any of the foregoing depending on the Interest Basis specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Notes may be Instalment Notes, Partly Paid Notes, Index Linked Redemption Notes (together with Index Linked Interest Notes, "**Index Linked Notes**"), Share Linked Redemption Notes (together with Share Linked Interest Notes, "**Share Linked Notes**"), GDR/ADR Linked Redemption Notes (together with GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, "**GDR/ADR Linked Notes**"), FX Linked Redemption Notes (together with FX Linked Interest Notes, "**FX Linked Notes**"), Commodity Linked Redemption Notes (together with Commodity Linked Interest Notes, "**Commodity Linked Notes**"), Fund Linked Redemption Notes (together with Fund Linked Interest Notes, "**Fund Linked Notes**"), Inflation Linked Redemption Notes (together with Inflation Linked Interest Notes, "**Inflation Linked Notes**"), Credit Linked Notes, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Redemption/Payment Basis specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If the applicable Final Terms specify "Physical Delivery Notes" to be applicable, the Note may be redeemed by delivery of the Entitlement, and "Annex 10 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes*" shall apply.

Subject as set out below, title to Registered Notes shall, subject to mandatory rules of law, pass by registration in the Register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Agency Agreement.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or 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 or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV), the Registrar and the Paying Agents, as applicable, 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 registered holder of the relevant Global Registered Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV), the Registrar and any Paying Agent, as applicable, 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 expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear Sweden AB ("**Euroclear Sweden**") or Euroclear Finland, Ltd ("**Euroclear Finland**") shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent from time to time and notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

*Swedish Note(s)*

If the applicable Final Terms indicate that the Notes are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Notes**"), such Series of Swedish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules.

The holder of any such Swedish Notes will be the person in whose name such Swedish Note is registered in the Swedish Register in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules and the reference to a person in whose name a Swedish Note is so registered shall include any person duly authorised to act as a nominee (in Swedish: *förvaltare*) and registered as such for the Swedish Notes and except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, such holder of such Swedish Notes shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it and no person shall be liable for so treating such holder (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

All Swedish Notes of the same Series shall have the same denomination. For so long as it is a requirement under the Swedish CSD Rules, the specified currency for Swedish Notes may only be SEK or EUR, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain information from the Swedish Register in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules.

Swedish Notes will be Cash Settled Notes only.

#### *Finnish Note(s)*

If the applicable Final Terms indicate that the Notes are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Notes**"), such Series of Finnish Notes will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules.

The holder of any such Finnish Notes will be the person in whose name such Finnish Note is registered in the Finnish Register in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules and the reference to a person in whose name a Finnish Note is so registered shall include any person duly authorised to act as a nominee and registered as such for the Finnish Notes and except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, such holder of such Finnish Notes shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it and no person shall be liable for so treating such holder (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

All Finnish Notes of the same Series shall have the same denomination. For so long as it is a requirement under the Euroclear Finland Rules, the specified currency for Finnish Notes may only be EUR.

The Issuer and the Finnish Paying Agent shall be entitled to obtain information from the Finnish Register in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules.

Finnish Notes will be Cash Settled Notes only.

#### *Definitions*

As used in the Terms and Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Commodity Linked Interest Notes**" means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "Commodity Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Commodity Linked Redemption Notes**" means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "Commodity Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Credit Linked Notes**" means any Notes in respect of which the Additional Terms and Conditions set forth in "Annex 9A – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes*" are specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Euroclear Finland Rules"** means Finnish laws, regulations, decisions and operating procedures from time to time applicable to the Finnish Notes and/or issued by Euroclear Finland.

**"Finnish Register"** means the book-entry register maintained by Euroclear Finland on behalf of the Issuer in respect of Finnish Notes in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules.

**"Fund Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "Fund Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Fund Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "Fund Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FX Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "FX Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FX Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "FX Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "GDR/ADR Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"GDR/ADR Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "GDR/ADR Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Index Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "Index Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Index Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "Index Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Inflation Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "Inflation Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Inflation Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "Inflation Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Register"** means the relevant register held by the Registrar in respect of Registered Notes.

**"Share Linked Interest Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Interest linked to one or more Reference Item(s) provisions" are specified to be applicable and the "Interest Basis" is specified to be "Share Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Share Linked Redemption Notes"** means any Notes in respect of which the "Redemption/Payment Basis" is specified to be "Share Linked" in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Swedish CSD"** means the Swedish central securities depository (*central värdepappersförvarare*) which is expected to be Euroclear Sweden.

**"Swedish CSD Rules"** means the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*) and any regulations, rules and operating procedures applicable to and/or issued by the Swedish CSD from time to time.

**"Swedish Register"** means the book-entry register maintained by the Swedish CSD on behalf of the Issuer in respect of Swedish Notes in accordance with Swedish CSD Rules.

**2. Exchange and Transfer of Notes**

**(A) *Exchange of Notes***

In the case of an exchange of a Global Note for one or more Individual Note Certificates, the Registrar will reflect any such exchange on the Register, and one or more new Individual Note Certificates will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees by the Principal Paying Agent.

**(B) *Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland***

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.

Swedish Notes will be issued, cleared, settled and transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the Swedish CSD Rules. Title to Swedish Notes will pass by registration in the Swedish Register. Where a nominee is registered as a holder of Swedish Notes it shall be treated for all purposes as the holder of such Swedish Notes. No holder of a Swedish Note may require the transfer of a Swedish Note to be registered during a period which is the equivalent to any such closed period pursuant to the rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, the Swedish CSD.

Finnish Notes will be issued, cleared, settled and transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the Euroclear Finland Rules. Title to Finnish Notes will pass by registration in the Finnish Register. Where a nominee is registered as a holder of Finnish Notes it shall be treated for all purposes as the holder of such Finnish Notes. No holder of a Finnish Note may require the transfer of a Finnish Note to be registered during a period which is the equivalent to any such closed period pursuant to the rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Finland.

**(C) *Transfer of Definitive Registered Notes and Global Notes***

Transfers of Definitive Registered Notes or Global Notes are effected upon the surrender (at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent) of the Individual Note Certificates or Global Note, as applicable, to be transferred together with the form of transfer endorsed on such Individual Note Certificates or Global Note, as applicable (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed by the person shown as the registered holder on the Register, or its attorney duly authorised in writing, and such other evidence as the Principal Paying Agent may reasonably require. The Registrar will reflect any such transfer on the Register. In the case of the transfer of all of a holding of Notes represented by one Individual Note Certificate or Global Note, as applicable, the Principal Paying Agent will cancel the Individual Note Certificate or Global Note, as applicable, surrendered by the transferor, and one new Individual Note Certificate or Global Note, as applicable, will be issued to the designated transferee (following the transferee's surrender of any existing Individual Note Certificate or Global Note, as applicable, in respect of Notes of that Series). In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of Notes represented by one Individual Note Certificate, a new Individual Note Certificate will be issued to the designated transferee (following the transferee's surrender of any existing Individual Note Certificate in respect of Notes of that Series) and a further new Individual Note Certificate in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. In the case of a transfer of Definitive Registered Notes of a Series to a transferee who is already a Holder of such Series, a new Individual Note Certificate representing the enlarged holding shall only be issued against surrender of the Individual Note Certificate representing the existing holding. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note will be able to transfer such interest, except as described above in Condition 2(B) (*Exchange and Transfer of Notes - Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland*).

(D) *Exercise of Options or Partial Redemption in Respect of Notes*

In the case of an exercise of an Issuer Call or Investor Put in respect of, or a partial redemption of, a holding of Notes represented by a Global Note, the Registrar shall make such entries in the Register to reflect the exercise of such option or in respect of the balance of the holding not redeemed.

In the case of an exercise of an Issuer Call or Investor Put in respect of, or a partial redemption of, a holding of Definitive Registered Notes represented by a single Individual Note Certificate, a new Individual Note Certificate shall be issued to the Holder to reflect the exercise of such option or in respect of the balance of the holding not redeemed. In the case of a partial exercise of an option resulting in Definitive Registered Notes of the same holding having different terms, separate Individual Note Certificates shall be issued in respect of those Notes of that holding that have the same terms. New Individual Note Certificates shall only be issued against surrender of the existing Individual Note Certificate to the Principal Paying Agent.

(E) *Delivery of New Individual Note Certificates and Global Notes*

Each new Individual Note Certificate or Global Note to be issued pursuant to this Condition 2 (*Exchange and Transfer of Notes*) shall be available for delivery within three Business Days of receipt of the form of transfer and surrender of the Individual Note Certificate or Global Note, as applicable, for exchange. Delivery of the new Individual Note Certificate(s) or Global Note, as applicable, shall be made at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent to whom delivery or surrender of such request for exchange, form of transfer, or Individual Note Certificate or Global Note shall have been made or, at the option of the Holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant request for exchange, form of transfer or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the Holder entitled to the new Individual Note Certificate or Global Note (as applicable) to such address as may be so specified, unless such Holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the Principal Paying Agent the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify.

(F) *Closed Periods*

No Holder may require the transfer of Notes to be registered:

- (i) during the period beginning on the Record Date and ending on the due date for redemption of, or payment of any Instalment Amount, or amount of interest, in respect of, that Note;
- (ii) during the period beginning on the Record Date and ending on the date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 7(D) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*);
- (iii) after any such Note has been called for redemption;
- (iv) during the period beginning on the Record Date and ending on the date fixed for any meeting of Noteholders, or any adjourned meeting of Noteholders; or
- (v) during the period of seven calendar days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

Unless otherwise specified, as used herein "**Record Date**" means (i) in respect of any Definitive Registered Notes, the close of business (London time) on the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day and (ii) in respect of any Global Registered Notes, the close of business on the Relevant Clearing System Business Day, in each case, prior to the applicable due date for redemption of a Note, or the payment of any Instalment Amount or amount of interest in respect of a Note, or the date fixed for any meeting, or adjourned meeting, of holders of Notes, where "**Relevant Clearing System Business Day**" means a day on which the relevant clearing system through which the Notes are held is open for business.



For the avoidance of doubt, this Condition 2(F) (*Exchange and Transfer of Notes - Closed Periods*) shall not apply to or restrict the Issuer's ability to purchase an outstanding Series of Notes pursuant to Condition 7(L) (*Redemption and Purchase - Purchases*).

(G) *Exchange or Transfer Free of Charge*

Exchange and transfer of Notes on registration, transfer, partial redemption, settlement or exercise of an option (as applicable) shall be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Principal Paying Agent, but upon payment by the Holder of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity as the Principal Paying Agent may require).

3. **Status of the Notes and the Guarantee**

(A) *Status of the Notes and Guarantee*

The Notes constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws and regulations) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer.

In the case of Notes issued by MLB, the obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, will rank *pari passu* with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

(B) *Terms of the Guarantee*

Under the Guarantee, the Guarantor has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed to the holders of Notes issued by MLB, (i) the due and punctual payment of any and all amounts payable by MLB as obligor in respect of the Notes issued by MLB and (ii) subject as provided below, the due and punctual delivery of non-cash consideration deliverable by MLB in respect of the Notes issued by MLB, if applicable, when and as the same shall become due and payable or when the same shall become due for delivery pursuant to the Conditions and to the extent provided in the Guarantee. As more fully set forth in the Guarantee, the Guarantor shall at all times have the right, at its sole and unfettered discretion, to elect not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the Holders of Physical Delivery Notes issued by MLB when the same shall become due and deliverable, but, in lieu thereof, to pay an amount in cash equal to the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount. The "**Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount**" in respect of each Note issued by MLB means an amount calculated pursuant to the terms of, or as specified in, the applicable Final Terms (or, in respect of each Credit Linked Note, as set out in Credit Linked Note Condition 5 (*Physical Settlement*) of "Annex 9A – Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes") or, if not specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the fair market value of the Entitlement in respect of such Note on any date notified as such by the Guarantor to MLB and the Calculation Agent, less the cost to MLB and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including the cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Guarantor in its sole and absolute discretion. Any payment of the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount in lieu of the Entitlement shall constitute a complete discharge of the Guarantor's obligations in respect of such Physical Delivery Notes.

4. **Redenomination**

(A) *Redenomination*

Where redenomination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders on giving prior notice to the Principal Paying Agent, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and at least 30 calendar days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*), 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:

- (a) the Notes shall be deemed to be redenominated in euro in the denomination of €0.01 with a nominal amount for each Note equal to the nominal amount of that Note 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 in 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;
- (b) save to the extent that an Exchange Notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (d) below, the amount of interest due in respect of the Notes will be calculated by reference to the aggregate nominal amount of Notes presented for payment by the relevant holder and the amount of such payment shall be rounded down to the nearest €0.01;
- (c) if Definitive Registered Notes are required to be issued after the Redenomination Date, they shall be issued at the expense of the Issuer, in the denominations of €1,000, €10,000, €100,000 and (but only to the extent of any remaining amounts less than €1,000 or such smaller denominations as the Principal Paying Agent may approve) €0.01 and such other denominations as the Principal Paying Agent shall determine and notify to the Noteholders;
- (d) the payment obligations contained in any Notes issued prior to the Redenomination Date will become void on the date on which the Issuer gives notice (the "**Exchange Notice**") that replacement euro-denominated Notes are available for exchange (provided that such securities are so available) and no payments will be made in respect of them, although those Notes will continue to constitute valid exchange obligations of the Issuer. New euro-denominated Notes will be issued in exchange for Notes 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 calendar days prior to any date for payment of principal or interest (if any) on the Notes;
- (e) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, other than payments of interest (if any) 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;
- (f) 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 an Interest Payment Date, it will be calculated:
  - (i) in the case of the Notes represented by a Global Note, by applying the Rate of Interest to the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note; and
  - (ii) in the case of Definitive Registered Notes, by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, 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 is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount

by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding;

- (g) if the Notes are Floating Rate Notes, the applicable Final Terms will specify any relevant changes to the provisions relating to interest; and
- (h) such other changes shall be made to this Condition 4 (*Redenomination*) as the Issuer may decide, after consultation with the Paying Agents and as may be specified in the notice, to conform it to conventions applicable to instruments denominated in euro.

(B) *Definitions*

In the Terms and 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 123 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 on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

**"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 Condition 4(A) (*Redenomination*) 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.

5. **Interest**

(A) *Day Count Fraction*

**"Day Count Fraction"** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5 (*Interest*):

- (a) if **"Actual/Actual (ICMA)"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) 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
  - (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (A) 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 that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - (B) 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;

- (b) if "**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**" or "**Actual/Actual**" 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 (1) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (2) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (c) if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (d) 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;
- (e) if "**Actual/360**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (f) if "**30/360 (ICMA)**" 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 a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360;
- (g) 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, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \left[ \frac{360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360} \right]$$

where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**Y<sub>2</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**M<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (h) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \left[ \frac{360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360} \right]$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; or

- (i) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \left[ \frac{360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360} \right]$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

In these Terms and Conditions:

**"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); 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, one cent.

(B) *Interest on Fixed Rate Notes*

Except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding principal amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

Except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, if a Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable in respect of each Note on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount as specified irrespective of any calculation based on the applicable Rate of Interest and any applicable Day Count Fraction (if any). Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

If "**Unadjusted**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms with respect to any Interest Payment Date, any Interest Payment Date falling on a day which is not a Business Day will not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention, and the relevant Fixed Interest Period (as defined below) will accordingly not be adjusted. In such event, payment of any amounts will be made in accordance with the provisions of Condition 6(D) (*Payments - Payment Days*).

If "**Adjusted**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms with respect to any Interest Payment Date, any Interest Payment Date falling on a day which is not a Business Day will be adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in the applicable Final Terms, and the relevant Fixed Interest Period will be adjusted accordingly. For these purposes, the provisions of Condition 5(C)(a) below relating to Business Day Conventions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where "Business Day" has the meaning assigned to it in Condition 18 (*Business Days*).

As used in these Terms and Conditions, "**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.

Except in the case of Notes where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) 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
- (ii) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such product 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 is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

(C) *Interest on Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes*

(a) *Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Note, Index Linked Interest Note, Share Linked Interest Note, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Note, FX Linked Interest Note, Commodity Linked Interest Note, Fund Linked Interest Note and Inflation Linked Interest Note bears interest on its

outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an "**Interest Payment Date**") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each "**Interest Period**" (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If "**Unadjusted**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms with respect to any Interest Payment Date, and such Interest Payment Date is not a Business Day, then such Interest Payment Date will not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention, and the relevant Interest Period will accordingly not be adjusted. In such event, payment of any amounts will be made in accordance with the provisions of Condition 6(D) (*Payments - Payment Days*).

If (x) there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) "Adjusted" is specified in the applicable Final Terms with respect to any Interest Payment Date and such Interest Payment Date falls on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5(C)(a)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (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) 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 Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date 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 Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day,

where "Business Day" has the meaning assigned to it in Condition 18 (*Business Days*).

(b) *Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest

Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(i) *ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes*

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 sub paragraph (i), "**ISDA Rate**" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation 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, updated or replaced as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (the "**ISDA Definitions**") and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the relevant Interest Commencement Date is the Effective Date;
- (C) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (D) 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 Eurozone interbank offered rate ("**EURIBOR**"), 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 (i), "**Floating Rate**", "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Effective Date**", "**Designated Maturity**" and "**Reset Date**" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms, the Minimum Interest Rate shall be deemed to be zero.

(ii) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes*

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 be, subject as provided below, either:

- (A) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the relevant screen page specified in the applicable Final Terms); or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations (if there are two or more quotations on the relevant screen page specified in the applicable Final Terms),

(in each case expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR (the "**Specified Time**")) on the applicable Interest Determination Date plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.



In the case of a rate determined pursuant to paragraph (B) above, 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 Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of paragraph (A) above, no offered quotation appears or, in the case of paragraph (B) above, fewer than three offered quotations appear, in each case as at the Specified Time, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Calculation Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Calculation Agent by any two or more of the Reference Banks, at which such banks were offered, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any). If fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Calculation Agent suitable for the purpose) informs the Calculation Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

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.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (ii) "**Reference Banks**" means, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, the principal London offices of four major banks in the London inter-bank market and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone offices of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Calculation Agent or as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(c) *Minimum or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a minimum rate at which the Notes bear interest (a "**Minimum Interest Rate**") or a maximum rate at which the Notes bear interest (a "**Maximum Interest Rate**"), then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the Maximum Interest Rate or be less than the Minimum Interest Rate so specified.

(d) *Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts*

The Calculation Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes, will, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes, 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 Calculation Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes, 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:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes 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
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, multiplying such product 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 Floating Rate Note, Index Linked Interest Note, Share Linked Interest Note, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Note, FX Linked Interest Note, Commodity Linked Interest Note, Fund Linked Interest Note or Inflation Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding. In such case, the Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Interest Amount for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

(e) *Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts*

The Principal Paying Agent and/or the Calculation 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 and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes are for the time being

listed (by no later than the first day of each Interest Period, in the case of Floating Rate Notes) and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London 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) without prior notice 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 Floating Rate Notes, Index Linked Interest Notes, Share Linked Interest Notes, GDR/ADR Linked Interest Notes, FX Linked Interest Notes, Commodity Linked Interest Notes, Fund Linked Interest Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*). For the purposes of this paragraph (e), the expression "**London Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(f) *Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5(C), whether by the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith, manifest error or proven error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV), the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents, the Registrar and all Noteholders and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) or the Noteholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent (if applicable) in connection with the exercise or non exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(D) *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.

(E) *Accrual of interest*

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid and/or all assets deliverable in respect of such Note have been delivered; and
- (b) five calendar days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Note has been received by the Principal Paying Agent and/or all assets in respect of such Note have been received by any agent appointed by the Issuer to deliver such assets to Noteholders and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*),

provided that if:

- (c) "Accrual of Interest upon Credit Event" is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Note shall cease to bear interest from the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding the Event Determination Date, or if the Event Determination Date is an Interest Payment Date such Interest Payment Date (or, in the case of the Event Determination Date falling on or after the Scheduled Maturity Date (which is an Interest Payment Date), the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding the Scheduled Maturity Date) or, if the Event Determination Date falls prior to the first Interest Payment Date, no interest shall accrue on the Notes; or

- (d) "Accrual of Interest upon Credit Event" is specified as being Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Note shall cease to bear interest from the Event Determination Date.

(F) *Calculation of interest in respect of Swedish Notes*

For the purposes of calculation of any amount of interest on Swedish Notes, the provisions in this Condition 5 (*Interest*) shall be amended so that all periods shall consist of the period from (but excluding) the first day of the relevant period up to (and including) the last day of the relevant period.

6. **Payments**

(A) *Method of Payment*

Payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due on the Notes shall be paid to the person shown on the Register on the Record Date. Payments in respect of each Note shall be made in the relevant Specified Currency by cheque drawn on a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency and mailed to the Noteholder (or the first named of joint holders) of such Note at its address appearing in the Register. Upon application by the Noteholder to the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent before the Record Date, such payment may be made by transfer to an account in the Specified Currency maintained by the payee with a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency.

Payments 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 9 (*Taxation*).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Condition 6(A) (*Payments – Method of Payment*), payments in CNY will be made solely by credit or transfer to a CNY account maintained by the payee with a bank in the CNY Settlement Centre in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines.

(B) *Payments in respect of Swedish Notes and Finnish Notes*

Payments of principal and/or interest in respect of Swedish Notes shall be made to the Holders registered as such on the fifth business day (as defined by the then applicable Swedish CSD Rules) before the due date for such payment, or such other business day falling closer to the due date as then may be stipulated in the Swedish CSD Rules. Such day shall be the Record Date in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules. Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment and will be made in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules. All such payments will be made outside of the United States.

Payments of principal and/or interest in respect of Finnish Notes shall be made to the Holders registered as such on the business day (as defined by the then applicable Euroclear Finland Rules) before the due date for such payment, or such other business day falling closer to the due date as then may be stipulated in the Euroclear Finland Rules. Such day shall be the Record Date in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules. Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment and will be made in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules. All such payments will be made outside of the United States.

(C) *Payments in respect of Registered Notes*

(a) *Payments in respect of Definitive Registered Notes*

Payments of principal, instalments of principal (if any) and interest in respect of Definitive Registered Notes will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (A) above to the person shown in the Register on the Record Date.

(b) *Payments in respect of Global Registered Notes*

All payments in respect of a Global Registered Note will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (A) above to the person shown in the Register on the Record Date.

(D) *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note is not a Payment Day, the Holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until (i) if "Following" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day or (ii) if "Modified Following" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day unless that Payment Day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the first preceding Payment Day, in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay or amendment. For these purposes, "**Payment Day**" means any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchanges and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (a) the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (or (A) in the case of an amount payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) system or any successor thereto (the "**TARGET2 System**") is operating or (B) in the case of an amount payable in CNY, 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 CNY Settlement Centre);
- (b) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if the Additional Financial Centre is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be or to include "TARGET", then Payment Day shall also be a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating; and
- (c) London and (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) New York City.

(E) *Interpretation of principal and interest*

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) any Additional Amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 9 (*Taxation*);
- (b) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (c) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes
- (d) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (e) the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price (if any) in respect of the Notes;
- (f) the Disruption Cash Settlement Price (if any) in respect of the Notes;
- (g) the Credit Event Redemption Amount (if any) in respect of the Notes;
- (h) the Partial Cash Settlement Amount (if any) in respect of the Notes;
- (i) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (j) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 7(G)(c)); and
- (k) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any Additional Amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 9 (*Taxation*).

(F) *Definition of Affiliate*

"**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.

(G) *Payment Disruption*

(a) *Occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event*

If the applicable Final Terms specifies "Payment Disruption Event" or "CNY Payment Disruption Event" to be applicable, in the event that the Calculation Agent, at any time and from time to time, determines in its sole discretion that a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, has occurred or is likely to occur, then the Calculation Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Holders of the relevant Notes of the occurrence of such Payment Disruption Event or CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

(b) *Consequences of a Payment Disruption Event*

Upon the occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event:

(i) *Extension of relevant dates*

The Calculation Agent may extend the Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date or any other date on which the Notes may be redeemed or any amount shall be due and payable in respect of the relevant Notes, subject to Condition 6(G)(e), to a date falling five Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) after the date on which the Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring and notice thereof shall be given to the relevant Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

(ii) *Obligation to pay postponed*

The Calculation Agent may postpone the Issuer's obligation to pay the Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or any such other amounts in respect of the relevant Notes, subject to Condition 6(G)(e), until five Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) after the date on which the Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring.

(iii) *Issuer's option to vary settlement*

Notwithstanding the Issuer's right to extend the dates for payments in accordance with Condition 6(G)(b)(i) or postpone payment in accordance with Condition 6(G)(b)(ii), as applicable, the Issuer may, if practicable (and to the extent lawful), and at the Issuer's sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) make payments due to be made in the Subject Currency in the Base Currency, converted from the Subject Currency into the Base Currency at a rate reasonably selected by the Calculation Agent;
- (2) make payments due to be made in the Base Currency in the Subject Currency, disregarding any obligation to convert amounts into the Base Currency;

- (3) in the case of Share Linked Notes, deliver the Shares in lieu of cash settlement; or
- (4) in the case of Share Linked Notes which reference a basket of Shares, elect to satisfy in part its obligation to pay the amounts as may be due and payable under the relevant Notes by making partial payment(s) or partial deliveries, as the case may be (the "**Partial Distributions**"). Any Partial Distribution made by the Issuer to the Holders will be calculated and/or determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and shall be paid and/or delivered to the Holders *pro rata* (as far as possible, subject to any necessary adjustments for rounding) to the proportion of the Notes of the same Series held by the relevant Holder. In the event that any Partial Distribution is made by the Issuer, the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, make any such corresponding adjustment to any variable relevant to the redemption or payment terms of the relevant Notes as it deems necessary and shall notify the relevant Holders thereof in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

Any payments or deliveries made in accordance with this Condition 6(G)(b)(iii) shall satisfy and discharge in full (in the case of payments or deliveries made in accordance with paragraphs (1) to (3)) and in part (in the case of Partial Distributions made in accordance with paragraph (4)) the Issuer's obligation to pay the Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or other amount in respect of which the Payment Disruption Event has arisen, and no further amounts shall be due and payable by the Issuer in respect thereof.

(c) *Consequences of a CNY Payment Disruption Event*

Upon the occurrence of a CNY Payment Disruption Event:

(i) *Extension of relevant dates*

If "Extension" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then Condition 6(G)(b)(i) shall apply, provided that the reference therein to "Payment Disruption Event" shall be construed as a reference to "CNY Payment Disruption Event".

(ii) *Obligation to pay postponed*

If "Payment Postponement" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then Condition 6(G)(b)(ii) shall apply, provided that the reference therein to "Payment Disruption Event" shall be construed as a reference to "CNY Payment Disruption Event".

(iii) *Payment of Equivalent Amount*

If "Payment of Equivalent Amount" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and the Calculation Agent determines that such CNY Payment Disruption Event is material in relation to the Issuer's obligations under the relevant Notes to pay any Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant Notes on the relevant Interest Payment Date, Maturity Date, or such other date on which any amount in respect of the relevant Notes shall be due and payable (such date, the "**Affected Payment Date**"), then the Issuer shall, on giving notice to Holders prior to the relevant Affected Payment Date, make payment of the Equivalent Amount of the relevant Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or such other amount payable (if applicable) on the relevant Affected Payment Date in full and final settlement of its obligations to pay such Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Redemption Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant Notes.

(d) *Payments net of expenses*

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, (a) any payments made in accordance with Condition 6(G)(b) or Condition 6(G)(c), as the case may be, shall be made after deduction of any costs, expenses or liabilities incurred or to be incurred by the Calculation Agent or Issuer in connection with or arising from the resolution of the relevant Payment Disruption Event(s) or CNY Payment Disruption Event(s), as the case may be, and (b) no interest shall be paid by the Issuer in respect of any delay which may occur in the payment of any amounts due and payable under the Notes as a result of the operation of Condition 6(G)(b) or Condition 6(G)(c), as the case may be.

(e) *Payment Event Cut-Off Date*

In the event that a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, is still occurring on the Payment Event Cut-Off Date, then the Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date, or any other date on which any Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant Notes shall be due and payable (as the case may be) for the relevant Notes shall be deemed to fall on the Payment Event Cut-Off Date. In such circumstances, the Holder will not receive any amounts. Thereafter, the Issuer shall have no obligations whatsoever under the Notes.

For the purposes of this Condition 6(G) (*Payments – Payment Disruption*):

**"Base Currency"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*";

**"CNY"** means Chinese Renminbi, the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China (including any lawful successor currency to the CNY);

**"CNY Payment Disruption Event"** means the occurrence of any of the following events:

1. an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the Issuer to convert any amounts in CNY due in respect of the Notes in the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), other than where such impossibility or impracticality is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Trade Date, and it is impossible or impractical for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation) (a **"CNY Inconvertibility Event"**);
2. an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the Issuer to (i) deliver CNY between accounts inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), or (ii) from an account inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) to an account outside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) (including, if applicable, to another CNY Settlement Centre), other than where such impossibility or impracticality is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Trade Date and it is impossible or impractical for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation) (a **"CNY Non-Transferability Event"**); and
3. the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre becomes illiquid as a result of which the Issuer cannot obtain sufficient CNY in order to satisfy its payment obligations (in whole or in part) under the Notes (a **"CNY Non-Availability Event"**);

**"CNY Settlement Centre"** means the financial centre(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**"Equivalent Amount"** means, in respect of the relevant Interest Amount, Fixed Coupon Amount, Final Redemption Amount or other amount payable (if applicable) on the relevant Affected Payment Date (for these purposes, the **"Relevant Amount"**), an amount in the Base



Currency determined by the Calculation Agent by converting the Relevant Amount into the Base Currency using the Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate for the relevant Affected Payment Date;

**"Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any relevant day, the spot exchange rate on such day between CNY and the Base Currency, determined by the Calculation Agent, taking into account all available information which the Calculation Agent deems relevant (including, but not limited to, pricing information obtained from the CNY non-deliverable market outside the People's Republic of China and/or the CNY foreign exchange market in the People's Republic of China);

**"Governmental Authority"** means any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of the People's Republic of China, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and any other CNY Settlement Centre;

**"impractical" or "impracticability"** means, in respect of any action to be taken by the Issuer, that the Issuer and/or its Affiliates would incur a materially increased amount of taxes, duties, expenses or fees (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) to perform such action, or the Issuer and/or any Affiliates would be in breach of any law, rule, regulation, guideline or internal policy of the Issuer and/or its Affiliates, if such action were to be performed;

**"Payment Disruption Event"** means:

- (i) the occurrence of either (a) an Inconvertibility Event and/or (b) a Non-Transferability Event (each as defined in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*");
- (ii) the imposition by the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (or any political or regulatory authority thereof) of any capital controls, or the publication of any notice of an intention to do so, which the Calculation Agent determines in good faith is likely materially to affect the Notes, and notice thereof is given by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*); or
- (iii) the implementation by the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (or any political or regulatory authority thereof) or the publication of any notice of an intention to implement any changes to the laws or regulations relating to foreign investment in the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (including, but not limited to, changes in tax laws and/or laws relating to capital markets and corporate ownership), which the Calculation Agent determines are likely to affect materially the Issuer's ability to hedge its obligations under the Notes;

**"Payment Event Cut-Off Date"** means the date which is one year after the Maturity Date, or as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and notified to Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*);

**"Subject Currency"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*";

**"Subject Currency Jurisdiction"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*".

## 7. Redemption and Purchase

### (A) Redemption at Maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note (other than a Credit Linked Note) will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date or, if the Notes are specified as Physical

Delivery Notes in the applicable Final Terms, by delivery of the Entitlement (subject as provided in "Annex 10 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes*") specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms on the Maturity Date.

(B) *Redemption for Tax Reasons*

The Issuer may redeem the Notes, in whole, but not in part, at any time prior to maturity at their Early Redemption Amount, together, if appropriate, with accrued interest to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption, if: (i) the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLB) the Guarantor shall determine that the Issuer would be required to pay Additional Amounts, as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*), on the occasion of the next payment due with respect to the Notes; (ii) any payment or deemed payment as determined for United States tax purposes with respect to the Notes or with respect to a direct or indirect hedging arrangement entered into by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates relating to the Notes may be treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for United States tax purposes (such event being a "**U.S. Withholding Tax Event**"); or (iii) in the case of Notes issued by MLB, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes, the Guarantor would be unable to procure the Issuer to make payment and, in making such payment itself under the Guarantee, the Guarantor would be required to pay Additional Amounts as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*).

Notice of intention to redeem Notes pursuant to this Condition 7(B) (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption for Tax Reasons*) will be given at least once in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 30 calendar days nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption, provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 calendar days prior to the effective date of such change or amendment and that at the time notice of such redemption is given, such obligation to pay such additional amounts remains in effect and cannot be avoided by the Issuer's taking reasonable measures available to it. From and after any redemption date, if monies for the redemption of Notes shall have been made available for redemption on such redemption date, such Notes shall cease to bear interest, if applicable, and the only right of the holders of such Notes shall be to receive payment of the Early Redemption Amount and, if appropriate, all unpaid interest accrued to such redemption date.

(C) *Redemption for Tax Compliance Reasons*

MLB may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to maturity, at their Early Redemption Amount, together, if appropriate, with accrued interest to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption, if MLB determines in good faith that it has, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, become subject to withholding imposed on a payment made to it on account of MLB's inability to comply with the reporting requirements imposed by the FATCA Provisions (as defined below), provided that such inability to comply with the reporting requirements is attributable to non-compliance by any Holder of such Notes (or a foreign withholding agent (if any) in the chain of custody of payments made to the Holders) with MLB's requests for certifications or identifying information (such redemption, a "**Redemption for Tax Compliance Reasons**"). Upon a Redemption for Tax Compliance Reasons, Notes held by compliant Holders, in addition to those held by non-compliant Holders, may be redeemed.

Notice of intention to redeem Notes pursuant to this Condition 7(C) will be given in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 30 calendar days nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption. From and after any redemption date, if monies for the redemption of Notes shall have been made available for redemption on such redemption date, such Notes shall cease to bear interest, if applicable, and the only right of the holders of such Notes shall be to receive payment of the Early Redemption Amount and, if appropriate, all unpaid interest accrued to such redemption date.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, the term "**FATCA Provisions**" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any successor provisions), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an

intergovernmental approach thereto whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.

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

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given:

- (a) not less than 30 nor more than 60 calendar days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) (or such other period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms); and
- (b) not less than two London Business Days' notice (or such other period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) before the giving of the notice referred to in (a), 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 such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and/or not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. 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 Individual Note Certificates, and in accordance with any applicable laws and the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a pro-rata reduction in nominal amount at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 60 calendar 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 Individual Note Certificates, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 30 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption. 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 (D) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) at least five calendar days' prior to the Selection Date.

(E) *Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the Holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 30 nor more than 60 calendar days' notice (or such other notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, 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. It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised, certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant, the provisions detailing such conditions and/or circumstances to be satisfied will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

If the Note is represented by an Individual Note Certificate and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of the Note the Holder of the Note must deliver at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of the Principal Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly signed and completed notice of exercise (a "**Put Notice**") in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent and in which the Holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition 7 (*Redemption and Purchase*) accompanied by the relevant Individual Note Certificate(s) or evidence satisfactory to the Principal Paying

Agent that the Individual Note Certificate(s) will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control.

If the 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 the Note the Holder of the Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Principal Paying Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on its instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Common Depositary or its nominee or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for them to the Principal Paying Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if the Note is represented by a Global Note, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Note to the Principal Paying Agent for notation accordingly.

Any Put Notice or other notice given in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg given by a Holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph (E) shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and is 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 (E) and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 11 (*Events of Default*).

(F) *Exercise of Options or Partial Redemption in respect of Definitive Registered Notes*

See Condition 2(D) above for information about the issuance of new Individual Note Certificates in the event of an exercise of an Issuer Call or Investor Put in respect of, or a partial redemption of, a holding of Definitive Registered Notes.

(G) *Early Redemption Amounts*

The Early Redemption Amount shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Note, a Share Linked Note, a GDR/ADR Linked Note, an FX Linked Note, a Commodity Linked Note, a Fund Linked Note, an Inflation Linked Note or a Credit Linked Note) with a Final Redemption Amount equal to 100 per cent. of its outstanding nominal amount, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (b) in the case of a Note other than those described in sub-paragraph (a) above or sub-paragraph (c) below, the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is specified in the applicable Final Terms, its nominal amount, provided that if "Market Value less Associated Costs (no floor)" or "Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Early Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount in respect of each Note of the Specified Denomination shall be an amount determined by the Calculation Agent which on (i) in the case of redemption other than pursuant to Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), the second Business Day immediately preceding the due date for the early redemption of such Note, or (ii) in the case of redemption pursuant to Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), the due date for the early redemption of such Note, represents the fair market value of such Note (taking into account all factors which the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant) less Associated Costs, and provided that no account shall be taken of the financial condition of the Issuer which shall be presumed to be able to perform fully its obligations in respect of the Notes and provided further that, if "Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Early Redemption Amount, in no event shall the Early Redemption Amount of each Note (in the case of an Instalment Note, when aggregated with the sum of any Instalment Amounts already paid in respect of such Note) be less than 90 per cent. of the Specified Denomination of such Note (or, in the case of a Partly Paid Note, 90 per cent. of the amount paid up in respect of such Note, or, in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, 90 per cent. of the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in sub-paragraph (c) below) of such Note); or

- (c) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note (other than an Index Linked Note, a Share Linked Note, a GDR/ADR Linked Note, an FX Linked Note, a Commodity Linked Note, a Fund Linked Note, an Inflation Linked Note or a Credit Linked Note), at an amount (the "**Amortised Face Amount**") calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} \times (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

"**RP**" means the Reference Price; and

"**AY**" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

"**y**" is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

As used herein:

"**Associated Costs**" means, an amount per Note of the Specified Denomination equal to such Notes' *pro rata* share of the total amount of any and all costs associated or incurred by the Issuer or any Affiliate in connection with such early redemption, including, without limitation, any costs associated with unwinding any funding relating to the Notes and any costs associated with unwinding any hedge positions relating to the Notes, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion.

(H) *Automatic Early Redemption Event*

If Automatic Early Redemption is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Automatic Early Redemption Event as specified in the applicable Final Terms occurs, then the Issuer will give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) and the Notes will be redeemed in whole, but not in part, on the Automatic Early Redemption Date as specified in the applicable Final Terms at the Automatic Early Redemption Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(I) *Instalments*

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (G) above.

(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 7 (*Redemption and Purchase*) and the applicable Final Terms.

(K) *Illegality*

In the event that the Issuer determines in good faith that (i) the performance of the Issuer's obligations under the Notes or that any arrangements made to hedge the Issuer's obligations under the Notes or (ii) in the case of Notes issued by MLBV, the performance by the Guarantor of any of its obligations under the Guarantee in respect of the Notes, has or will become, in whole or in part, unlawful, illegal or otherwise contrary to any present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative, judicial or regulatory authority or powers, or any change in the interpretation thereof that is applicable to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor, the Issuer may, at its discretion,

by giving, at any time, not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days' notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable), elect that such Notes be redeemed, in whole but not in part, on the date specified by the Issuer, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(L) *Purchases*

The Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) or any of their affiliates may at any time purchase Notes at any price in the open market or otherwise. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer or the Guarantor (if applicable), surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

(M) *Cancellation*

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled. All Notes so cancelled and any Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (L) above shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

(N) *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 paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) or (E) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 11 (*Events of Default*) 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 (G)(c) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (b) five calendar days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Principal Paying Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

(O) *Early redemption of Swedish Notes*

In the event of a partial redemption of Swedish Notes pursuant to Condition 7(D) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*) the notice to Holders shall specify the Notes or amounts of the Notes to be redeemed or in respect of which such Issuer call option has been so exercised, and the procedures for partial redemptions set out in the Swedish CSD Rules will be observed. The notice shall also specify the closed period for the purposes of Condition 2(B) (*Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland*) and the Swedish Record Date for the purposes of Condition 6(B) (*Payments in respect of Swedish Notes and Finnish Notes*).

In the event of an Investor Put in respect of Swedish Notes pursuant to Condition 7(E) (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*), a Put Notice in respect of Swedish Notes will not take effect against the Issuer before the date on which the relevant Swedish Notes have been transferred to the account designated by the Swedish Paying Agent and blocked for further transfer by the Swedish Paying Agent (such date will be the first date of a closed period for the purposes of Condition 2(B) (*Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland*)). No Swedish Note so transferred or blocked and option exercised may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

(P) *Early redemption of Finnish Notes*

In the event of a partial redemption of Finnish Notes pursuant to Condition 7(D) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*) the notice to Holders shall specify the Notes to be redeemed or in respect of which such Issuer call option has been so exercised, and the

procedures for partial redemptions set out in the Euroclear Finland Rules will be observed. The notice shall also specify the closed period for the purposes of Condition 2(B) (*Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland*) and the Finnish Record Date for the purposes of Condition 6(B) (*Payments in respect of Swedish Notes and Finnish Notes*).

In the event of an Investor Put in respect of Finnish Notes pursuant to Condition 7(E) (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*), a Put Notice in respect of Finnish Notes will not take effect against the Issuer before the date on which the relevant Finnish Notes have been transferred to the account designated by the Finnish Paying Agent and blocked for further transfer by the Finnish Paying Agent (such date will be the first date of a closed period for the purposes of Condition 2(B) (*Notes held in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Swedish CSD and Euroclear Finland*)). No Finnish Note so transferred or blocked and option exercised may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

#### 8. **Currency Substitution Event**

In the event that the Issuer and the Calculation Agent, in their discretion, determine that any Relevant Governmental Authority (as defined below) of a country, bloc of countries or other applicable sovereign entity or entities (each, an "**Applicable Jurisdiction**") announces or in any event effects (whether pursuant to legislation enacted for such purpose in the Applicable Jurisdiction, in accordance with or in breach of applicable international treaties, or in any other manner) the replacement of the lawful currency (the "**Initial Currency**") of an Applicable Jurisdiction with a substitute currency ("**Substitute Currency**") (for the avoidance of doubt, including circumstances in which a country (a "**Departing Country**") within a bloc of countries in a currency union passes legislation (or a Relevant Governmental Authority thereof announces that it will pass legislation or otherwise seeks) to effect or does effect the withdrawal of such Departing Country from the currency bloc and the replacement of the currency of the currency union with another currency as the official currency of the Departing Country) (any such event being a "**Currency Substitution Event**"), and:

- (a) the calculation of amounts to be paid or assets to be delivered under any Note is linked to one or more Reference Item(s), and the currency by which the Reference Item(s) and/or any component(s) thereof is priced, quoted or traded is (or, in the Issuer's reasonable opinion is likely to be), as a result of the Currency Substitution Event, redenominated from the Initial Currency into the Substitute Currency; and/or
- (b) the calculation of amounts to be paid or assets to be delivered under any Note is linked to one or more floating rates of interest based on or related to amounts denominated in the Initial Currency; and/or
- (c) the Hedging Arrangements (as defined below) in respect of any Note have been materially adversely affected by (A) the Currency Substitution Event and/or (B) capital controls or other restrictions imposed by a Relevant Governmental Authority of the Applicable Jurisdiction, and the Hedging Party (as defined below) is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to alter or modify the Hedging Arrangements and/or establish alternate Hedging Arrangements to fully account for the material adverse effect of (A) and/or (B) above,

then, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent may, in their discretion:

- (x) make such adjustments, as shall be notified to each holder of the relevant Notes, to the exercise, settlement, valuation, calculation, payment and/or any other Terms and Conditions of the Note as the Issuer determines appropriate to (i) (in the case of (a) or (b) above) preserve the economic terms of such Notes as of the Issue Date, including, without limitation, making any currency conversion necessary as part of any such adjustment based on the relevant official conversion rate or at an appropriate market rate of exchange determined by the Calculation Agent to be prevailing as of any relevant time and date, or (ii) (in the case of (c) above) account for the material

adverse effect on the Hedging Arrangements and in order to effect a commercially reasonable result; or

- (y) redeem such Notes on such day as shall be notified to the relevant Holders at their Early Redemption Amount, which amount shall be the Market Value less Associated Costs (no floor) or the Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor) as provided in Condition 7(G) and as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the avoidance of doubt, the circumstances and consequences described in this Condition 8 (*Currency Substitution Event*) and any resulting or alternative adjustments to the exercise, settlement, valuation, calculation, payment and/or any other Terms and Conditions of the Notes will not entitle any holder of such Notes (A) to any legal remedy, including, without limitation, rescission, repudiation, or renegotiation of the Notes, or (B) to raise any defence or make any claim (including, without limitation, claims of breach, force majeure, frustration of purpose, or impracticability) or any other claim for compensation, damages, or any other relief.

For the purposes of this Condition 8 (*Currency Substitution Event*):

**"Hedging Arrangements"** means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more (a) positions or contracts in securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange or (b) other instruments or arrangements (howsoever described) in order to hedge individually or on a portfolio basis the Issuer's obligations under any Note.

**"Hedging Party"** means, the Issuer or any of the Issuer's affiliate(s) or any entity (or entities) acting on the Issuer's behalf engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions relating to any Note and/or underlying market measure(s) in respect of the Issuer's obligations under the Note.

**"Relevant Governmental Authority"** means, in relation to any Applicable Jurisdiction, any de facto or de jure government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of such Applicable Jurisdiction.

## 9. **Taxation**

The Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor will, subject to certain limitations and exceptions (set forth below), pay to a Noteholder who is a United States Alien or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) a Netherlands Non-resident (each as defined below) such additional amounts ("**Additional Amounts**") as may be necessary so that every net payment of principal or interest or other amount with respect to the Notes or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantee after deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed upon such Noteholder or by reason of the making of such payment, by the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable) or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, will not be less than the amount provided for in the Notes or the Guarantee (as applicable) to be then due and payable, as the case may be. Neither the Issuer nor (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor shall be required to make any payment of Additional Amounts for or on account of:

- (a) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which would not have been imposed but for (i) the existence of any present or former connection between such Noteholder (or between a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member or shareholder of, or possessor of a power over, such Noteholder if such Noteholder is an estate, trust, partnership or corporation) and the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, including, without limitation, such Noteholder (or such fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member, shareholder or possessor) being or having been a citizen or resident or treated as a resident of the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, or being or having been present or engaged in a trade or business in the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may



be, or having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, or (ii) the presentation of a Note for payment on a date more than 15 calendar days after the date on which such payment became due and payable or the date on which payment thereof is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

- (b) any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, excise, wealth or personal property or any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (c) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by reason of such Noteholder's past or present status as a personal holding company, foreign personal holding company, passive foreign investment company, private foundation, or other tax-exempt entity, or controlled foreign corporation for United States tax purposes or a corporation which accumulates earnings to avoid United States federal income tax;
- (d) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which is payable otherwise than by withholding from payments of principal or interest or other amount with respect to the Notes;
- (e) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed as a result of such Noteholder's past or present status as the actual or constructive owner of 10 per cent. or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Issuer entitled to vote;
- (f) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed as a result of such Noteholder being a bank receiving payments on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business;
- (g) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be withheld or deducted 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 law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the agreements concluded by each member of the European Union with several dependant or associated territories of the European Union, aiming to apply measures similar to the ones deriving from European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such agreements);
- (h) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which would not have been imposed but for the failure to comply with certification, information or other reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States or The Netherlands (as applicable), as the case may be, of the Noteholder or of the beneficial owner of such Note, if such compliance is required by statute or by Regulation of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or of the relevant Netherlands authority (as applicable), as the case may be, as a precondition to relief or exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (i) any tax, assessment, or other government charge imposed on a payment of principal or interest (or any other payment) on any Note which is an Index Linked Note, Share Linked Note, GDR/ADR Linked Note, FX Linked Note, Commodity Linked Note, Fund Linked Note, Inflation Linked Note, Credit Linked Note or Note linked to other Reference Item(s) and in respect of which the holder may not receive at least 90 per cent. of the Specified Denomination per Note (or, in the case of a Partly Paid Note, 90 per cent. of the amount paid up in respect of such Note or, in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, 90 per cent. of the Amortised Face Amount of such Note), unless in each case the applicable Final Terms specify that this paragraph (i) of Condition 9 (*Taxation*) shall not apply;
- (j) any tax, assessment, or governmental charge imposed solely because the payment is to be made by a particular Paying Agent or a particular office of a Paying Agent and would not be imposed if made by another agent or by another office of this agent;

- (k) any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any successor provisions), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time;
- (l) any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the payment being treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for United States tax purposes; or
- (m) any combination of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k) and (l) above,

nor shall additional amounts be paid to any United States Alien or Netherlands Non-resident (as applicable), as the case may be, which is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of the Note to the extent a beneficiary or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner of the Note would not have been entitled to payment of the additional amounts had such beneficiary, settlor, member or beneficial owner been the holder of the Note.

The term "**United States Alien**" means any corporation, partnership, entity, individual, or fiduciary that is for United States federal income tax purposes (1) a foreign corporation, (2) a foreign partnership to the extent one or more of the members of which is, for United States federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, or a foreign estate or trust, (3) a non-resident alien individual, or (4) a foreign estate or trust.

The term "**Netherlands Non-resident**" means any individual, corporation, partnership or any other entity that for Netherlands tax purposes is a non-resident individual, non-resident corporation, non-resident partnership or any other non-resident entity.

#### 10. **Prescription**

The Notes will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined below) therefor.

As used herein, the "**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Principal Paying Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

#### 11. **Events of Default**

##### (A) *Notes issued by MLBV*

The occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to any Series of Notes issued by MLBV shall constitute an "**Event of Default**" with respect to such Series:

- (a) default shall be made in the payment of any amount of interest due in respect of any such Notes and the default continues for a period of 30 calendar days after the due date; or
- (b) default shall be made in the payment of any principal of any such Notes or in the delivery when due of the Entitlement in respect of any such Notes (in each case whether at maturity or upon redemption or otherwise), and such default continues for a period of 30 calendar days after the due date; or
- (c) MLBV or the Guarantor shall fail to perform or observe any other term, covenant or agreement contained in the Terms and Conditions applicable to any of such Notes or in the English Law Agency Agreement or the Guarantee for the period of 90 calendar

days after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring MLBV or the Guarantor, as the case may be, to remedy the same, first shall have been given to the Principal Paying Agent, MLBV and the Guarantor by Holders of at least 33 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of any such Notes outstanding; or

- (d) a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall have entered a decree or order granting relief with respect to MLBV or the Guarantor in an involuntary proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, trustee, assignee, custodian or sequestrator (or similar official) of MLBV or the Guarantor or of all or substantially all of its property or for the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and such decree or order shall have remained in force and unstayed for a period of 60 consecutive calendar days; or
- (e) MLBV or the Guarantor shall institute proceedings for relief under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or any other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the institution of any such proceedings against it, or shall consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, trustee, assignee, custodian or sequestrator (or similar official) of it or of all or substantially all of its property, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall fail generally to pay its debts as they become due, or shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing.

If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing with respect to any Series of Notes issued by MLBV, then the Holders of at least 33 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of such Notes outstanding may, at their option, declare such Notes to be due and payable immediately at the Early Redemption Amount, together with interest, if any, accrued thereon by written notice to MLBV, the Guarantor and the Principal Paying Agent at its main office in London, and if any such default is not waived in accordance with Condition 11(D) or cured by MLBV or the Guarantor, as the case may be, prior to receipt of such written notice, such Notes shall become and be immediately due and payable at the Early Redemption Amount, together with the interest, if any, accrued on such Notes.

(B) *Notes issued by BAC*

The occurrence of any of the following events with respect to any Series of Notes issued by BAC shall constitute an "**Event of Default**" with respect to such Series:

- (a) BAC shall fail to pay the principal amount of any of such Notes or in the delivery of the Entitlement when due whether at maturity or upon early redemption or otherwise; or
- (b) BAC shall fail to pay any instalment of interest, other amounts payable, or Additional Amounts on any of such Notes for a period of 30 calendar days after the due date; or
- (c) BAC shall fail duly to perform or observe any other term, covenant, or agreement applicable to such Notes contained in any of such Notes or in the New York Law Agency Agreement for a period of 90 calendar days after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring BAC to remedy the same, shall first have been given to BAC, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent by the holders of at least 25.00 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of such Notes at the time outstanding; provided, however, that in the event BAC within the aforesaid period of 90 calendar days shall commence legal action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking a determination that BAC had not failed duly to perform or observe the term or terms, covenant or covenants, or agreement or agreements specified in the aforesaid notice, such failure shall not be an Event of Default unless the same continues for a period of ten calendar days after the date of any final determination to the effect that BAC had failed to duly perform or observe one or more of such terms, covenants, or agreements; or
- (d) a court having jurisdiction in the premises shall enter a decree or order for relief in respect of BAC in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganisation, or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or

appointing a receiver, liquidator, conservator, assignee, custodian, trustee, or sequestrator (or similar official) of BAC or for any substantial part of its property or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of its affairs and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive calendar days; or

- (e) BAC shall commence a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, receivership, reorganisation, or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, or shall consent to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, conservator, assignee, trustee, custodian, or sequestrator (or similar official) of BAC or for any substantial part of its property, or shall make any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due or shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing.

If an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing with respect to any Series of Notes issued by BAC, then the Noteholders of at least 25.00 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of such Notes outstanding, by written notice to BAC, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent, may declare such Notes to be due and payable immediately at the Early Redemption Amount (together with accrued and unpaid interest (if any) to (but excluding) the date of repayment and any Additional Amounts (if any) thereon) and if any such Event of Default is not waived, in accordance with Condition 11(D), prior to or shall continue at the time of receipt of such written notice, such amounts shall become immediately due and payable. Upon payment of such amounts, all of BAC's obligations in respect of payment of principal of, interest on, or any other amounts then payable on (and Additional Amounts, if any) such Notes shall terminate. Interest on overdue principal, interest or any other amounts then payable thereon (and Additional Amounts, if any) shall accrue from the date on which such principal, interest or any other amounts then payable (and Additional Amounts, if any) were due and payable to the date such principal, interest or any other amounts payable (and Additional Amounts, if any) are paid or duly provided for, at the rate borne by such Notes (to the extent payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable).

- (C) At any time after any Series of Notes has become due and payable following a declaration of acceleration made in accordance with this Condition 11 and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due with respect to such Notes has been obtained by any Noteholder of such Notes, such declaration and its consequences may be rescinded and annulled upon the written consent of Noteholders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes then outstanding, or by resolution adopted by a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes outstanding present or represented at a meeting of Noteholders of such Notes at which a quorum is present, as provided in the applicable Agency Agreement, if:
  - (i) (A) the Issuer has paid, or has deposited with the relevant clearing system, a sum sufficient to pay:
    - (1) all overdue amounts of interest on such Notes;
    - (2) the principal of such Notes which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration; or
  - (B) in the case of Notes to be redeemed by physical delivery, the Issuer has delivered the relevant assets to any agent appointed by the Issuer to deliver such assets to the Noteholders; and
  - (ii) all Events of Default with respect to such Notes, other than the non-payment of the principal of such Notes which has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Condition 11(D) below.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

- (D) Any default by the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor, other than the events described in Condition 11(A)(a), Condition 11(A)(b), Condition 11(B)(a) or Condition 11(B)(b), and other than an event described in Condition 11(A)(c) or Condition

11(B)(c) in respect of a covenant or provision of these Conditions which cannot be amended or modified without the passing of an Extraordinary Resolution of Noteholders, may be waived by the written consent of Noteholders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes then outstanding affected thereby, or by resolution adopted by a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Notes then outstanding present or represented at a meeting of Noteholders of such Notes affected thereby at which a quorum is present, as provided in the applicable Agency Agreement. Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of the applicable Agency Agreement, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

## 12. **Replacement of Notes**

Should any Note be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 13. **Paying Agents, Registrar and Calculation Agent**

### (A) *Paying Agents and Registrar*

The names of the initial Paying Agent and the Registrar and their initial specified offices are set out below.

In the case of Swedish Notes, the Issuer has appointed the Swedish Paying Agent. The Swedish Paying Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency and trust with, the Holders.

In the case of Finnish Notes, the Issuer has appointed the Finnish Paying Agent. The Finnish Paying Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency and trust with, the Holders.

The Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor are entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent or the Registrar and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents or Registrars and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent or Registrar acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar (which, in the case of the Registrar, shall be an entity with a specified office outside the United Kingdom);
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent, which may be the Principal Paying Agent, with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority;
- (c) so long as there is any Swedish Note outstanding, there will at all times be a Swedish Paying Agent (*Swedish: emissionsinstitut*) who shall be duly authorised as an account operator and issuing agent under the Swedish CSD Rules;
- (d) so long as there is any Finnish Note outstanding, there will at all times be a Finnish Paying Agent who shall be duly authorised as an account operator and issuing agent under the Euroclear Finland Rules; and
- (e) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

Notice of any variation, termination, appointment or change in the Paying Agents or the Registrar will be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

In acting under the applicable Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents and the Registrar act solely as agents of the Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders. The applicable Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent or the Registrar is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent or registrar, as applicable.

(B) *Calculation Agent*

In relation to each issue of Notes, the Calculation Agent (whether it be Merrill Lynch International or another entity) acts solely as agent of the Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Noteholders. All calculations and determinations made in respect of the Notes by the Calculation Agent shall be in its sole and absolute discretion (unless, in respect of the particular calculation or determination to be made, the Terms and Conditions provide that it shall be made in a "commercially reasonable manner"), in good faith, and shall (save in the case of wilful default, bad faith, manifest error or proven error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor, the Paying Agents and the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent upon any such calculations and determinations, and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders shall attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer, delegate any of its obligations and functions to a third party as it deems appropriate.

14. **Notices**

All notices regarding the Notes will be deemed to be validly given:

- (a) if, in respect of notices to Holders of Definitive Registered Notes, mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register. Such notices will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the date of mailing;
- (b) if, in respect of any Notes that are admitted to trading on the Euro MTF, and listed on the Official List, of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg and/or on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)). Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers; or
- (c) as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

In the case of Swedish Notes, all notices to Holders shall be valid if delivered by mail to the address registered for such Holder in the Swedish Register or otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Swedish CSD.

In the case of Finnish Notes, all notices to Holders shall be valid if (A) delivered by mail from the Issuer or the Finnish Paying Agent to the address registered for such Holder in the Finnish Register, (B) delivered by e-mail or other electronic means such as a SWIFT message from the Issuer or the Finnish Paying Agent to the e-mail, SWIFT or relevant electronic address for such Holder as provided by Euroclear Finland, (C) published in a leading Finnish language daily newspaper of general circulation in Helsinki (which is expected to be *Kauppalehti*) or (D) otherwise given in accordance with the rules and regulations of Euroclear Finland.

Until such time as any Individual Note Certificates are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) (as described in Condition 14(b)) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable for communication by them to the Holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Holders of the Notes on the day on which such notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with, in the case of Definitive Registered Notes, the related Individual Note Certificate (if applicable), with the Principal Paying Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Principal Paying Agent through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### 15. **Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver**

The applicable Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of Notes of a particular Series to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of such Notes or any of the provisions of the applicable Agency Agreement. In the case of Notes issued by MLBV, such a meeting may be convened by the Guarantor and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by the Noteholders holding not less than 33 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes of the affected Series for the time being outstanding. In the case of Notes issued by BAC, such a meeting may be convened by BAC and shall be convened by BAC if required in writing by the Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes of the affected Series for the time being outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons present and holding or representing in the aggregate not less than 50 per cent. (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) or a clear majority (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) in nominal amount of the Notes of the affected Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons present 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 (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the Entitlement or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes except, in each case, in accordance with these Conditions), the quorum shall be one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than two-thirds (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) or three-quarters (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) in nominal amount of the Notes of the affected Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than one-third (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) or one-quarter (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) in nominal amount of the Notes of the affected Series for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Holders of the Notes of a particular Series shall be binding on all the Holders of Notes of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting.

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

- (a) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Notes or the applicable Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes or the applicable 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.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable thereafter.

**16. Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

If the Issuer issues further Notes of the same Series during the initial 40-day restricted period applicable to the outstanding Notes of such Series, then such 40-day period will be extended until 40 calendar days after the later of the commencement of the offering of such further issue of Notes and the Issue Date of such further issue of Notes. In addition, if the Issuer issues further Notes of the same Series after the expiration of the 40-day restricted period, a new 40-day restricted period will be applied to such further issue of Notes without applying to the outstanding Notes. After the expiration of the new 40-day restricted period, all such Notes will be consolidated with and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

**17. Consolidation or Merger**

**(A) Notes issued by *MLBV***

The Issuer or the Guarantor may consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, or merge with or into any other company provided that in any such case, (i) (a) in the case of the Issuer, either the Issuer shall be the continuing company, or the successor company shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of all amounts or delivery of all assets, as the case may be, (including Additional Amounts as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*)) payable or deliverable, as applicable, with respect to the Notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the obligations under the Conditions to be performed by the Issuer by an amendment to the English Law Agency Agreement executed by, *inter alios*, such successor company, the Guarantor, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent, and (b) in the case of the Guarantor, the Guarantor shall be the continuing company, or the successor company shall be a company organised and existing under the laws of the United States or a state thereof or the District of Columbia and such successor company shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of all amounts or delivery of all assets, as the case may be, (including additional amounts as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*)) payable or deliverable, as applicable, with respect to the Guarantee by the execution of a new guarantee of like tenor and (ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default under Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), and no event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become such an Event of Default shall have happened and be continuing. In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon any such assumption by the successor company, such successor company shall succeed to and be substituted for the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, and the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, except in the event of a conveyance by way of lease, shall be relieved of any further obligations under the Conditions, the English Law Agency Agreement and the Guarantee, as applicable.

**(B) Notes issued by *BAC***

The Issuer may consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, or merge with or into any other company provided that in any such case, (i) either the Issuer shall be the continuing company, or the successor company shall be a company organised and existing under the laws of the United States or a state thereof or the District of Columbia and such successor company shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of all amounts or delivery of all assets, as the case may be, (including Additional Amounts as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*)) payable or



deliverable, as applicable, with respect to the Notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the obligations under the Conditions to be performed by the Issuer by an amendment to the New York Law Agency Agreement executed by, *inter alios*, such successor company, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent, and (ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default under Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), and no event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become such an Event of Default shall have happened and be continuing. In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon any such assumption by the successor company, such successor company shall succeed to and be substituted for the Issuer with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the Issuer, and the Issuer, except in the event of a conveyance by way of lease, shall be relieved of any further obligations under the Conditions and the New York Law Agency Agreement.

18. **Business Days**

In these Terms and 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 London and (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) New York City and each Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if the Additional Business Centre is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be or to include "TARGET", then Business Day shall also be a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro or CNY, 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 London and any Additional Business Centre and 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 TARGET2 System is operating, or (3) in relation to any sum payable in CNY, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, 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 CNY Settlement Centre.

19. **Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

In the case of Notes issued by MLBV, no person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Notes under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

20. **Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction**

(A) *Governing law*

The English Law Agency Agreement, the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant and the Notes issued by MLBV and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the English Law Agency Agreement, the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant and such Notes (including without limitation any dispute, controversy, proceedings or claim of whatever nature (whether contractual, non-contractual or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to the English Law Agency Agreement, the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant and the Notes issued by MLBV or their respective formation) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

The New York Law Agency Agreement, the Notes issued by BAC and the Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

(B) *Submission to jurisdiction*

In relation to any legal action or proceedings ("**Proceedings**") arising out of or in connection with the Notes issued by MLBV, the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction and MLBV and the Noteholders submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. MLBV and the Noteholders waive any objection to Proceedings in the English courts on the grounds of venue or that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

In relation to Proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Notes issued by BAC, the U.S. federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in the City and State of New York has exclusive jurisdiction and BAC and the Noteholders submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such U.S. federal court solely for the purposes of any legal action or proceeding brought to enforce BAC's obligations under the New York Law Agency Agreement or the Notes issued by BAC. BAC and the Noteholders waive any objection to such U.S. federal court on the grounds of venue or that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

For greater certainty, the Guarantor has not submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts in the Guarantee, and claims under the Guarantee are required to be instituted in the U.S. federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in the City and State of New York.

(C) *Appointment of Process Agent*

MLBV hereby appoints Merrill Lynch Corporate Services Limited currently at 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ as its agent in England to receive service of process in any Proceedings in England. If for any reason such process agent ceases to act as such or no longer has an address in England, MLBV agrees to appoint a substitute process agent and to notify the Holders of such appointment. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

BAC hereby appoints CT Corporation System at 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10011 as its agent upon whom process may be served in any suit, action, or proceeding relating to or arising out of the New York Law Agency Agreement or the Notes issued by BAC and with a copy to BAC at Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, NC1-007-06-10, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Attn: Corporate Treasury Global Funding Transaction Management, and with an additional copy to Bank of America Corporation, Legal Department, NC1-027-18-05, 214 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065, Attn: General Counsel.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE NOTES**

The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes issued by BAC will be used for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, BAC's working capital needs; the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, its subsidiaries; possible investments in, or acquisitions of assets and liabilities of, other financial institutions or other businesses; possible reductions, redemptions or repurchases of outstanding indebtedness; possible repayments on outstanding indebtedness; or otherwise in the ordinary course of BAC's business. From time to time BAC may engage in additional capital financings of a character and in amounts that it will determine in light of its needs at such time or times and in light of prevailing market conditions. If BAC elects at the time of issuance of Notes to make different or more specific use of proceeds other than those set forth in this Offering Circular, BAC will describe that use in the applicable Final Terms.

MLBV intends to use the net proceeds from the issue and sale of the Notes for general corporate purposes, including making general loans to affiliates which may use such proceeds for their general corporate purposes.

**FORM OF FINAL TERMS OF THE W&C INSTRUMENTS**

[Date]

**[MERRILL LYNCH B.V.] [MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS AG]  
[MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V.]**

**Issue of [Title of W&C Instruments]**

**under the Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch B.V., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets  
AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.  
Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme**

**irrevocably guaranteed by Bank of America Corporation**

*[Include the following warning for all W&C Instruments where capital is at risk:*

**INVESTING IN THE W&C INSTRUMENTS PUTS YOUR CAPITAL AT RISK. YOU MAY  
LOSE SOME [OR ALL] OF YOUR INVESTMENT.]**

The Offering Circular referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of W&C Instruments in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended by Directive 2010/73/EU, the "**Prospectus Directive**") (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the W&C Instruments. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the W&C Instruments in that Relevant Member State may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of W&C Instruments in any other circumstances.

[The W&C Instruments will not be offered, sold or otherwise distributed in or from Switzerland and neither these Final Terms nor any other document relating to the W&C Instruments may be distributed in Switzerland in connection with any such offering, sale or distribution except to selected qualified investors in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes.]<sup>1</sup>

The W&C Instruments are unsecured and are not and will not be savings accounts, deposits or obligations of, or otherwise guaranteed by, any bank. The W&C Instruments do not evidence deposits of Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank and are not insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other insurer or governmental agency or instrumentality.

[Each purchaser of Warrants being offered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person (as defined herein) is hereby notified that the offer and sale of such Warrants is being made in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), pursuant to Rule 144A ("**Rule 144A**") and the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"). The Non-COSI Guarantee has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act. The Issuer will offer and sell Warrants within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person through Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("**MLPF&S**") or one of its affiliates, which in each case is a U.S. registered broker dealer, in private transactions exclusively to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers (each a "**QIB**") as defined in Rule 144A who are also each a qualified purchaser (each a "**QP**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51)(A) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder, and who, as a condition to purchasing the Warrants will enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter for the benefit of MLPF&S, the Issuer and Bank of America Corporation (the "**Guarantor**") (together with their respective affiliates

<sup>1</sup> Consider including whenever W&C Instruments are not publicly offered in Switzerland.

and any persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with MLPF&S, the Issuer and the Guarantor). The exercise of the Warrants by, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person will be conditional upon such holder (and any person on whose behalf the holder is acting) being a QIB and a QP. See "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" and "Annex 11 - *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" in the Offering Circular. Investors in the Warrants will be deemed to have made or will be required to make certain representations and warranties in connection with purchasing the Warrants. See "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions" on pages 533 to 545 of the accompanying Offering Circular.]<sup>1</sup>

[The W&C Instruments, the relevant Guarantee and, in certain cases, the Entitlement have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), or under any U.S. state securities laws and the W&C Instruments may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered, exercised or redeemed, directly or indirectly, at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (as defined herein) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.]<sup>2</sup>

For the purposes hereof, "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.

*The purchase of W&C Instruments involves substantial risks and is suitable only for investors who have the knowledge and experience in financial and business matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and the merits of an investment in the W&C Instruments. Before making an investment decision, prospective purchasers of W&C Instruments should ensure that they understand the nature of the W&C Instruments and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they consider carefully, in the light of their own financial circumstances, financial condition and investment objectives, all the information set forth in the Offering Circular (including "Risk Factors" on pages 37 to 78 thereof) and these Final Terms.*

**[Unregulated Instruments: The Instruments do not constitute a participation in a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and are not subject to supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.]**

None of the W&C Instruments constitutes a participation in a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes. Therefore, none of the W&C Instruments is subject to approval, registration or supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA or any other regulatory authority in Switzerland. Accordingly, potential purchasers do not have the benefit of the specific investor protection provided under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and are exposed to the credit risk of the Issuer and Guarantor.]<sup>3</sup>

*[Insert any specific additional risk factors (relating only to the tranche of W&C Instruments documented by these Final Terms)]*

## PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 (the "**Offering Circular**") [as supplemented by the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular listed in the Annex hereto]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the W&C Instruments described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular [as supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the W&C Instruments is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular [as supplemented]. The Offering Circular [and the supplement[s] to the Offering

<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Rule 144A Warrants being offered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons.

<sup>2</sup> Include except in the case of Rule 144A Warrants being offered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons.

<sup>3</sup> Include in the case of W&C Instruments offered in or from Switzerland.

Circular] [is] [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the [specified office[s] of the Instrument Agent[s] for the time being in London and [New York City/Frankfurt/Stockholm/Helsinki/Zurich] and copies may be obtained from 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ and in electronic form on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

*[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under the Original Base Prospectus/Offering Circular (as defined below).]*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] dated [15 September 2009] [22 June 2010] [22 June 2011] [24 May 2012] [9 January 2013] [15 November 2013] (the "**Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]**") which are incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the W&C Instruments described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 [as supplemented by the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular listed in the Annex hereto], including the Conditions incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the W&C Instruments is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular (including those sections of the Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] incorporated by reference therein). The Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular] and the Offering Circular [and the supplement[s] to the Offering Circular] are available for viewing during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the [specified office[s] of the Instrument Agent[s] for the time being in London and [New York City/Frankfurt/Stockholm/Helsinki/Zurich] and copies may be obtained from 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ and in electronic form on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu))].

References herein to numbered Conditions are to the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" set forth in the [Offering Circular] [Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]] and words and expressions defined in such terms and conditions shall bear the same meaning in these Final Terms, save as where otherwise expressly provided. [References in the Offering Circular to "Instruments" and related references (including, but not limited to, "W&C Instruments" and "Instrument Agents") shall, for the purposes of the issue of the W&C Instruments, save where the context otherwise requires, be deemed to be references to "Securities" (including "W&C Securities" and "Security Agents").]

**[Suspension of trading: W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange may be suspended from trading]**

Based on Article 57 of the Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange (suspension of trading due to unusual circumstances) in combination with Article 10 et. seq. of the Additional Rules for the Listing of Derivatives, W&C Instruments linked to equity securities, bonds and commodities may be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and traded on the SIX Structured Products Exchange only if the underlying equity securities, bonds and commodities are also listed on a recognised securities exchange or have been admitted to trading on such exchange. Consequently, if the underlying equity securities, bonds and commodities are delisted on such recognised exchange, the SIX Structured Products Exchange may suspend trading in these W&C Instruments.<sup>1</sup>

Prospective investors should note that the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" set out in the [Offering Circular] [Original [Base Prospectus/Offering Circular]] and any non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection with, the W&C Instruments are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and the relevant Guarantee is governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

*No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representation not contained in or not consistent with these Final Terms, or any other information supplied in connection with the W&C Instruments and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Dealer.*

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<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

By investing in the W&C Instruments each investor represents that:

- (a) *Non-Reliance.* It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to invest in the W&C Instruments and as to whether the investment in the W&C Instruments is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgement and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Dealer as investment advice or as a recommendation to invest in the W&C Instruments, it being understood that information and explanations related to the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" shall not be considered to be investment advice or a recommendation to invest in the W&C Instruments. No communication (written or oral) received from the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Dealer shall be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of the investment in the W&C Instruments.
- (b) *Assessment and Understanding.* It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts, the terms and conditions and the risks of the investment in the W&C Instruments. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of the investment in the W&C Instruments.
- (c) *Status of Parties.* None of the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Dealer is acting as fiduciary for or adviser to it in respect of the investment in the W&C Instruments.

[These Final Terms shall also serve as a Confirmation by [name of applicable permitted dealer in the United States] pursuant to Rule 10b-10 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any other applicable rules and regulations.]<sup>1</sup>

These Final Terms relate to the Series of W&C Instruments as set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" below. References herein to "W&C Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to the relevant [Warrants/Certificates] that are the subject of these Final Terms and references to "W&C Instruments" and "W&C Instrument" shall be construed accordingly.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" or delete any inapplicable provision]

1. Issuer: [Merrill Lynch B.V.] [Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG]  
[Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.]<sup>2</sup>
2. Guarantor: Bank of America Corporation

#### SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR EACH SERIES

Series Number	No. of W&C Instruments issued	[No. of Warrants per Unit]	ISIN	Common Code	[Wertpapier-kennnummer (WKN) (German Security Code)]	[Mnemonic (insert in the case of a listing on Euronext Paris S.A.)]	Issue Price per [W&C Instrument/ Unit (in the case of Warrants only)]
[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]
[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]

3. Consolidation: [Not Applicable] [The W&C Instruments are to be consolidated and form a single Series with the [insert title of relevant series of W&C Instruments] issued on [insert issue date]] (N.B. Only applicable in relation to W&C Instruments which are fungible with

<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Rule 144A Warrants.

<sup>2</sup> Merrill Lynch B.V. may only issue Certificates. Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V. may issue Warrants or Certificates.

*an existing series of W&C Instruments)*

4. Type of W&C Instruments:

- (a) [Warrants] [Certificates]
- (b) [Index Linked W&C Instruments]
- [Share Linked W&C Instruments]
- [GDR/ADR Linked W&C Instruments]
- [FX Linked W&C Instruments]
- [Commodity Linked W&C Instruments]
- [Fund Linked W&C Instruments]
- [Inflation Linked W&C Instruments]
- [Long Credit Linked Certificates]
- [Short Credit Linked Certificates]
- [Long Credit Linked Warrants]
- [Short Credit Linked Warrants]
- [Saudi Share Linked Warrants]
- [(specify other type of W&C Instrument)]*

5. Trade Date:

[●]

*In respect of Rule 144A Warrants and Regulation S/Rule 144A Warrants only:* [The time of the transaction by each initial purchaser is available upon written request to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.]

6. Strike Date:

[●] *[insert date(s) and relevant fallback provisions if appropriate]*

7. Issue Date:

[●]

8. Exercise Date:

[Not Applicable] [[●], provided that, if such date is not an Exercise Business Day,<sup>1</sup> the Exercise Date shall be the immediately [preceding] [succeeding] Exercise Business Day (the "**Scheduled Exercise Date**") [.] [subject as provided in Credit Linked W&C Condition 4, [./and] [Credit Linked W&C Condition 5 [and] Credit Linked W&C Condition 6 [and] [Credit Linked W&C Condition 9] (*include for Credit Linked W&C Instruments*)]]

*(N.B. Only applicable in relation to European Style Warrants and Certificates)*

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<sup>1</sup> Exercise Business Day is only applicable to Warrants.



9. Settlement Date:
- (a) [●] [In relation to each Actual Exercise Date,] *(N.B. Insert for American Style Warrants)* [The] [the] [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date [provided that if the occurrence of a Disrupted Day has resulted in the Valuation Date for one or more [Indices] [Shares] being adjusted as specified in the definition of "Valuation Date" set out in the [Index Linked Conditions] [Share Linked Conditions], the Settlement Date shall be the fifth Business Day next following the last occurring Valuation Date in relation to any [Index] [Share]] [The fifth Business Day following the last occurring Averaging Date [provided that if the occurrence of a Disrupted Day has resulted in an Averaging Date for one or more [Indices] [Shares] being adjusted as specified in the definition of "Averaging Date" as specified in the [Index Linked Conditions] [Share Linked Conditions], the Settlement Date shall be the fifth Business Day next following the last occurring Averaging Date in relation to any [Index] [Share]] [The provisions of "Annex 12 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants" shall apply] [other] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled W&C Instruments)*.
- (b) **"Settlement Business Day"** means any day on which the clearing system is (or, but for the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event, would have been) open for the acceptance and execution of settlement instructions
- (N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments)*
10. Number of W&C Instruments being issued: The number of W&C Instruments being issued is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above
11. Issue Price: The issue price per [W&C Instrument] [Unit *(in relation to Warrants only)*] is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above
12. Cash Settlement Amount: *[Insert details of how Cash Settlement Amount is to be calculated]*
- For Saudi Share Linked Warrants only:* [The provisions of "Annex 12 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants" shall apply. The relevant Adjustment Factor is set out in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" in paragraph 37 of these Final Terms]
13. Business Day Centre(s): [●]

14. Settlement: [Cash Settled W&C Instruments] [and/or] [Physical Delivery W&C Instruments]  
*(N.B. Swedish W&C Instruments, Finnish W&C Instruments and Saudi Share Linked Warrants may only be Cash Settled)*
15. Issuer's Option to Vary Settlement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
16. Settlement Currency: [●]
17. Exchange Rate: The Exchange Rate for conversion of any amount into the Settlement Currency for the purposes of determining the Cash Settlement Amount is [●] [Not Applicable]  
*For Saudi Share Linked Warrants only: [The provisions of "Annex 12 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants" shall apply]*
18. Calculation Agent: [Merrill Lynch International] [*specify other*]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO WARRANTS

19. Type of Warrants: [European Style] [American Style] [*other*]  
*(N.B. Swedish Warrants and Finnish Warrants may only be European Style)*  
*If American Style:*  
[The Exercise Period in respect of the Warrants is from and including [●] to and including [●] [, or if [●] is not an Exercise Business Day, the immediately succeeding Exercise Business Day]]
20. Units: [Warrants must be exercised in Units. Each Unit consists of the number of Warrants set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above. *(N.B. This is in addition to any requirements relating to "Minimum Exercise Number" or "Maximum Exercise Number" set out below)*] [Not Applicable]
21. Exercise Price: The Exercise Price per [Warrant] [Unit] is [●] [Not Applicable]  
*(N.B. This should, in the case of Index Linked Warrants, be expressed as a monetary value. Not applicable for Saudi Share Linked Warrants)*
22. Automatic Exercise: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
*(N.B. Automatic exercise will always apply to Swedish Warrants and Finnish Warrants)*
23. Minimum Exercise Number: [The minimum number of Warrants that may be exercised on any day by any Holder is [●] [and Warrants may only be exercised in integral multiples of [●] Warrants in excess thereof]] [Not Applicable]

24. Maximum Exercise Number: [The maximum number of Warrants that must be exercised on any day by any Holder or group of Holders (whether or not acting in concert) is [●]]  
[Not Applicable] (*N.B. not applicable for European Style Warrants*)

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTIFICATES

25. Holder Put Option: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Holder Put Option Notice Period: [As specified in Condition 30(E)] [*specify other*]
- (b) Put Option Cash Settlement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (c) Put Option Cash Settlement Amount: [*insert details*]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO W&C INSTRUMENTS

26. Additional Amounts: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. Additional Amounts are not applicable for Finnish Certificates and Finnish Warrants)*
- For Saudi Share Linked Warrants only (sub-paragraphs are not required for Saudi Share Linked Warrants):*
- [Applicable. The provisions of "Annex 12 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants" shall apply]
- For Share Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that "Dividend Conditions" shall be applicable and that Share Linked Conditions 10 and 11 shall be applicable (sub-paragraphs are not required):*
- [Applicable. Share Linked Conditions 10 and 11 shall apply.]
- For Share Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that "LEPW Conditions" shall be applicable (sub-paragraphs are not required):*
- [Applicable. LEPW Conditions 2 and 3 shall apply]
- For Fund Linked Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that "Dividend Conditions" shall be applicable and that Fund Linked Conditions 14 and 15 shall be applicable (sub-paragraphs are not required):*
- [Applicable. Fund Linked Conditions 14 and 15 shall apply.]
- (a) Notional Amount per W&C Instrument: [●]

- (b) Additional Amount Payment Dates: [●]
- (c) Additional Amount Rate: [●]
- (d) Additional Amount Rate Day Count Fraction: [Actual/360]  
[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]  
[Actual/365 (Fixed)]  
[30/360 (Floating)] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis]  
[30E/360] [Eurobond Basis]  
[30E/360 (ISDA)]
- (e) Additional Amount Cut-Off Date: [Exercise Date] [Settlement Date] *[specify other]*
- (f) Other terms or special conditions relating to Additional Amounts: [●] [Not Applicable]
27. Issuer Call Option: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Issuer Call Option Notice Period: *For Certificates only:* [As specified in Condition 30(C)] *[specify other]*  
  
*For Warrants only:* [As specified in Condition 23(D)] *[specify other]*
- (b) Call Option Date(s): *[insert date(s)]*
- (c) Call Option Cash Settlement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Call Option Cash Settlement Amount: *[insert details]*
28. Mandatory Early Exercise: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Mandatory early Exercise Event: [●]
- (b) Mandatory Early Exercise Date: [●]
- (c) Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Amount: *[insert details]*
- (e) Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Date: [●]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO TYPE OF W&C INSTRUMENTS

29. Index Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Index/Basket of Indices: [The index] [Each of the indices] set out under the heading "Index" in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" below ([the "**Index**"] [each, an "**Index**" and together the "**Indices**" or "**Basket of Indices**"])

**SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)**

The terms "Index", "Bloomberg Code", "Index Sponsor", "Type of Index", "Exchange", "Related Exchange", "Index Currency" [, "Weighting"] and ["Initial Level"] (*insert additional columns as applicable*) applicable to [an] [the] Index shall have the corresponding meanings set forth against such Index in the table below:

Index	Bloomberg Code	Index Sponsor	Type of Index	Exchange	Related Exchange	Index Currency	[Weighting] <sup>1</sup>	[Initial Level]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

- (b) Index Performance: [●] [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions]
- (c) Barrier Event (intraday): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Barrier Event Determination Day: [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions]
- (d) Barrier Event (closing): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Barrier Event Determination Day: [Valuation Date]
- [In respect of [the] [each] Index, each Scheduled Trading Day for such Index during [the] [each] Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Index]
- [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Index in the Basket of Indices during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (e) Barrier Level: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Averaging: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Averaging Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (h) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions] [*specify other*]
- (i) Observation Date(s): [●]
- (j) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]

<sup>1</sup> May only be applicable in relation to Index Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket of Indices.

- (ii) Observation Period End Date: ☐ ([Including] [Excluding]) ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (k) Common Scheduled Trading Days: ☐ [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply] *(N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified.)* ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Index Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket)*
- (l) Disrupted Day: ☐ [If the Valuation Date, an Averaging Date or an Observation Date, as the case may be, is a Disrupted Day, the relevant level or price will be calculated *[insert calculation method]*] ☐ [As specified in the Index Linked Conditions]
- (m) Additional Disruption Events: ☐ The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments:
- ☐ [Change in Law]  
☐ [Hedging Disruption]  
☐ [Increased Cost of Hedging]
- (n) LEPW Conditions: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- ☐ [The provisions of "Annex 3 – Additional Terms and Conditions for Low Exercise Price Warrants" shall apply]
- (o) Other terms or special conditions: ☐ [●] ☐ [Not Applicable]
30. Share Linked Conditions: ☐ [Applicable] ☐ [Not Applicable]
- (a) Share(s)/Basket of Shares: ☐ [The] ☐ [Each of the] ☐ [ordinary shares] ☐ [depository receipts] of the relevant Share Company set out under the heading "**Share Company**" in "Specific Information relating to the Reference item(s)" below (each a "**Share**" and together, the "**Shares**" ☐ [or the "**Basket of Shares**"])

#### SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)

The terms "**Share Company**", "**ISIN of Share**", "**Bloomberg Code**", "**Exchange**", "**Related Exchange**", "**Local Jurisdiction**" ☐ [ "**Weighting**" ] and ☐ [ "**Initial Price**" ] *(insert additional columns as appropriate)* applicable to a Share shall have the corresponding meanings set forth against the relevant Share Company in the table below:

Share Company	ISIN of Share	Bloomberg Code	Exchange	Related Exchange	Local Jurisdiction	[Weighting] <sup>1</sup>	[Initial Price]
<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]
<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]	<input type="checkbox"/> [●]

<sup>1</sup> May only be applicable in relation to Share Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket of Shares.

- (b) Share Performance: [●] [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]
- (c) Barrier Event (intraday): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 Barrier Event Determination Day: [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]
- (d) Barrier Event (closing): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 Barrier Event Determination Day: [Valuation Date]
- [In respect of [the] [each] Share, each Scheduled Trading Day for [the] [each] Share during [the] [each] Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Share]
- [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Share in the Basket of Shares during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (e) Barrier Level: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Averaging: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Averaging Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (h) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Share Linked Conditions] [*specify other*]
- (i) Observation Date(s): [●]
- (j) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Observation Period End Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (k) Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply]] (*N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified*) [Not Applicable]
- (*N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Share Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket*)

- (l) Disrupted Day: [If the Valuation Date, an Averaging Date or an Observation Date, as the case may be, is a Disrupted Day, the relevant level or price will be calculated *[insert calculation method]*]  
[As specified in the Share Linked Conditions]
- (m) Tender Offer: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (n) Share Substitution: [Applicable. Share Substitution Criteria are *[insert details]* [as specified in the Share Linked Conditions]] [Not Applicable]
- (o) Local Tax Adjustment: [Not Applicable]  
[Applicable. Local Jurisdiction is set out in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" above. [Where Local Jurisdiction is specified to be "United States" then this shall mean the United States of America's federal and/or state and/or local taxes and/or any political subdivision thereof]]
- (p) Additional Disruption Events: The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments:  
[Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]  
[Increased Cost of Stock Borrow]  
[Initial Stock Loan Rate: [●]]  
[Insolvency Filing]  
[Loss of Stock Borrow]  
[Maximum Stock Loan Rate: [●]]
- (q) Dividend Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
[Share Linked Condition[s] 10 [and 11] shall apply]  
Additional Amount Proportion: [100 per cent.] [●]  
Number of Shares per W&C Instrument: [●]
- (r) LEPW Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
[The provisions of "Annex 3 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Low Exercise Price Warrants*" shall apply]
- (i) Number of Shares per Warrant: [●]
- (ii) Strike Price: [●]
- (s) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]



31. GDR/ADR Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (For GDR/ADR Linked W&C Instruments complete sections for Share Linked W&C Instruments (paragraph 30 above) (completed and amended as appropriate) and this section)*
- (a) Partial Lookthrough: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (b) Full Lookthrough: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
32. FX Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Base Currency/Subject Currency: [●]
- (b) Currency Price: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] [*specify other*]
- (c) FX Market Disruption Event(s): *(N.B. Only complete if Inconvertibility Event/Price Materiality Event/Non-Transferability Event and/or other disruption events should be included as FX Market Disruption Events)*
- (i) Inconvertibility Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Price Materiality Event: [Applicable. Price Materiality Percentage: [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Non-Transferability Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Other: [●]
- (d) Disruption Fallbacks: *(Specify the applicable Disruption Fallbacks in the order that they will apply)*
- [Calculation Agent Determination]  
 [Currency-Reference Dealers Reference Dealers:  
 [four] [*specify other*]  
 [EM Fallback Valuation Postponement]  
 [EM Valuation Postponement]  
 [Fallback Reference Price Fallback Reference Price:  
 [●]]  
 [Other Published Sources]  
 [Postponement Maximum Days of Postponement:  
 [●]]  
 [*Other*]
- (e) FX Price Source(s): [●]
- (f) Specified Financial Centre(s): [●]
- (g) Averaging: [●]
- (h) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (i) Valuation Time: [●]

- (j) Weighting: [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the Basket to ascertain the Currency Price is [●]] (*N.B. Only applicable in relation to FX Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket*)
- (k) EM Currency Provisions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Unscheduled Holiday: [Applicable. Maximum Days of Deferral: [●]]  
[Not Applicable]
- (ii) EM Valuation Postponement: [Applicable. Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement: [●]]
- (iii) EM Fallback Valuation Postponement: [Applicable. Fallback Maximum Period of Postponement: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] [*specify other*]]  
[Not Applicable]
- (iv) Cumulative Events: [Applicable. Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement: [As specified in the FX Linked Conditions] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]]
- (l) Successor Currency: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [Issue Date/*other*]
- (m) Rebasing: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (n) Additional Disruption Events: [Not Applicable]  
[The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments:  
[Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]]
- (o) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
33. Commodity Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Commodity/Basket of Commodities/Commodity Index/Basket of Commodity Indices: [●]
- (b) Commodity Reference Price: [●]
- (c) Price Source: [●]
- (d) Exchange: [●]
- (e) Delivery Date: [●]
- (f) Pricing Date: [●]

- (g) Common Pricing (Commodity Linked Condition 3(a)):
- [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Commodity Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket of Commodities or Basket of Commodity Indices)*
- (h) Additional Commodity Market Disruption Events:
- [Specify any additional Commodity Market Disruption Events]
- (i) Disruption Fallback(s):
- [As specified in the Commodity Linked Conditions]/[specify other]
- [Fallback Reference Price: alternate Commodity Reference Price – [●]]
- [Commodity Cut-Off Date: [●]]
- [Commodity Index Cut-Off Date: [●]]
- (j) Additional Disruption Events in respect of a Commodity Index:
- [Not Applicable]
- [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments in respect of a Commodity Index:
- [Change in Law]
- [Hedging Disruption]
- [Increased Cost of Hedging]]
- (k) Commodity Business Day:
- [In respect of [the] [each] Commodity as specified in the Commodity Linked Conditions]
- [In respect of [the] [each] Commodity Index [●] *[If Commodity Index linked, the Commodity Business Day should mirror the definition of Business Day as used in the Commodity Index]*
- (l) Weighting:
- [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each item comprising the Basket is [●]] *(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Commodity Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket)*
- (m) Specified Price:
- [high price]
- [low price]
- [average of the high price and the low price]
- [closing price]
- [opening price]
- [bid price]
- [asked price]
- [average of the bid price and the asked price]
- [settlement price]
- [official settlement price]
- [official price]
- [morning fixing]
- [afternoon fixing]
- [spot price]
- [specify other]

- (n) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]  
*[If Commodity Index linked, ensure that Market Disruption Event covers disruptions on any underlying sub-indices]*
34. Fund Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Fund/Basket of Funds: [●]  
 [[The [●] Fund is an ETF]  
 [Exchange for each Fund Share: [●]]  
 [Related Exchange for each Fund Share: [●] [All Exchanges]]  
 [Underlying Index: [●]]  
*(N.B. Include for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (b) Fund Interest(s): [●]
- (c) Fund Performance: [●] [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions]
- (d) Weighting: [Not Applicable] [The weighting to be applied to each Fund comprising the Basket of Funds [●]] *(N.B. only applicable in relation to Fund Linked Notes relating to a Basket of Funds)*
- (e) Barrier Event (intraday): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 Barrier Event Determination Day: [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions]
- (f) Barrier Event (closing): [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
 Barrier Event Determination Day: [Valuation Date]  
 [In respect of [the] [each] Fund Share, each Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share during each Observation Period that is not a Disrupted Day for such Fund Share]  
 [Each Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Fund in the Basket of Funds during [the] [each] Observation Period]
- (g) Barrier Level: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Averaging: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Averaging Dates: *[insert dates]*
- (ii) Omission: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (iii) Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*

- (iv) Modified Postponement: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (i) Valuation Date(s): [●]
- (j) Valuation Time: [As specified in the Fund Linked Conditions] [*specify other*] *(N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs))*
- (k) Observation Date(s): [●]
- (l) Observation Period: [Applicable: [Extension] [No Extension]] [Not Applicable]
- (i) Observation Period Start Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Observation Period End Date: [[●] ([Including] [Excluding])] [Not Applicable]
- (m) Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable. [Common] [Individual] Disrupted Days will apply] *(N.B. If Common Scheduled Trading Days are applicable, either Common or Individual Disrupted Days must be specified)* [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Fund Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket of Funds)*
- (n) Additional Disruption Events: [Not Applicable]
- [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments:
- [Change in Law]  
[Hedging Disruption]  
[Increased Cost of Hedging]]
- (o) Dividend Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- [Fund Linked Condition[s] 14 [and 15] shall apply]
- Additional Amount Proportion: [100 per cent.] [●]
- Number of Fund Shares per W&C Instrument: [●]
- (p) Other terms or special conditions: [Merger Event: Merger Date on or before [the Valuation Date] [*other*]] [Not Applicable]
35. Inflation Linked Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Inflation Index/Basket of Inflation Indices/Inflation Index Sponsor(s): [●]
- Inflation Index Sponsor: [●]

- (b) Related Bond: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
The Related Bond is: [●] [Fallback Bond]  
[Fallback Bond: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]] The End Date is: [●]
- (c) Determination Date(s): [●]
- (d) Cut-Off Date: [●]
- (e) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
36. Credit Linked W&C Instruments: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
[The provisions of "Annex 9B – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked W&C Instruments*" shall apply]
- (a) Notional Amount per W&C Instrument: [●]
- (b) Aggregate Notional Amount of the W&C Instruments: [●]
- (c) Credit Observation Start Date: [●] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Scheduled Exercise Date: [●]
- (e) Long/Short Exercise Date: [15 Business Days] [*specify other*]
- (f) Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Calculation Agent Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (h) Credit Event Backstop Date: [[Not] [subject to adjustment for non-Business Days in accordance with the Business Day Convention]]
- (i) Reference Entity(ies): [●]  
Transaction Type: [●]  
Financial Reference Entity Terms: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (j) Reference Obligation(s):  
[Standard Reference Obligation: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]]  
[Seniority Level: [Senior Level] [Subordinated Level]]  
*(Include details of Reference Obligation(s) if Standard Reference Obligation does not apply)*

[The obligation[s] identified as follows: [●]

Primary Obligor: [●]

Guarantor:  $[\bullet]$

Maturity: [●]

Coupon: [●]

CUSIP/ISIN: [●]

(k) Party responsible for making calculations and determinations pursuant to the Credit Linked W&C Conditions (if not Calculation Agent): [●]

(1) All Guarantees: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(m) Credit Events: [As set forth in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type]/[Bankruptcy]

[Failure to Pay]

Payment Requirement: [●]

[Grace Period Extension [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
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[If Applicable:

Grace Period: [●]

[Obligation Default]

[Obligation Acceleration]

[Repudiation/Moratorium]

[Restructuring

Mod R: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Mod Mod R: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Governmental Intervention]

Default Requirement: [●]

- Provisions relating to Credit Event Notice after M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event: Credit Linked W&C Condition 11 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

- Provisions relating to Multiple Holder Obligation: Credit Linked W&C Condition 12 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

- (n) Nth-to-Default Instruments: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Substitution: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- N*: [●]
- Credit Spread Requirement: [●] (*N.B. if Substitution applicable*)
- (o) Notice of Publicly Available Information: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- [If Applicable:*
- Public Source(s): [●]
- Specified Number: [●]
- Notice Delivery Period: [●] Business Days
- (p) Obligation(s):
- Obligation Category: [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Payment]
- [select one only]:* [Borrowed Money]
- [Reference Obligation Only]
- [Bond]
- [Loan]
- [Bond or Loan]
- Obligation Characteristics: [As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Not Subordinated]
- [select all of which apply]:* [Specified Currency: *[specify currency]*]
- [Standard Specified Currency]
- [Not Sovereign Lender]
- [Not Domestic Currency]
- [Domestic Currency means: *[specify currency]*]
- [Not Domestic Law]
- [Domestic Law means: *[specify law]*]
- [Listed]
- [Not Domestic Issuance]
- Additional Obligation(s): [●]
- (q) Excluded Obligation(s): [●]
- (r) Redemption following Merger Event: Credit Linked W&C Condition 10 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]



*(If Applicable)*

[Merger Event Redemption Amount: [●]]

[Merger Event Redemption Date: [●]]

- (s) Unwind Costs: [Standard Unwind Costs] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]
- (t) Provisions relating to Monoline Insurer as Reference Entity: Credit Linked W&C Condition 14 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (u) Provisions relating to LPN Reference Entities: Credit Linked W&C Condition 15 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Settlement Method: [Cash Settlement] [Physical Settlement]<sup>1</sup> [Auction Settlement]
- (w) Fallback Settlement Method: [Cash Settlement] [Physical Settlement]<sup>2</sup>

*Terms relating to Cash Settlement*

- (x) Credit Event Redemption Amount: [[●] per W&C Instrument] [As specified in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions]
- (y) Credit Event Redemption Date: [●] Business Days
- (z) Valuation Date: [Single Valuation Date: [●] Business Days]  
[Multiple Valuation Dates: [●] Business Days; and each [●] Business Days thereafter  
Number of Valuation Dates: [●]]
- (aa) Valuation Time: [●]
- (bb) Quotation Method: [Bid] [Offer] [Mid-market]
- (cc) Quotation Amount: [●] [Representative Amount]
- (dd) Minimum Quotation Amount: [●]
- (ee) Quotation Dealers: [●]
- (ff) Quotations: [Include Accrued Interest] [Exclude Accrued Interest]
- (gg) Valuation Method: [Market] [Highest]  
[Average Market] [Highest] [Average Highest]

<sup>1</sup> Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments only.

<sup>2</sup> Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments only.

		[Blended Market] [Blended Highest]
		[Average Blended Market] [Average Blended Highest]
(hh)	Provisions relating to Deliverable Obligations Portfolio Valuation:	Credit Linked W&C Condition 16 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
		[If Applicable:
		Benchmark Obligation: [Reference Obligation] [Other]
		<i>(N.B. Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics should also be completed if Credit Linked W&amp;C Condition 16 applies)</i>

*Terms relating to Auction Settlement*

(ii)	Auction Settlement Amount:	[●]
(jj)	Auction Settlement Date:	[Five Business Days] [ <i>Specify other</i> ]
(kk)	Other terms or special conditions:	[●] [Not Applicable]

*Terms relating to Physical Settlement*

*(N.B. include if Physical Settlement is the Settlement Method or the Fullback Settlement Method)*

(ll)	Physical Settlement Period:	[●] Business Days
(mm)	Accrued Interest on Entitlement:	[Include Accrued Interest] [Exclude Accrued Interest]
(nn)	Settlement Currency:	[●]
(oo)	Deliverable Obligations:	
	Deliverable Obligation Category	[As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Payment]
	[ <i>select one only</i> ]:	[Borrowed Money]
		[Reference Obligation Only]
		[Bond]
		[Loan]
		[Bond or Loan]
	Deliverable Obligation Characteristics	[As set out in the Physical Settlement Matrix for the Transaction Type] [Not Subordinated]
	[ <i>select all of which apply</i> ]:	[Specified Currency: [ <i>specify currency</i> ]]
		[Standard Specified Currency]

		[Not Sovereign Lender]
		[Not Domestic Currency]
		[Domestic Currency means: <i>[specify currency]</i> ]
		[Not Domestic Law]
		[Domestic Law means: <i>[specify law]</i> ]
		[Listed]
		[Not Subordinated]
		[Not Domestic Issuance]
		[Assignable Loan]
		[Consent Required Loan]
		[Direct Loan Participation]
		[Qualifying Participation Seller: Applicable] [Not Applicable <i>[insert requirements]</i> ]
		[Transferable]
		[Maximum Maturity: [●]]
		[Accelerated or Matured]
		[Not Bearer]
	Additional Deliverable Obligation(s):	[●]
(pp)	Excluded Deliverable Obligation(s):	[●]
(qq)	Indicative Quotations:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
(rr)	Credit Cut-Off Date:	[●]
(ss)	Additional Disruption Events:	[Not Applicable]
		[The following Additional Disruption Events will apply to the W&C Instruments:
		[Change in Law]
		[Hedging Disruption]
		[Increased Cost of Hedging]
(tt)	Subordinated European Insurance Terms:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
(ww)	CoCo Provisions:	Credit Linked W&C Condition 18 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
		<i>[If Applicable:</i>
		Trigger Percentage: [As specified in Credit Linked W&C Condition 18] [●]

- (xx) Sovereign No Asset Package Delivery: Credit Linked W&C Condition 19 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (yy) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]
37. Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (a) Share(s)/Basket of Shares: [Each of the ordinary shares of the relevant Share Company set out under the heading "**Share Company**" in "Specific Information relating to the Reference Item(s)" below (each a "**Share**" and together, the "**Shares**" [or the "**Basket of Shares**"])

#### SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)

The terms "**Share Company**", "**Adjustment Factor**", "**ISIN of Share**", "**Weighting**" and "**Bloomberg Code**" applicable to the Share shall have the meaning set forth against the relevant Share Company in the table below.

Series Number	Share Company	Adjustment Factor	ISIN of Share	Weighting	Bloomberg Code
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]
[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]	[●]

- (b) Exchange(s): [●] [Saudi Stock Exchange (*Tadawul*)]
- (c) Related Exchange: [●] [All Exchanges]
- (d) Valuation Date: [●] (*N.B. Valuation Date should be no longer than four years following the Trade Date in order to comply with the Saudi CMA Resolution*)
- [Common Scheduled Trading Days: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]] (*N.B. May only be applicable in relation to Share Linked W&C Instruments relating to a Basket*)
- (e) Tender Offer: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (f) Share Substitution: [Applicable. Share Substitution Criteria are [specified in Share Linked Condition 6] [*specify other*]]
- [Not Applicable]
- (g) Additional Disruption Events: The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the W&C Instruments (in addition to CMA Order, Jurisdiction Event and/or Trading Failure as set out in the provisions of "Annex 12 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants*"): [Change in Law] [Hedging Disruption] [Increased Cost of Hedging] [Insolvency Filing]

(h) Other terms or special conditions: [●] [Not Applicable]

# **PROVISIONS FOR PHYSICAL DELIVERY**

38. Relevant Asset(s): [●]
39. Entitlement: The Entitlement (as defined in Condition 4) in relation to each W&C Instrument is [●]
- [The Entitlement will be evidenced and delivered in accordance with [Condition 24(C)(b) (for Warrants)] [Condition 30(A) (for Certificates)] [Specify other]]
- (N.B. paragraphs 39 - 40 only applicable in relation to Physical Delivery W&C Instruments that are not Credit Linked W&C Instruments)*
40. Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount: [The Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount is calculated [as specified in Condition 3] [as specified in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5] [specify other calculation method]]
41. Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (N.B. May only be applicable to Physical Delivery W&C Instruments other than Credit Linked W&C Instruments)*

# **GENERAL**

42. Form of W&C Instruments: [The W&C Instruments are to be issued into and transferred through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]
- [Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant exchangeable for Definitive Registered Warrants in the limited circumstances described in the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant]
- [Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Registered Certificates in the limited circumstances described in the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate]
- OR**
- [The W&C Instruments are to be issued into and transferred through Clearstream, Frankfurt]
- [CBF Global Warrant]
- [CBF Global Certificate]
- OR**
- [The Warrants are eligible for sale in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs or to, or for the account or benefit of United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs]

[Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant in registered form exchangeable for Definitive Registered Warrants in the limited circumstances described in the Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant] [Rule 144A Global Warrant in registered form exchangeable for Definitive Registered Warrants in the limited circumstances described in the Rule 144A Global Warrant]

[The provisions of "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" shall apply]

**OR**

[The Swedish W&C Instruments are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD]

[The Swedish W&C Instruments will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*)]

**OR**

[The Finnish W&C Instruments are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland]

[The Finnish W&C Instruments will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*), the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*) and the Euroclear Finland Rules]

**OR**

[The W&C Instruments are to be issued into and transferred through SIS]

[Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form exchangeable for Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants (i) at the option of the Issuer upon the occurrence of a SIS Exchange Event or (ii) at the option of the Swiss Programme Agent if the Swiss Programme Agent determines that such exchange is necessary or useful or that the presentation of Warrants in definitive form is required by Swiss or foreign laws or regulations in connection with the enforcement of rights.]<sup>1</sup>

[Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form exchangeable for Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants at the option of the Issuer upon the occurrence of a SIS Exchange Event.]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Warrants issued in the form of uncertificated securities and listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Include in the case of Warrants in the form of uncertificated securities and issued into and transferred through accounts at SIS, but not listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

[Holders do not have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities into, or the delivery of, Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants.]<sup>1</sup>

[Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form exchangeable for Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates (i) at the option of the Issuer upon the occurrence of a SIS Exchange Event or (ii) at the option of the Swiss Programme Agent if the Swiss Programme Agent determines that such exchange is necessary or useful or that the presentation of Certificates in definitive form is required by Swiss or foreign laws or regulations in connection with the enforcement of rights.]<sup>2</sup>

[Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form exchangeable for Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates at the option of the Issuer upon the occurrence of a SIS Exchange Event.]<sup>3</sup>

[Holders do not have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities into, or the delivery of, Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates.]<sup>4</sup>

43. Eligibility for sale in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs: The W&C Instruments are [not] eligible for sale in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs, or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs.

*[Where Rule 144A Warrants are eligible for sale (a) in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs, or (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs, include the following:*

- (a) [the Rule 144A Global Warrant will be held with [the U.S. Warrant Agent as custodian for DTC] [the Common Depositary]]/[the Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant will be held with the Common Depositary];
- (b) the Warrants [may] [may not] be sold outside the United States to non-United States Persons [(such Warrants to be represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant and deposited with the Common Depositary)];

<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Warrants issued in the form of uncertificated securities listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued into and transferred through accounts at SIS.

<sup>2</sup> Include in the case of Certificates issued in the form of uncertificated securities and listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>3</sup> Include in the case of Certificates in the form of uncertificated securities and issued into and transferred through accounts at SIS, but not listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>4</sup> Include in the case of Certificates in the form of uncertificated securities and listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued into and transferred through accounts at SIS.

- (c) any resale or other transfer of any beneficial interest in the Warrants represented by the [Rule 144A Global Warrant] [Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant] in the United States, to or from a QIB/QP, or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person who is a QIB/QP, may only be effected to or through the Issuer or the Dealer and subject to the satisfaction of certain other conditions for such Warrants. See "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Warrants and Transfer Restrictions" in the Offering Circular. In the case of resales or other transfers in the United States, or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, proposed transferees will be required to deliver an Investor Representation Letter as a condition precedent to such resale or transfer;
- (d) *[insert applicable U.S. selling restrictions and specify details of any transfer restrictions and any necessary certifications, if different from those set out in the Terms and Conditions];* and
- (e) *[specify any amendments to the form of Exercise Notice (the form of which is set out in a schedule to the English Law Agency Agreement)].*
44. Payment Day (Condition 6(B)): [Following] [Modified Following]
45. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days: [Not Applicable] *[give details] (Consider whether New York should be specified in the case of Rule 144A Warrants with a Settlement Currency other than U.S. dollars)*
46. Payment Disruption (Condition 6(C)):
- [Payment Disruption Event is applicable] [CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*
- [If CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable, include the following:*
- Where "CNY Settlement Centre" means [the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region] [●]
- (Generally, Payment Disruption Event should be applicable for Saudi Share Linked Warrants)*
- (a) Base Currency/Subject Currency: [As specified under paragraph 32] *[insert if FX Linked Provisions are not specified to be applicable] (for Saudi Share Linked Warrants, specify [Settlement Currency] [Saudi Arabian Riyal] [Currency of the Shares])]*
- (b) Payment of Equivalent Amount: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (Payment of Equivalent Amount will only be applicable if CNY Payment Disruption Event is applicable)*



*[If Payment of Equivalent Amount is applicable, include the following:]*

Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate: [As specified in Condition 6(C)] *[specify other]*

47. Other terms: [Not Applicable] *[give details]*

## DISTRIBUTION

48. The initial purchasers and name of applicable permitted dealer in the United States of the Warrants: [The dealer for the Warrants is *[name of applicable permitted dealer in the United States]*, acting as principal. *[Name of applicable permitted dealer in the United States]* does not receive any compensation for the sales in which it participates.] [Not Applicable]

*(Applicable where Rule 144A Warrants are eligible for sale (a) in the United States to QIBs who are also QPs or (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs and also QPs)*

49. Method of distribution: [Syndicated] [Non-Syndicated]

(a) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers: [Not Applicable] *[give names and addresses]*

(b) Date of Subscription Agreement: [●]

50. If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable] *[give name and address]*

[Merrill Lynch International  
2 King Edward Street  
London EC1A 1HQ  
United Kingdom]

51. Total commission and concession: [●] [Not Applicable]

52. U.S. Selling Restrictions: *[Insert in the case of W&C Instruments other than Rule 144A Warrants or Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants: The W&C Instruments may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person. A "United States Person" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or a "United States person" as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.]*

*[Insert in the case of Rule 144A Global Warrants: The Warrants are eligible for sale to qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended) who are also qualified purchasers (within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) (a "QIB"/"QP"), and such Warrants may only be subsequently offered, sold, resold, traded,*

pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, by such investors to or through the Issuer or Dealer to a QIB/QP and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A.]

*[Insert in the case of Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants:* The Warrants are eligible for sale either (a) in an offshore transaction to investors who are not United States Persons, and such Warrants may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or (b) to investors who are qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**")) and who are also qualified purchasers (within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) (a "**QIB**"/"**QP**"), and such Warrants may only be subsequently offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, by such investors to or through the Issuer or Dealer to a QIB/QP and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A. A "United States Person" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.]

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| 53. | Additional U.S. Tax Considerations: | [Not Applicable] <i>[give details]</i> |
| 54. | Additional selling restrictions:    | [Not Applicable] <i>[give details]</i> |

## PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the Final Terms required for issue [and] [admission to trading on *[specify relevant market (for example, the Euro MTF of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange)]* [listing on the SIX Swiss Exchange and admission to trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange] of the W&C Instruments described herein pursuant to the Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme of Bank of America Corporation, Merrill Lynch B.V., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V.

## RESPONSIBILITY

[[Subject as provided below,] the Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.] [The information relating to [●] [and [●]] contained herein has been accurately extracted from *[insert information source(s)]*. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the accuracy of such extraction but accepts no further or other responsibility in respect of such information.]<sup>1</sup>

[Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that the information contained in these Final Terms is, to the best of its knowledge, correct, and that no material facts or circumstances have been omitted from the listing prospectus consisting of these Final Terms and the Offering Circular, as supplemented as of the date of these Final Terms.]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Include for all W&C Instruments (including Swiss W&C Instruments) not listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

[The information set out in Part C has been extracted from publicly available information. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information by the source(s) specified in Part C, no facts have been omitted in these Final Terms which would render the information in these Final Terms inaccurate or misleading.]<sup>1</sup>

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

[Signed on behalf of the Guarantor:

By: .....

By: .....

*Duly authorised*

*Duly authorised]*<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

**PART B – OTHER INFORMATION****1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING**

Listing and Admission to trading:

*(N.B. W&C Instruments with over 364 days between Issue Date and Settlement Date and which are sold to UK investors must be listed on a "recognised stock exchange".)*

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original instruments are already admitted to trading.)*

[Not Applicable] [Application [has been]/[will be]/[is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the W&C Instruments to be [admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [specify other listing or admission to trading] [with effect from, at the earliest the Issue Date. No assurances can be given that such application for listing will be granted, (or if granted, will be granted by the Issue Date)]

[Application will be made to trade and list the W&C Instruments on the SIX Structured Products Exchange and the SIX Swiss Exchange, respectively, provided that no assurance can be given that the W&C Instruments will be admitted to trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange or listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange on the Issue Date or any specific date thereafter.]

[The Issuer has no duty to maintain the listing (if any) of the W&C Instruments on the relevant stock exchange(s) over their entire lifetime. W&C Instruments may be suspended from trading and/or de-listed at any time in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange(s) [, provided, however, that, in the case of a Series that is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, the W&C Instruments of such Series shall be de-listed with respect to the SIX Swiss Exchange, without any further action, if (i) the Issuer or any of its affiliates has prepaid, repaid, repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired or holds all the W&C Instruments of such Series and (ii) the Issuer has published or caused to be published a notice stating that such W&C Instruments have been de-listed with respect to the SIX Swiss Exchange in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12]<sup>1</sup>.]

*W&C Instruments admitted to trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange and listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange only:*

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|-------|---|---|
| (i)   | First SIX Structured Products Exchange Trading Day: | [●] [Anticipated to be the Issue Date]  |
| (ii)  | Last SIX Structured Products Exchange Trading Day:  | [●] [trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange until official close of trading on the SIX Structured Products Exchange on that day] |
| (iii) | Swiss Paying Agent:                                 | [BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Zurich Branch] [insert name]   |

<sup>1</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

- (iv) Minimum Trading Size: [●]
- (v) Payment Date: [Issue Date]]
- 2. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**
- (i) ISIN: [The ISIN is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above.]
- (ii) Common Code: [The Common Code is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above.]
- (iii) [Swiss Securities Number [●]]<sup>1</sup>  
(*Valorennummer*)
- (iv) [Ticker Symbol (SIX): [●]]<sup>2</sup>
- (v) Wertpapierkennnummer (WKN) [The WKN is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above.]  
(German Security Code):
- (vi) Mnemonic (*insert in case of a listing on Euronext Paris S.A.*): [The Mnemonic is set out in "Specific Provisions for each Series" above.]
- (vii) [(*insert here any other relevant codes such as CUSIP and CNS codes*)]: [●]
- (viii) Clearing System(s): [Euroclear Bank SA/NV] [and] [Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*] [Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main] [DTC] [Euroclear Sweden, Klarabergsviadukten 63, Box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden/*specify other duly authorised Swedish central securities depository under the Swedish CSD Rules*] [Euroclear Finland, Ltd] [SIX SIS AG]
- (ix) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV, Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main, DTC, Euroclear Sweden or any duly authorised Swedish central securities depository under the Swedish CSD Rules, Euroclear Finland, Ltd and SIX SIS AG and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable] [*give name(s) and number(s)*]
- (x) Names and addresses of initial Instrument Agents: [Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch)  
2 King Edward Street  
London EC1A 1HQ  
United Kingdom]<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Only applicable to W&C Instruments cleared through SIS.

<sup>2</sup> Only applicable to W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>3</sup> Include in the case of all W&C Instruments except Swedish W&C Instruments, Finnish W&C Instruments and Swiss W&C Instruments.

[Bank of America, N.A.  
135 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60603  
United States of America]<sup>1</sup>

[BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Frankfurt  
Branch  
Zweigniederlassung  
Europa-Allee 12  
60327 Frankfurt am Main  
Germany]<sup>2</sup>

[Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)  
Kungsträdgårdsgatan 8  
SE-10640 Stockholm  
Sweden]<sup>3</sup>

[Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Helsinki  
Branch  
Unioninkatu 30  
00100 Helsinki  
Finland]<sup>4</sup>

[BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.,  
Zurich Branch  
Selnaustrasse 16  
CH-8002 Zurich  
Switzerland]<sup>5</sup>

(xi) Registrar: [Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l.  
Atrium Business Park  
33 Rue du Puits Romain  
Bertrange L-8070  
Luxembourg]<sup>6</sup>

[Not Applicable]

3. [FORM OF NOTICE FROM BENEFICIAL OWNER TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY]

4. [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]<sup>7</sup>

**Publications:** Any notices or publications to be made to holders will be made [for so long as the W&C Instruments are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, (i) by means of electronic publication on the internet website of the SIX Swiss Exchange ([www.six-swiss-exchange.com](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com)), where notices are currently published under the address [www.six-swiss-exchange.com/news/official\_notices/search\_en.html]), or (ii) otherwise in accordance with the rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange.]<sup>8</sup> [by publishing the relevant notice, publication or, in case of amendments or corrections in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 10, the

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<sup>1</sup> Include in the case of Rule 144A Warrants.

<sup>2</sup> Include in the case of W&C Instruments clearing through Clearstream, Frankfurt.

<sup>3</sup> Include in the case of Swedish W&C Instruments.

<sup>4</sup> Include in the case of Finnish W&C Instruments.

<sup>5</sup> Include in the case of W&C Instruments clearing through SIS.

<sup>6</sup> Include in the case of all Registered W&C Instruments.

<sup>7</sup> Include for W&C Instruments that are Swiss W&C Instruments, as applicable.

<sup>8</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

amended or corrected Final Terms [on the following website] [in the following newspaper]: [●].]<sup>1</sup>

**[Representatives [(for purposes of article 43 of the Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange)]: [●] (for purposes of documentation) and [●] (for purposes of clearing and settlement).]**<sup>2</sup>

**[No Material Adverse Change:** Save as disclosed in the Offering Circular (including any documents incorporated by reference therein), there has been no material adverse change, nor any event involving a prospective material adverse change, in the assets and liabilities, financial position or profit and losses of the Issuer or the Guarantor since *[insert date of the most recently published audited annual or unaudited interim financial statements]*.]<sup>3</sup>

**Collateralisation:** [Not Applicable] [Applicable] [The W&C Instruments are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the SIX Swiss Exchange «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)» (the "**Framework Agreement**"). The Issuer and Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Zurich, Switzerland (the "**Collateral Provider**") have entered into the Framework Agreement on 24 May 2012 and the Collateral Provider undertakes to secure the Current Value of the W&C Instruments in favour of SIX Swiss Exchange. The legal position of the investors in relation to the collateralisation of the W&C Instruments is determined by the provisions of the Framework Agreement. The core elements of the collateralisation are summarised in a SIX Swiss Exchange information sheet, which is available at «[www.six-swiss-exchange.com](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com)». The Issuer shall, upon request, provide the Framework Agreement to the investors free of charge in the German version or in an English translation. A copy of the Framework Agreement may be obtained from Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Stockerhof, Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland via telephone +41 44 297 75 93, fax +41 44 291 33 41 or via e-mail: [dg.ogc\\_zurich@baml.com](mailto:dg.ogc_zurich@baml.com).]

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<sup>1</sup> Include for Swiss W&C Instruments which are not listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

<sup>3</sup> Include for W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

*[Include this part only in respect of W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange]*

**PART C – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ITEM(S)**

*The information included herein with respect to the Reference Item(s) consist(s) only of extracts from, or summaries of, publicly available information. The Issuer accepts responsibility that such information has been correctly extracted or summarised. No further or other responsibility in respect of such information is accepted by the Issuer, the Guarantor, [the Arranger] or any other Dealer. In particular, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, [the Arranger] and any [other] Dealer accepts responsibility in respect of the accuracy or completeness of the information set forth herein concerning the Reference Item(s) or that there has not occurred any event which would affect the accuracy or completeness of such information. The information included below relates to the period up to the date of these Final Terms and has not been updated since.*

**General information with respect to the Reference Item(s)**

General designation or description of the Reference Item(s)

*[[●] Insert description for each Reference Item]*

*[where applicable:]* [Company name and domicile of the issuer of the Reference Item(s)]

*[[●] Where applicable, insert company name and domicile of the issuer of the Reference Item for each Reference Item]*

ISIN of the Reference Item(s) *[if the ISIN is not available, then an alternative unique identifier is required]*

*[[●] Insert ISIN or alternative unique identifier for each Reference Item]*

Information on what source of the Reference Items' price is used as a basis for the price of the W&C Instruments

*[[●] If the Reference Item(s) is/are trading on a stock exchange, the name of this exchange must be given. Information must otherwise be given on where the price-setting mechanism for the Reference Item(s) is/are available to the public]*

Information on which price for the Reference Item(s) is material in establishing the price of the W&C Instruments

*[[●] Insert relevant price, e.g. closing price, arithmetical mean price over a specific period]*

Details of where information on the past performance of the Reference Item(s) can be obtained

*[[●] Insert relevant details/sources]*

[Additional information for W&C Instruments on equity or debt securities:]

*[if delivery of the Reference Item(s) is planned:]* [Transferability of the Reference Item(s), any restrictions on tradability of the Reference Item(s), and the type of security]

*[[●] Give information on the transferability of the Reference Item(s), insert any restrictions on tradability of the Reference Item(s), and specify the type of security in the case of shares, e.g. registered paper]*

Information on where the latest annual reports for the issuer of the Reference Item(s) may be obtained free of charge for the term of the W&C Instruments

*[[●] Insert relevant details/sources]*

[Additional information for W&C Instruments on collective investment schemes:]



Information on the fund management or issuing company, and details of the composition or investment universe of the relevant collective investment scheme

*[[●] Insert information on the fund management or issuing company, and details of the composition or investment universe of the relevant collective investment scheme]*

[The collective investment scheme has been authorised by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA for sale in or from Switzerland.] [The collective investment scheme has not been authorised by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA for sale in or from Switzerland.]

*[Additional information for W&C Instruments on indices:]*

Name of the agency that calculates and publishes the index (index sponsor), and source where information on the method of calculation is available

*[[●] Insert relevant index sponsor and the source where information on the method of calculation is available to the public]*

Details of where information on the component securities and any modifications to composition are available

*[[●] Give details of where information on the [component securities] and any modifications to composition are available to the public, specifically where and when such adjustments are announced]*

[The index is a price index.] [The index is a performance (total return) index.]

*[Additional information for W&C Instruments on standardised options and futures contracts:]*

Contract months, including the duration and the expiry[, or information on the roll-over mechanism]

*[[●] Insert relevant details re contract months, including the duration and the expiry, or information on the roll-over mechanism, e.g. roll-over to the corresponding front-end future contract]*

Contract unit and price quotation

*[[●] Insert contract unit and price quotation]*

*[Additional information for W&C Instruments on baskets of Reference Items:]*

Initial fixing plus the percentage [and shares] of the initial weighting of basket securities

*[[●] Insert initial fixing plus the percentage and, where appropriate, shares of the initial weighting of basket securities]*

Permitted parameters for the composition of the basket

*[[●] if the composition of the basket is subject to predefined or discretionary modifications, then the permitted investment universe must be defined]*

**[Schedule – Index Disclaimer**

*[Include applicable disclaimer, if any]]*

**ANNEX**

*[This Annex shall be included after publication of any supplement to the Offering Circular.]*

The Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 has been supplemented by the following supplement(s):

<b>Supplement</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Supplement No. [●]	In respect of <i>[insert short description of content]</i>	[●]

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE W&C INSTRUMENTS

*The following is the text of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments which will apply to each issue of W&C Instruments and which will include the Additional Terms and Conditions (as defined below) if and to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms.*

The Series of W&C Instruments described in the applicable Final Terms (insofar as it relates to such Series of W&C Instruments) (such W&C Instruments being hereinafter referred to as the "**W&C Instruments**") are issued by whichever of Merrill Lynch B.V. ("**MLBV**"), Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG ("**MLCMAG**") or Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V. ("**MLICo.**") is specified as the Issuer in the applicable Final Terms (the "**Issuer**") and references to the Issuer shall be construed accordingly. W&C Instruments will be either warrants ("**Warrants**") or certificates ("**Certificates**"), as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and references in these Terms and Conditions to "W&C Instrument", "W&C Instruments", "Warrant", "Warrants", "Certificate" and "Certificates" will be construed accordingly.

MLBV shall only issue Certificates; MLCMAG may issue Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants and Saudi Share Linked Warrants) and Certificates, and MLICo. may issue Warrants and Certificates of any kind.

The W&C Instruments are issued pursuant to an Amended and Restated English Law Agency Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (the "**English Law Agency Agreement**") which is governed by English law among, *inter alios*, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo., Bank of America Corporation ("**BAC**" or the "**Guarantor**") as guarantor, Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch) as principal paying agent (in such capacity, the "**Principal Paying Agent**"), Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch) as principal warrant agent (in such capacity, the "**Principal Warrant Agent**"), Bank of America, N.A. as U.S. warrant agent (in such capacity, the "**U.S. Warrant Agent**"), BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Frankfurt Branch as Frankfurt warrant agent (in such capacity, the "**Frankfurt Warrant Agent**"), Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch) as principal certificate agent (in such capacity, the "**Principal Certificate Agent**", which expression shall include any successor principal certificate agent), BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Frankfurt Branch as Frankfurt Certificate Agent (in such capacity, the "**Frankfurt Certificate Agent**"), Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) as Swedish instrument agent (in such capacity, the "**Swedish Instrument Agent**"), Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Helsinki Branch as Finnish instrument agent (in such capacity, the "**Finnish Instrument Agent**"), BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Zurich Branch as Swiss programme agent (in such capacity, the "**Swiss Programme Agent**") and Merrill Lynch Equity S.à.r.l. as registrar in respect of Warrants and Certificates.

In connection with each issue of Warrants, references herein to the "**Principal Instrument Agent**" and the "**Frankfurt Instrument Agent**" shall be deemed to be references to the Principal Warrant Agent and the Frankfurt Warrant Agent, respectively, where the context permits and references to "**Instrument Agents**" shall be deemed to be references to such agents, the U.S. Warrant Agent, the Swedish Instrument Agent, the Finnish Instrument Agent and the Swiss Programme Agent and any additional or successor to such agents appointed pursuant to the English Law Agency Agreement collectively.

In connection with each issue of Certificates, references herein to the "**Principal Instrument Agent**" and the "**Frankfurt Instrument Agent**" shall be deemed to be references to the Principal Certificate Agent and the Frankfurt Certificate Agent, respectively, where the context permits and references to "**Instrument Agents**" shall be deemed to be references to such agents, the Swedish Instrument Agent, the Finnish Instrument Agent and the Swiss Programme Agent and any additional or successor to such agents appointed pursuant to the English Law Agency Agreement collectively.

Merrill Lynch International shall undertake the duties of calculation agent (the "**Calculation Agent**") in respect of the W&C Instruments unless another entity is so specified as the calculation agent in the applicable Final Terms. The expression Calculation Agent shall, in relation to the relevant W&C Instruments, include such other specified calculation agent.

The applicable Final Terms (the "**Final Terms**") for the W&C Instruments supplement these Terms and Conditions (the "**Terms and Conditions**", or the "**Conditions**") and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and

Conditions, supplement, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of the W&C Instruments. References herein to the "**applicable Final Terms**" are to Part A (including, if applicable, any annex or appendix thereto) of the Final Terms or each Final Terms (in the case of any further instruments issued pursuant to Condition 14 (*Further Issues*) and forming a single Series with the W&C Instruments) (which for the avoidance of doubt may be issued in respect of more than one Series of W&C Instruments) attached to the Global W&C Instrument or to the Definitive W&C Instrument, as the case may be, or constituting a part of such W&C Instruments and made available as provided in the preceding paragraph insofar as it relates to the W&C Instruments.

The additional Terms and Conditions (the "**Additional Terms and Conditions**") contained in Annex 1 in the case of Index Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 2 in the case of Share Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 3 in the case of Low Exercise Price Warrants, Annex 4 in the case of GDR/ADR Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 5 in the case of FX Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 6 in the case of Commodity Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 7 in the case of Fund Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 8 in the case of Inflation Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 9B in the case of Credit Linked W&C Instruments, Annex 11 in the case of Rule 144A Warrants and Annex 12 in the case of Saudi Share Linked Warrants (each as defined below) will apply to, and form part of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments if and to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Except in the case of Swiss W&C Instruments in uncertificated form, Swedish W&C Instruments and Finnish W&C Instruments (each as defined below), the applicable Final Terms for the W&C Instruments are attached to or incorporated by reference into the Global W&C Instrument or endorsed on the Definitive W&C Instruments, as the case may be. In the case of Swiss W&C Instruments in uncertificated form, Swedish W&C Instruments and Finnish W&C Instruments, the applicable Final Terms (which for the avoidance of doubt may be issued in respect of more than one Series of Swedish W&C Instruments or Finnish W&C Instruments) for the Swiss W&C Instruments in uncertificated form, Swedish W&C Instruments or Finnish W&C Instruments, as applicable, will constitute a part of such Instruments and will be available from Merrill Lynch International, 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ or, in the case of Swiss W&C Instruments in uncertificated form, the Swiss Programme Agent.

"**Series**" means W&C Instruments which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading), together with any further W&C Instruments which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Any reference to "**W&C Instrumentholders**" or "**Holders**" in relation to any W&C Instruments shall mean the holders of the W&C Instruments.

Other than in respect of Swiss COSIs, the payment of all amounts payable and/or delivery of non-cash consideration deliverable by the Issuer in respect of the W&C Instruments are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by BAC pursuant to the guarantee dated 12 November 2014, as executed by BAC (the "**Non-COSI Guarantee**") and, in respect of Swiss COSIs, the payment obligations of MLICo. to the extent of any Shortfall (as defined below) for the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs will be conditionally but irrevocably guaranteed by BAC pursuant to a guarantee to be executed by BAC substantially in the form contained in "Form of Swiss COSI Guarantee" in the Offering Circular dated 12 November 2014 (the "**Swiss COSI Guarantee**") and, together with the Original Guarantee, the "**Guarantees**" and each a "**Guarantee**"). The original of the Non-COSI Guarantee is held by Bank of America, N.A. (operating through its London Branch) at its specified office currently at 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ. The original of the Swiss COSI Guarantee will be held by BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Zurich Branch at its specified office currently at Selnaustrasse 16, CH-8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

The W&C Instrumentholders are entitled to the benefit of the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant (the "**W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant**") dated 12 November 2014 and made by the Issuer. The original of the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant is held by a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (each as defined below) (the "**Common Depositary**").

Copies of the English Law Agency Agreement (which contains the form of the Final Terms), the Guarantees and the applicable Final Terms (subject as provided below) may be obtained during normal office hours from the specified offices of the Instrument Agents, save that the applicable Final Terms

will only be obtainable by a Holder (as defined in Condition 1(B), or "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" as applicable) holding one or more W&C Instruments and such Holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer or the relevant Instrument Agent as to its holding of such W&C Instruments and its identity or, with respect to W&C Instruments offered in Switzerland, a Holder being a qualified investor as defined in the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes. The Offering Circular and, in the case of W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, the applicable Final Terms, will be published on the website of the Issuer ([www.mlinvest.com](http://www.mlinvest.com)).

The Holders are entitled to the benefit of and are deemed to have notice of and are bound by all the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement (insofar as they relate to the W&C Instruments) and the applicable Final Terms, which are binding on them.

Words and expressions defined in the English Law Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms 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 inconsistency between the English Law Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

## 1. Type, Title and Transfer

### (A) Type

W&C Instruments may be issued in registered form ("**Registered W&C Instruments**") or uncertificated or dematerialised form. Registered W&C Instruments will be represented by Global W&C Instruments or Definitive W&C Instruments, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments. W&C Instruments to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream, Frankfurt (as defined below) will be constituted by a Global W&C Instrument (a "**CBF Global W&C Instrument**") in bearer form, provided, however, that the W&C Instruments will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes.

The W&C Instruments relate to a specified Index or basket of Indices ("**Index Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified Share or basket of Shares ("**Share Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified American depositary receipt (an "**ADR**") and/or global depositary receipt (a "**GDR**") representing interests in a share (the "**Underlying Share**") or basket of such GDRs and/or ADRs ("**GDR/ADR Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified currency or basket of currencies ("**FX Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified commodity or commodity index or basket of commodities and/or commodity indices ("**Commodity Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified fund share or unit or basket of fund shares or units ("**Fund Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified inflation index ("**Inflation Linked W&C Instruments**"), a specified share of a company listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange (*Tadawul*) or basket of such shares ("**Saudi Share Linked Warrants**") or the credit of a specified reference entity or reference entities ("**Credit Linked W&C Instruments**") or any other or further type of instruments as is specified in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Final Terms will specify which of the Additional Terms and Conditions for Index Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Share Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for GDR/ADR Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Commodity Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Fund Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Inflation Linked Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants or the Additional Terms and Conditions for Low Exercise Price Warrants, in each case set out in the Annexes to these Conditions, apply to the W&C Instruments.

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether settlement shall be by way of cash payment ("**Cash Settled W&C Instruments**") or physical delivery ("**Physical Delivery W&C Instruments**") and whether averaging ("**Averaging**") will apply to the W&C Instruments.

If Averaging is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will state the relevant Averaging Dates and, in respect of Index Linked Instruments and Share Linked Instruments, if an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day, whether Omission, Postponement or Modified Postponement applies.

References in these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Cash Settled W&C Instruments shall be deemed to include references to Physical Delivery W&C Instruments, which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request cash settlement of such W&C Instrument and where settlement is to be by way of cash payment, and references in these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Physical Delivery W&C Instruments shall be deemed to include references to Cash Settled W&C Instruments which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request physical delivery of the relevant underlying asset in settlement of such W&C Instrument and where settlement is to be by way of physical delivery.

W&C Instruments may, if so specified and provided for in the applicable Final Terms, allow Holders 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 W&C Instruments where the Holder has elected for cash payment will be Cash Settled W&C Instruments and those W&C Instruments where the Holder has elected for physical delivery will be Physical Delivery W&C Instruments. The rights of a Holder as described in this paragraph may be subject to the Issuer's right to vary settlement if so indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

(B) *Title to W&C Instruments*

Subject as set out below, title to Registered W&C Instruments will, subject to mandatory rules of law, pass by registration in the Register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement. Title to W&C Instruments in uncertificated or dematerialised form will pass as described below for each such type of W&C Instruments.

In the case of W&C Instruments that are represented by a Global W&C Instrument, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of a Clearing System as the holder of a particular number or nominal amount, as the case may be, of W&C Instruments (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by such Clearing System as to the number or nominal amount, as the case may be, of W&C Instruments standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Instrument Agent as the holder of such number or nominal amount, as the case may be, of W&C Instruments for all purposes other than (except in the case of CBF Global W&C Instruments) with respect to the payment of principal or additional amounts on such number, or nominal amount, as the case may be, of such W&C Instruments, for which purpose the person recorded in the Register shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Registrar and any Instrument Agent as the Holder of such number, or nominal amount, as the case may be, of such W&C Instruments in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant W&C Instrument (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

In the case of Registered W&C Instruments that are represented by a Global W&C Instrument, the Registrar will maintain the Register in accordance with the terms of the English Law Agency Agreement. An individual certificate ("**individual certificate**") will be issued to each holder of Definitive Registered Certificates in registered form in respect of its registered holding. An individual warrant certificate ("**individual warrant certificate**") will be issued to each holder of Definitive Registered Warrants in registered form in respect of its registered holding. Each individual certificate and individual warrant certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the register. Each holder for the time being registered in the Register (or in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Registrar and any Instrument Agent as the Holder of such number, or nominal amount, as the case may be, of such W&C Instruments in

accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant W&C Instrument (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

In the case of Swedish W&C Instruments, the holder of any such W&C Instrument will be the person in whose name such W&C Instrument is registered in the Swedish Register in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules and the reference to a person in whose name a Swedish W&C Instrument is so registered shall include any person duly authorised to act as a nominee (in Swedish: *förvaltare*) and registered as such for the Swedish W&C Instruments and except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, such holder of such W&C Instrument shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it and no person shall be liable for so treating such holder (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain information from the Swedish Register in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules.

In the case of Finnish W&C Instruments, the holder of any such W&C Instrument will be the person in whose name such W&C Instrument is registered in the Finnish Register in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules and the person in whose name a Finnish W&C Instrument is so registered shall include any person duly authorised to act as nominee and registered as such for the Finnish W&C Instruments and except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, such holder of such W&C Instrument shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it and no person shall be liable for so treating such holder (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). The Issuer and the Finnish Instrument Agent shall be entitled to obtain information from the Finnish Register in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules.

In the case of Swiss W&C Instruments issued in the form of uncertificated securities and entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS, (a) such Swiss W&C Instruments will constitute intermediated securities (*Bucheffekten*) within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (*Bucheffektengesetz*) ("**Intermediated Securities**"), (b) the legal holder of each such Swiss W&C Instrument is each person holding such Swiss W&C Instrument in a securities account (*Effektenkonto*) that is in such person's name or, in the case of intermediaries (*Verwahrungsstellen*), each intermediary (*Verwahrungsstelle*) holding any such Swiss W&C Instrument for its own account in a securities account (*Effektenkonto*) that is in such intermediary's name (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly), and (c) any transfer of such Swiss W&C Instruments must be reflected in a securities account (*Effektenkonto*) of the transferee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer shall make all payments due to the Holders under the Swiss W&C Instruments to the Swiss Programme Agent for such Holders and, upon receipt by the Swiss Programme Agent of the payment of such funds in Switzerland, shall be discharged from its obligations to the Holders under such Swiss W&C Instruments to the extent of the funds received by the Swiss Programme Agent as of such date.

In respect of Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments, an individual certificate will be issued to each holder of a Swiss Definitive Registered Warrant ("**Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate**") and each holder of a Swiss Definitive Registered Certificate ("**Swiss Individual Certificate**") in respect of its registered holding. Each Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate and Swiss Individual Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the register. Each holder for the time being registered in the register (or in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Swiss Programme Agent and any other Instrument Agent as the Holder of such number, or nominal amount, as the case may be, of such Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments (and the expression "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).



(C) *Transfers of W&C Instruments*

(a) *Global W&C Instruments*

In the case of W&C Instruments that are represented by a Global W&C Instrument, which is held by a Clearing System, all transactions (including permitted transfers of W&C Instruments) in the open market or otherwise must be effected through an account at such Clearing System subject to and in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of such Clearing System. Title will pass, other than in the case of W&C Instruments deposited with SIS, upon registration of the transfer in the books of each Clearing System.

(b) *Definitive W&C Instruments in registered form*

In the case of Definitive W&C Instruments in registered form, the Registrar will maintain the Register in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement. Transfers of Definitive Registered Certificates in registered form are effected upon (i) the surrender (at the specified office of the Principal Instrument Agent) of the individual certificate representing such Definitive Registered Certificates to be transferred together with the form of transfer (which shall be available at the specified office of the Principal Instrument Agent) endorsed on such individual certificate (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Principal Instrument Agent may reasonably require, (ii) the recording of such transfer in the Register and (iii) issuance of a new individual certificate or certificates to the transferee or transferees. Transfers of Definitive Registered Warrants in registered form are effected upon (i) the surrender (at the specified office of the Principal Instrument Agent) of the individual warrant certificate representing such Definitive Registered Warrants to be transferred together with the form of transfer (which shall be available at the specified office of the Principal Instrument Agent) endorsed on such individual warrant certificate (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Principal Instrument Agent may reasonably require, (ii) the recording of such transfer in the Register and (iii) issuance of a new individual warrant certificate or certificates to the transferee or transferees.

(c) *Swedish W&C Instruments and Finnish W&C Instruments*

In the case of Swedish W&C Instruments, the W&C Instruments will be issued, cleared, settled and transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the Swedish CSD Rules. Title to Swedish W&C Instruments will pass by registration in the Swedish Register. Where a nominee is registered as a holder of Swedish W&C Instruments it shall be treated for all purposes as the holder of such Swedish W&C Instruments.

In the case of Finnish W&C Instruments, the W&C Instruments shall be issued, cleared, settled and transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the Euroclear Finland Rules. Title to Finnish W&C Instruments will pass by registration in the Finnish Register. Where a nominee is registered as a holder of Finnish W&C Instruments it shall be treated for all purposes as the holder of such Finnish W&C Instruments.

(d) *Swiss W&C Instruments*

As a matter of Swiss law, transfers of Swiss W&C Instruments which constitute Intermediated Securities will only be effected by the entry of the transferred Swiss W&C Instruments in a securities account of the transferee.

In the case of Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments, the Swiss Programme Agent will maintain a register in accordance with the provisions of the English Law

Agency Agreement. Transfers of Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments are effected upon (i) the surrender (at the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) of the Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate representing such Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments to be transferred together with the form of transfer (which shall be available at the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) endorsed on such Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Swiss Programme Agent may reasonably require, (ii) the recording of such transfer in the register and (iii) issuance of a new Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate or Certificates, or Swiss Individual Certificate or Certificates, as applicable, to the transferee or transferees.

Any reference herein to Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"), Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main ("**Clearstream, Frankfurt**"), SIX SIS AG ("**SIS**"), Euroclear Sweden AB ("**Euroclear Sweden**") or Euroclear Finland, Ltd ("**Euroclear Finland**") shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Principal Instrument Agent and the Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## 2. Status of the W&C Instruments and Guarantees

Other than the Swiss COSIs, the W&C Instruments constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer.

The Swiss COSIs constitute direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of the Issuer and rank equally among themselves and rank equally (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time provided by applicable laws) with all other present and future direct, unsubordinated and unconditional obligations of the Issuer and are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement.

The obligations of the Guarantor under each Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, will rank *pari passu* with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

## 3. Guarantees

Under the Non-COSI Guarantee, the Guarantor has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed to the Holders, (i) the due and punctual payment of any and all amounts payable by the Issuer as obligor in respect of the W&C Instruments and/or (ii) subject as provided below, the due and punctual delivery of non-cash consideration deliverable by the Issuer in respect of the W&C Instruments, if applicable, when and as the same shall become due and payable or when the same shall become due for delivery, as the case may be, pursuant to the Conditions and to the extent provided in the Non-COSI Guarantee. As more fully set forth in the Non-COSI Guarantee, the Guarantor shall at all times have the right, at its sole and unfettered discretion, to elect not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the Holders of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments when the same shall become due and deliverable, but in lieu thereof, to pay an amount in cash equal to the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount. The "**Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount**" in respect of each W&C Instrument means an amount calculated pursuant to the terms of, or as specified in, the applicable Final Terms (or, in respect of each Credit Linked W&C Instruments, as set out in Condition 5 (*Physical Settlement*) of "Annex 9B - Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked W&C Instruments" or, if not specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the fair market value of the Entitlement in respect of such W&C Instrument on any date notified as such by the Guarantor to the Issuer and the Calculation Agent, less the cost to the Issuer

and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including the cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Guarantor in its sole and absolute discretion. Any payment of the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount in lieu of the Entitlement shall constitute a complete discharge of the Guarantor's obligations in respect of such Physical Delivery W&C Instruments.

Under the Swiss COSI Guarantee, the Guarantor will conditionally but irrevocably guarantee to the Holders the payment obligations of MLICo. to the extent of any Shortfall for the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs. Any and all obligations of the Guarantor under the Swiss COSI Guarantee will be conditional and secondary, it being understood and agreed that the Holders shall have no right to proceed under the Swiss COSI Guarantee until the SIX Swiss Exchange or other liquidator has liquidated all the collateral relating to the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs furnished by the Collateral Provider in accordance with the Framework Agreement and applicable law (the "**Collateral Enforcement Efforts**"). Subject as provided above, and as more fully set forth in the Swiss COSI Guarantee, in the event that the proceeds and other amounts received by the SIX Swiss Exchange or other liquidator after exhausting all Collateral Enforcement Efforts are insufficient to pay to the Holders the Current Value (as defined in the Framework Agreement) of the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs (the "**Shortfall**") and in case of the failure of MLICo. to punctually make payment of any Shortfall when and as the same shall become due and payable, the Guarantor will agree in the Swiss COSI Guarantee to pay or cause to be paid promptly upon demand such additional amounts as are necessary to ensure that the Holders receive the Current Value of the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs as though there had been no Shortfall.

#### 4. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the following general definitions will apply:

"**Actual Exercise Date**" means the Exercise Date (in the case of European Style Warrants or Certificates), or, subject to Condition 24(F)(a)(ii), the date during the Exercise Period on which the Warrant is actually or is deemed exercised (in the case of American Style Warrants (as more fully set out in Condition 23(A)(a)).

"**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.

"**Business Day**" means:

- (a) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which:
  - (i) commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the relevant Business Day Centre(s), specified in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if the Business Day Centre(s) is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be or to include "TARGET", then Business Day shall also be a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) system or any successor thereto (the "**TARGET2 System**") is operating and, if the W&C Instruments are (A) Swedish W&C Instruments, in Stockholm or (B) Finnish W&C Instruments, in Helsinki; and
  - (ii) each Clearing System is open for business; and
- (b) for the purposes of making payments in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating; and
- (c) for the purposes of making payments in CNY, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, 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 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

**"Cash Settlement Amount"** means, in relation to a Cash Settled W&C Instrument, the amount (which may never be less than zero) which the Holder is entitled to receive on the Settlement Date in the Settlement Currency in relation to each such W&C Instrument, or, in the case of Warrants, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the provision set out in the applicable Final Terms. The Cash Settlement Amount will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places (or, in the case of Japanese Yen, the nearest whole unit) in the relevant Settlement Currency, 0.005 (or, in the case of Japanese Yen, half a unit) being rounded upwards, with W&C Instruments exercised at the same time by the same Holder being aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Cash Settlement Amounts payable in respect of such W&C Instruments.

**"CBF Global W&C Instruments"** means the CBF Global Certificates and the CBF Global Warrants, each a **"CBF Global W&C Instrument"**.

**"Clearing System"** means:

- (a) in respect of W&C Instruments represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global W&C Instrument, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg;
- (b) in respect W&C Instruments represented by a CBF Global W&C Instrument, Clearstream, Frankfurt;
- (c) in respect of Swedish W&C Instruments, the Swedish CSD;
- (d) in respect of Swiss W&C Instruments, SIS; or
- (e) in respect of Finnish W&C Instruments, Euroclear Finland.

**"Collateral Enforcement Efforts"** has the meaning given to it in Condition 3 (*Guarantees*).

**"Collateral Provider"** means Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Zurich, Switzerland.

**"Current Value"** has the meaning given to it in clause 19 (Definitions) of the Framework Agreement.

**"Definitive Registered Certificates"** means an individual certificate (as defined in Condition 28 (*Form of Certificates*)).

**"Definitive Registered Warrants"** means an individual warrant certificate (as defined in Condition 21 (*Form of Warrants*)).

**"Definitive W&C Instruments"** means the Definitive Registered Certificates, the Definitive Registered Warrants and the Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants.

**"Entitlement"** means, in relation to a Physical Delivery W&C Instrument (other than a Credit Linked W&C Instrument), or, in the case of Warrants, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as the case may be, the quantity of the Relevant Asset or the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, which a Holder is entitled to receive on the Settlement Date in respect of each such W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, following payment of the Expenses, and, in the case of Warrants, the Exercise Price, which quantity will be rounded down as provided in Condition 23(C) or 30(A), as determined by the Calculation Agent and includes any documents evidencing such Entitlement.

**"Euroclear/CBL Global W&C Instruments"** means the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificates and the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrants, each a **"Euroclear/CBL Global W&C Instrument"**.

**"Euroclear Finland Rules"** means Finnish laws, regulations, decisions and operating procedures from time to time applicable to the Finnish W&C Instruments and/or issued by Euroclear Finland.

**"Exercise Price"** means the price specified as the Exercise Price in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FATCA Provisions"** means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any successor provisions) any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.

**"Finnish Register"** means the book-entry register maintained by Euroclear Finland on behalf of the Issuer in respect of Finnish W&C Instruments in accordance with the Euroclear Finland Rules.

**"Finnish W&C Instruments"** means (a) in the case of Warrants, Finnish Warrants (as defined in Condition 21 (*Form of Warrants*)) or (b) in the case of Certificates, Finnish Certificates (as defined in Condition 28 (*Form of Certificates*)).

**"Framework Agreement"** means the Swiss law governed SIX Swiss Exchange «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)», dated 24 May 2012, between SIX Swiss Exchange, SIS, MLICo. and the Collateral Provider, pursuant to which the Collateral Provider undertakes to secure the Current Value of the Swiss W&C Instruments for which "Collateralisation" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Global W&C Instrument"** means (a) in the case of an issue of Warrants, the Global Warrant (as defined in Condition 21 (*Form of Warrants*)) representing such Warrants and (b) in the case of an issue of Certificates, the Global Certificate (as defined in Condition 28 (*Form of Certificates*)) representing such Certificates.

**"Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Amount"** means, in respect of a Mandatory Early Exercise Date, such amount specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Date"** means, in respect of a Mandatory Early Exercise Date, such date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Mandatory Early Exercise Date"** means each Mandatory Early Exercise Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Mandatory Early Exercise Event"** means each Mandatory Early Exercise Event specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Register"** means the register held by the Registrar in respect of Registered W&C Instruments.

**"Regulation S"** means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**"Relevant Assets"** means the assets comprising the Entitlement, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Settlement Business Day"** means any day on which the relevant Clearing System is (or, but for the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event, would have been) open for the acceptance and execution of settlement instructions.

**"Settlement Date"** has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Shortfall"** has the meaning given to it in Condition 3 (*Guarantees*).

**"Swedish CSD"** means the Swedish central securities depository (*central värdepappersfövarare*) which is expected to be Euroclear Sweden.

**"Swedish CSD Rules"** means the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*) and any regulations, rules and operating procedures applicable to and/or issued by the Swedish CSD from time to time.

**"Swedish Register"** means the book-entry register maintained by the Swedish CSD on behalf of the Issuer in respect of Swedish W&C Instruments in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules.

**"Swedish W&C Instruments"** means (a) in the case of Warrants, Swedish Warrants (as defined in Condition 21 (*Form of Warrants*)) or (b) in the case of Certificates, Swedish Certificates (as defined in Condition 28 (*Form of Certificates*)).

**"Swiss COSIs"** means Swiss W&C Instruments in respect of which collateralisation is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Swiss Definitive Registered W&C Instruments"** means the Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates and the Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants.

**"Swiss W&C Instruments"** means the Swiss Certificates and the Swiss Warrants (each as defined below).

**"Unit"** has meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

**"United States"** means the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia), its territories and possessions.

**"United States Person"** means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations.

5. **General provisions relating to Physical Settlement in respect of W&C Instruments (other than Credit Linked W&C Instruments and Rule 144A Warrants)**

The provisions of Conditions 5(A), 5(B) and 5(C) apply to W&C Instruments other than Credit Linked W&C Instruments.

(A) *Settlement Disruption*

If, following the exercise of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, delivery of the Entitlement using the method of delivery specified in the applicable Final Terms is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event (as defined below) having occurred and continuing on any Settlement Date, then such Settlement Date for such W&C Instruments 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 W&C Instruments or Unit, as the case may be, by delivering the Entitlement using such other commercially reasonable manner as it may select and in such event the Settlement 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 Settlement Date for the Relevant Assets not affected by the Settlement Disruption Event will be the originally designated Settlement Date. In the case of Warrants, in the event that a Settlement Disruption Event will result in the delivery on a Settlement Date of some but not all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement, the Calculation Agent shall determine in its discretion the appropriate *pro rata* portion of the Exercise Price to be paid by the relevant Holder in respect of that partial settlement. 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 and discharge its obligations in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments or Unit, as the case may be, by payment to the relevant Holder of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price (as defined below) on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*). The

Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Settlement Disruption Event. No Holder shall be entitled to any payment in respect of the relevant W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, 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 or the Guarantor.

For the purposes hereof:

**"Disruption Cash Settlement Price"** in respect of any relevant W&C Instruments or Unit, as the case may be, shall be the fair market value of such W&C Instruments or Unit, as the case may be, (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 duly delivered Relevant Assets), less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, plus, in the case of Warrants and if already paid, the Exercise Price (or, where as provided above some Relevant Assets have been delivered, and a *pro rata* portion thereof has been paid, such *pro rata* portion); 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.

(B) *Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity*

If "Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and, following the exercise of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments, 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 due to Illiquidity"**), then:

- (a) subject as provided elsewhere in the Conditions, any Relevant Assets which are not Affected Relevant Assets, will be delivered on the originally designated Settlement Date and, in the case of Warrants, the Calculation Agent shall determine in its discretion the appropriate *pro rata* portion of the Exercise Price to be paid by the relevant Holder in respect of that partial settlement; and
- (b) 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 W&C Instruments or Unit, as the case may be, by payment to the relevant Holder of the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*). The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) that the provisions of this Condition 5(B) apply.

For the purposes hereof:

**"Failure to Deliver Settlement Price"** means, in respect of any relevant W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, the fair market value of such W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be (taking into account, the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement which have been duly delivered as provided above), less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, plus, in the case of Warrants and if already paid, the Exercise Price (or, where as provided above some Relevant Assets have been delivered, and a *pro rata* portion thereof has been paid, such *pro rata* portion).

(C) *Issuer's Option to Vary Settlement*

If the applicable Final Terms indicate that the Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of the W&C Instruments, upon a valid exercise of W&C Instruments in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the Issuer may, at its sole and unfettered discretion, in respect of each such W&C Instrument or Unit elect not to pay the relevant Holders the Cash Settlement Amount or not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement, as the case may be, to the relevant Holders but, in lieu thereof to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement or make payment of the Cash Settlement Amount on the Settlement Date to the relevant Holders. Notification of such election will be given to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) no later than 10.00 a.m. (London time) on the second Business Day following the Actual Exercise Date.

6. **General provisions relating to Settlement**

(A) *General Provisions*

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent, the Instrument Agents and the Registrar shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Settlement Amount or of any Entitlement.

Exercise of the W&C Instruments is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force on the relevant Exercise Date and none of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates, the Instrument Agents and the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of its Affiliates, the Instrument Agents and the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of Euroclear; Clearstream, Luxembourg; Clearstream, Frankfurt; SIS; the Swedish CSD; or Euroclear Finland in relation to the performance of their duties in relation to the W&C Instruments.

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

(B) *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any W&C Instrument is not a Payment Day, the Holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until (i) if "Following" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day or (ii) if "Modified Following" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day unless that Payment Day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the first preceding Payment Day, in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay or amendment. For these purposes, "**Payment Day**" means any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchanges and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (a) the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Settlement Currency (or (A) in the case of an amount payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating or (B) in the case of an amount payable in CNY, 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 CNY Settlement Centre);
- (b) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if the Additional Financial Centre is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be or to include "TARGET", then Payment Day shall also be a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating; and
- (c) London.



(C) *Payment Disruption*

(a) *Occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event*

If the applicable Final Terms specify "Payment Disruption Event" or "CNY Payment Disruption Event" to be applicable, in the event that the Calculation Agent, at any time and from time to time, determines in its sole discretion that a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, has occurred or is likely to occur, then the Calculation Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Holders of the relevant W&C Instruments of the occurrence of such Payment Disruption Event or CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

(b) *Consequences of a Payment Disruption Event*

Upon the occurrence of a Payment Disruption Event:

(i) *Extension of relevant dates*

The Calculation Agent may extend the Exercise Date, the Settlement Date or any other date on which the W&C Instruments may be exercised or redeemed or any amount shall be due and payable in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments, subject to Condition 6(C)(e), to a date falling five (5) Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*)) after the date on which the Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring and notice thereof shall be given to the relevant Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

(ii) *Obligation to pay postponed*

The Calculation Agent may postpone the Issuer's obligation to pay the Cash Settlement Amount or any such other amounts in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments or deliver any Relevant Asset, subject to Condition 6(C)(e), until five (5) Business Days (or such other date as may be determined by the Calculation Agent and notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*)) after the date on which the Payment Disruption Event is no longer occurring.

(iii) *Issuer's option to vary settlement*

Notwithstanding the Issuer's right to extend the dates for payments in accordance with Condition 6(C)(b)(i) or postpone payment in accordance with Condition 6(C)(b)(ii), as applicable, the Issuer may, if practicable (and to the extent lawful), and at the Issuer's sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) make payments due to be made in the Subject Currency in the Base Currency, converted from the Subject Currency into the Base Currency at a rate reasonably selected by the Calculation Agent;
- (2) make payments due to be made in the Base Currency in the Subject Currency, disregarding any obligation to convert amounts into the Base Currency;
- (3) in the case of Share Linked W&C Instruments, deliver the Shares in lieu of cash settlement; or
- (4) in the case of Share Linked W&C Instruments which reference a basket of Shares, elect to satisfy in part its obligation to pay the amounts as may be due and payable under the relevant W&C Instruments by making partial payment(s) or partial deliveries, as the case may be (the "**Partial Distributions**"). Any Partial Distribution made by the Issuer to the

Holders will be calculated and/or determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and shall be paid and/or delivered to the Holders *pro rata* (as far as possible, subject to any necessary adjustments for rounding) to the proportion of the W&C Instruments of the same Series held by the relevant Holder. In the event that any Partial Distribution is made by the Issuer, the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, make any such corresponding adjustment to any variable relevant to the redemption or payment terms of the relevant W&C Instruments as it deems necessary and shall notify the relevant Holders thereof in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

Any payments or deliveries made in accordance with this Condition 6(C)(b)(iii) shall satisfy and discharge in full (in the case of payments or deliveries made in accordance with paragraphs (1) to (3)) and in part (in the case of Partial Distributions made in accordance with paragraph (4)) the Issuer's obligation to pay the Cash Settlement Amount or other amount in respect of which the Payment Disruption Event has arisen, and no further amounts shall be due and payable by the Issuer in respect thereof.

(c) *Consequences of a CNY Payment Disruption Event*

Upon the occurrence of a CNY Payment Disruption Event:

(i) *Extension of relevant dates*

If "Extension" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then Condition 6(C)(b)(i) shall apply, provided that the reference therein to "Payment Disruption Event" shall be construed as a reference to "CNY Payment Disruption Event".

(ii) *Obligation to pay postponed*

If "Payment Postponement" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then Condition 6(C)(b)(ii) shall apply, provided that the reference therein to "Payment Disruption Event" shall be construed as a reference to "CNY Payment Disruption Event".

(iii) *Payment of Equivalent Amount*

If "Payment of Equivalent Amount" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and the Calculation Agent determines that such CNY Payment Disruption Event is material in relation to the Issuer's obligations under the relevant W&C Instruments to pay any Additional Amount, Cash Settlement Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date, Settlement Date or such other date on which any amount in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments shall be due and payable (such date, the "**Affected Payment Date**"), then the Issuer shall, on giving notice to Holders prior to the relevant Affected Payment Date, make payment of the Equivalent Amount of the relevant Additional Amount, Cash Settlement Amount or such other amount payable (if applicable) on the relevant Affected Payment Date in full and final settlement of its obligations to pay such Additional Amount, Settlement Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments.

(d) *Payments net of expenses*

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, (a) any payments or deliveries made in accordance with Condition 6(C)(b) or Condition 6(C)(c), as the case may be, shall be made after deduction of any costs, expenses or liabilities incurred or to be incurred by the Calculation Agent or Issuer in connection with or arising from the resolution of the relevant Payment Disruption Event(s) or CNY Payment Disruption Event(s), as the case may be, and (b) no interest shall be paid by the Issuer in respect of any delay

which may occur in the payment of any amounts due and payable under the W&C Instruments as a result of the operation of Condition 6(C)(b) or Condition 6(C)(c), as the case may be.

(e) *Payment Event Cut-Off Date*

In the event that a Payment Disruption Event or a CNY Payment Disruption Event, as the case may be, is still occurring on the Payment Event Cut-Off Date, the Exercise Date, the Settlement Date, or any other date on which any Additional Amount, Cash Settlement Amount or other amount in respect of the relevant W&C Instruments shall be due and payable (as the case may be) for the relevant W&C Instruments shall fall on the Payment Event Cut-Off Date. In such circumstances, the Holder will not receive any amounts. Thereafter, the Issuer shall have no obligations whatsoever under the W&C Instruments.

For the purposes of this Condition 6(C):

**"Base Currency"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*";

**"CNY"** means Chinese Renminbi, the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China (including any lawful successor currency to the CNY);

**"CNY Payment Disruption Event"** means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the Issuer to convert any amounts in CNY due in respect of the W&C Instruments in the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), other than where such impossibility or impracticality is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the relevant Trade Date, and it is impossible or impractical for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation) (a **"CNY Inconvertibility Event"**);
- (b) an event that makes it impossible or impractical for the Issuer to (i) deliver CNY between accounts inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s), or (ii) from an account inside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) to an account outside the relevant CNY Settlement Centre(s) (including, if applicable, to another CNY Settlement Centre), other than where such impossibility or impracticality is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Trade Date and it is impossible or impractical for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation) (a **"CNY Non-Transferability Event"**); and
- (c) the general CNY foreign exchange market in the relevant CNY Settlement Centre becomes illiquid as a result of which the Issuer cannot obtain sufficient CNY in order to satisfy its payment obligations (in whole or in part) under the W&C Instruments (a **"CNY Non-Availability Event"**);

**"CNY Settlement Centre"** means the financial centre(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**"Equivalent Amount"** means, in respect of the relevant Additional Amount, Cash Settlement Amount or other amount payable (if applicable) on the relevant Affected Payment Date (for these purposes, the **"Relevant Amount"**), an amount in the Base Currency determined by the Calculation Agent by converting the Relevant Amount into the Base Currency using the Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate for the relevant Affected Payment Date;

**"Equivalent Amount Settlement Rate"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any relevant day, the spot exchange rate on such day between CNY and the Base Currency, determined by the Calculation Agent, taking into account all available information which the Calculation Agent deems relevant (including, but not limited to, pricing information obtained from the CNY non-deliverable market outside the People's Republic of China and/or the CNY foreign exchange market in the People's Republic of China;

**"Governmental Authority"** means any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of the People's Republic of China, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and any other CNY Settlement Centre;

**"impractical" or "impracticability"** means, in respect of any action to be taken by the Issuer, that the Issuer and/or its Affiliates would incur a materially increased amount of taxes, duties, expenses or fees (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) to perform such action, or the Issuer and/or any Affiliates would be in breach of any law, rule, regulation, guideline or internal policy of the Issuer and/or its Affiliates, if such action were to be performed;

**"Payment Disruption Event"** means:

- (a) the occurrence of either (a) an Inconvertibility Event and/or (b) a Non-Transferability Event (each as defined in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*");
- (b) the imposition by the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (or any political or regulatory authority thereof) of any capital controls, or the publication of any notice of an intention to do so, which the Calculation Agent determines in good faith is likely materially to affect the W&C Instruments, and notice thereof is given by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*); or
- (c) the implementation by the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (or any political or regulatory authority thereof) or the publication of any notice of an intention to implement any changes to the laws or regulations relating to foreign investment in the Subject Currency Jurisdiction (including, but not limited to, changes in tax laws and/or laws relating to capital markets and corporate ownership), which the Calculation Agent determines are likely to affect materially the Issuer's ability to hedge its obligations under the W&C Instruments;

**"Payment Event Cut-Off Date"** means the date which is one year after the Exercise Date, Settlement Date or as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and notified to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*);

**"Subject Currency"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*"; and

**"Subject Currency Jurisdiction"** has the meaning given to it in "Annex 5 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments*".

## 7. **Currency Substitution Event**

In the event that the Issuer and the Calculation Agent, in their discretion, determine that any Relevant Governmental Authority (as defined below) of a country, bloc of countries or other applicable sovereign entity or entities (each, an **"Applicable Jurisdiction"**) announces or in any event effects (whether pursuant to legislation enacted for such purpose in the Applicable Jurisdiction, in accordance with or in breach of applicable international treaties, or in any other manner) the replacement of the lawful currency (the **"Initial Currency"**) of an Applicable Jurisdiction with a substitute currency (**"Substitute Currency"**) (for the avoidance of doubt, including circumstances in which a country (a **"Departing Country"**) within a bloc of countries in a currency union passes legislation (or a Relevant Governmental Authority thereof

announces that it will pass legislation or otherwise seeks) to effect or does effect the withdrawal of such Departing Country from the currency bloc and the replacement of the currency of the currency union with another currency as the official currency of the Departing Country) (any such event being a "**Currency Substitution Event**"), and:

- (a) the calculation of amounts to be paid or assets to be delivered under any W&C Instrument is linked to one or more Reference Items, and the currency by which the Reference Item(s) and/or any component(s) thereof is priced, quoted or traded is (or, in the Issuer's reasonable opinion is likely to be), as a result of the Currency Substitution Event, redenominated from the Initial Currency into the Substitute Currency; and/or
- (b) the calculation of amounts to be paid or assets to be delivered under any W&C Instrument is linked to one or more floating rates of interest based on or related to amounts denominated in the Initial Currency; and/or
- (c) the Hedging Arrangements (as defined below) in respect of any W&C Instrument have been materially adversely affected by (A) the Currency Substitution Event and/or (B) capital controls or other restrictions imposed by a Relevant Governmental Authority of the Applicable Jurisdiction, and the Hedging Party (as defined below) is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to alter or modify the Hedging Arrangements and/or establish alternate Hedging Arrangements to fully account for the material adverse effect of (A) and/or (B) above,

then, unless otherwise set out in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent may, in their discretion:

- (x) make such adjustments, as shall be notified to each holder of the relevant W&C Instruments, to the exercise, settlement, valuation, calculation, payment and/or any other Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instrument as the Issuer determines appropriate to (i) (in the case of (a) or (b) above) preserve the economic terms of such W&C Instruments as of the Issue Date, including, without limitation, making any currency conversion necessary as part of any such adjustment based on the relevant official conversion rate or at an appropriate market rate of exchange determined by the Calculation Agent to be prevailing as of any relevant time and date, or (ii) (in the case of (c) above) account for the material adverse effect on the Hedging Arrangements and in order to effect a commercially reasonable result; or
- (y) redeem such W&C Instruments on such day as shall be notified to the relevant Holders and pay an early settlement amount (which shall be the fair market value of the W&C Instruments, taking into account the Currency Substitution Event and its consequences as described above, less any and all costs associated or incurred by the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates or agents in connection with such early settlement, including, without limitation, any costs associated with unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion) to the holder in respect of each W&C Instrument.

For the avoidance of doubt, the circumstances and consequences described in this Condition 7 (*Currency Substitution Event*) and any resulting or alternative adjustments to the exercise, settlement, valuation, calculation, payment and/or any other Terms and Conditions of the applicable W&C Instrument will not entitle any holder of such W&C Instruments (A) to any legal remedy, including, without limitation, rescission, repudiation, or renegotiation of the W&C Instrument, or (B) to raise any defence or make any claim (including, without limitation, claims of breach, force majeure, frustration of purpose, or impracticability) or any other claim for compensation, damages, or any other relief.

For the purposes of this Condition 7 (*Currency Substitution Event*):

**"Hedging Arrangements"** means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more (a) positions or contracts in securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange

or (b) other instruments or arrangements (howsoever described) in order to hedge individually or on a portfolio basis the Issuer's obligations under any W&C Instrument.

**"Hedging Party"** means, the Issuer or any of its affiliate(s) or any entity (or entities) acting on the Issuer's behalf engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions relating to any W&C Instrument and/or underlying market measure(s) in respect of the Issuer's obligations under the W&C Instrument.

**"Relevant Governmental Authority"** means, in relation to any Applicable Jurisdiction, any de facto or de jure government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of such Applicable Jurisdiction.

## 8. **Cancellation for Tax Reasons and Tax Compliance Reasons**

### (A) *Cancellation for Tax Reasons*

The Issuer may cancel the W&C Instruments, in whole, but not in part, at any time at their Early Settlement Amount (as defined in Condition 9 (*Illegality*)), if the Issuer shall determine that any payment or deemed payment as determined for United States tax purposes with respect to the W&C Instruments or with respect to a direct or indirect hedging arrangement entered into by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates relating to the W&C Instruments may be treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for United States tax purposes (such event being a **"U.S. Withholding Tax Event"**).

### (B) *Cancellation for Tax Compliance Reasons*

The Issuer may, at its option, cancel the W&C Instruments, in whole or in part, at any time, at their Early Settlement Amount, if the Issuer determines in good faith that it has, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, become subject to withholding imposed on a payment made to it on account of the Issuer's inability to comply with the reporting requirements imposed by the FATCA Provisions, provided that such inability to comply with the reporting requirements is attributable to non-compliance by any Holder of such W&C Instruments (or a foreign withholding agent (if any) in the chain of custody of payments made to the Holders) with the Issuer's requests for certifications or identifying information (such cancellation, a **"Cancellation for Tax Compliance Reasons"**). Upon a Cancellation for Tax Compliance Reasons, W&C Instruments held by compliant Holders, in addition to those held by non-compliant Holders, may be cancelled.

Notice of intention to cancel W&C Instruments will be given in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) not less than 30 calendar days nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the date fixed for cancellation. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## 9. **Illegality**

In the event that the Issuer determines in good faith that (i) the performance of the Issuer's obligations under the W&C Instruments or that any arrangements made to hedge the Issuer's obligations under the W&C Instruments or (ii) the performance by the Guarantor of any of its obligations under the relevant Guarantee in respect of the W&C Instruments, has or will become, in whole or in part, unlawful, illegal or otherwise contrary to any present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative, judicial or regulatory authority or powers, or any change in the interpretation thereof that is applicable to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor, the Issuer may, at its discretion, cancel the W&C Instruments by giving notice to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

Should any one or more of the provisions contained in these Terms and Conditions be or become invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected thereby.

If the Issuer cancels the W&C Instruments then the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by applicable law, pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or each Unit, as the case may be, held by such Holder, which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, notwithstanding such illegality less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants and if already paid by or on behalf of the Holder, the Exercise Price, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion (the "**Early Settlement Amount**"). Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

10. **Purchases**

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase W&C Instruments at any price in the open market or otherwise. Any W&C Instruments so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation.

11. **Agents, Determinations, Modifications and Meeting Provisions**

(A) *Instrument Agents and Registrar*

The specified offices of the Instrument Agents and the Registrar are as set out at the end of these Terms and Conditions.

The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Instrument Agent or the Registrar and to appoint further or additional Instrument Agents or Registrars, provided that no termination of appointment of the Principal Instrument Agent or Registrar shall become effective until a replacement Principal Instrument Agent or Registrar shall have been appointed and provided that, (a) so long as any of the W&C Instruments are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading or listing by any other relevant authority, there shall be an Instrument Agent (which may be the Principal Instrument Agent) having a specified office in each location required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority, and (b) the Registrar shall be an entity with a specified office outside the United Kingdom, and provided further that:

- (i) so long as any of the W&C Instruments are represented by a CBF Global W&C Instrument, there shall be a Frankfurt Instrument Agent;
- (ii) so long as any of the Warrants are represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, there shall be a U.S. Warrant Agent;
- (iii) so long as any of the W&C Instruments are Swedish W&C Instruments, there shall be a Swedish Instrument Agent who shall be duly authorised as an account operator and issuing agent under the Swedish CSD Rules;
- (iv) so long as any of the W&C Instruments are Finnish W&C Instruments, there shall be a Finnish Instrument Agent who shall be duly authorised as an account operator and issuing agent under the Euroclear Finland Rules;
- (v) so long as any of the W&C Instruments are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, there shall be a Swiss Programme Agent being a Swiss bank or securities dealer; and
- (vi) there shall at all times be a Calculation Agent.

Notice of any variation or termination of appointment and of any changes in the specified office of any Instrument Agent or the Registrar will be given to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such variation, termination or changes. In acting under the English Law Agency Agreement, each Instrument Agent and the Registrar acts solely as agent of the Issuer and the Guarantor and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders and any determinations and calculations by the Instrument Agents or Registrar in respect of the W&C Instruments shall (save in the case of

manifest or proven error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Holders.

The English Law Agency Agreement may be amended by the parties thereto, without the consent of the Holders, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained therein or in any manner which the parties may mutually deem necessary or desirable and which shall not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders.

In the case of Swedish W&C Instruments, the Issuer has appointed the Swedish Instrument Agent. The Swedish Instrument Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency and trust with, the Holders.

In the case of Finnish W&C Instruments, the Issuer has appointed the Finnish Instrument Agent. The Finnish Instrument Agent acts solely as agent to the Issuer and does not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency with, the Holders.

(B) *Calculation Agent*

In relation to each issue of W&C Instruments, the Calculation Agent (whether it be Merrill Lynch International or another entity) acts solely as agent of the Issuer and the Guarantor and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders. All calculations and determinations made in respect of the W&C Instruments by the Calculation Agent shall be in its sole and absolute discretion (unless, in respect of the particular calculation or determination to be made, the Terms and Conditions provide that it shall be made in a "commercially reasonable manner"), in good faith, and shall (save in the case of manifest or proven error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents and the Holders. The Calculation Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Principal Instrument Agent upon any such calculations and determinations, and (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest or proven error) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents or the Holders shall attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer, delegate any of its obligations and functions to a suitably competent third party of good standing as it deems appropriate.

(C) *Determinations by the Issuer*

Any determination made by the Issuer pursuant to these Terms and Conditions shall (save in the case of manifest or proven error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Instrument Agents, the Registrar and the Holders.

(D) *Modifications and Meetings Provisions*

The English Law Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments or any of the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or the Guarantor and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by the Holders holding not less than 33 per cent. (by number) of the W&C Instruments of the relevant Series for the time being remaining unexercised. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons present and holding or representing in the aggregate not less than 50 per cent. (by number) of the W&C Instruments of the relevant Series for the time being unexercised, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons present whatever the number of the W&C Instruments so held or represented by them, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments (including modifying the Exercise Date, reducing or cancelling the Cash Settlement Amount or the Entitlement or the additional amount payable (if applicable) or altering the Cash Settlement Currency), the quorum shall be one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than two-thirds (by number) of the W&C Instruments of the relevant



Series for the time being unexercised, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than one-third (by number) of the W&C Instruments of the relevant Series for the time being unexercised. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Holders shall be binding on all Holders, whether or not they are present at the meeting.

The relevant Instrument Agents and each Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Holders, to:

- (a) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the W&C Instruments or English Law Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Holders; or
- (b) any modification of the W&C Instruments or the English Law 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.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Holders and any such modification shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable thereafter.

## 12. Notices

In the case of W&C Instruments represented by a Global W&C Instrument, Swedish W&C Instruments or Finnish W&C Instruments, all notices to Holders shall be valid: (i) if delivered (x) in the case of W&C Instruments, which are not Swedish W&C Instruments or Finnish W&C Instruments, to each Clearing System, for communication by them to the Holders, (y) in the case of Swedish W&C Instruments, by mail to the address registered for such Holder in the Swedish Register or otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Swedish CSD, (z) in the case of Finnish W&C Instruments, by (A) mail from the Issuer or the Finnish Instrument Agent to the address registered for such Holder in the Finnish Register, (B) e-mail or other electronic means such as a SWIFT message from the Issuer or the Finnish Instrument Agent to the e-mail, SWIFT or relevant electronic address for such Holder as provided by Euroclear Finland, (C) publication in a leading Finnish language daily newspaper of general circulation in Helsinki (which is expected to be *Kauppalehti*) or (D) otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations of Euroclear Finland; (ii) if and so long as the W&C Instruments are admitted to trading on, and listed on any stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority, if delivered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority; (iii) if and so long as the W&C Instruments are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, in accordance with the rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange and as specified in the Final Terms; and (iv) as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If the W&C Instruments are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, notices shall be published either in a daily newspaper with general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort* or *Tageblatt*) or on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

In the case of Definitive W&C Instruments, notices to the Holders will be deemed to be validly given if posted to the Holders of such Definitive W&C Instruments at their respective addresses in the Register.

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given (i) in the case of W&C Instruments which are neither Swedish W&C Instruments nor Finnish W&C Instruments and which are held through a Clearing System, on the day on which such notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing System, (ii) in the case of W&C Instruments which are not Swedish W&C Instruments or Finnish W&C Instruments and which are not held through a Clearing System, on the second Business Day following such publication, (iii) in the case of Swedish W&C Instruments, if sent by mail to the Holders, on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) following the day on which the notice was sent by mail or other electronic means such as SWIFT message, in each case if earlier, the date of such publication

or, if published more than once, on the date of the first such publication, (iv) in the case of Finnish W&C Instruments, (x) if sent by mail to the Holders, on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) following the day on which the notice was sent by mail, (y) if sent by e-mail to the Holders, on the weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) following the day on which such e-mail was sent or, (z) in each case if earlier, the date of such publication or, if published more than once, on the date of the first such publication, (v) in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, if sent by post, on the fourth weekday (being a day other than Saturday or Sunday) after the date of mailing, or (vi) in the case of W&C Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, on the day such notice is published.

**13. Expenses and Taxation**

- (a) A Holder of W&C Instruments must pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depositary charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising from the exercise and settlement of such W&C Instruments and/or, if applicable, the delivery of the Entitlement pursuant to the terms of such W&C Instruments (together "**Expenses**").
- (b) The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise or enforcement of any W&C Instrument by any person and all payments made by the Issuer shall be made subject to any such tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may be required to be made, paid, withheld or deducted.

**14. Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of Holders to create and issue further W&C Instruments so as to be consolidated with and form a single Series with the outstanding W&C Instruments.

**15. Substitution of the Issuer, Consolidation and Merger**

**(A) Substitution of the Issuer**

The Issuer, or any previous substituted company or other entity, may, at any time, without the consent of the Holders, substitute for itself as principal obligor under the W&C Instruments any company or other entity (the "**Substitute**") being the Guarantor or any of its other subsidiaries, subject to:

- (i) (except in the case of the substitution of the Guarantor), the W&C Instruments being guaranteed by the Guarantor on the same terms, *mutatis mutandis*, as the W&C Instruments;
- (ii) all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the W&C Instruments represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and are in full force and effect;
- (iii) the Substitute shall have become party to the English Law Agency Agreement, with any appropriate consequential amendments, as if it had been an original party to it;
- (iv) the Substitute and the Issuer shall have obtained legal opinions from independent legal advisers of recognised standing in the country of incorporation or other form of organisation of the Substitute, and (if the Guarantor is not the Substitute) the States of Delaware and New York and England, that the obligations of the Substitute and (if the Guarantor is not the Substitute) the Guarantor are legal, valid and binding obligations, that all consents and approvals as aforesaid have been obtained;
- (v) the Issuer shall have given at least 30 calendar days' prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*);

- (vi) each stock exchange or market on which the W&C Instruments are listed or admitted to trading shall have confirmed that, following the proposed substitution by the Substitute, the W&C Instruments will continue to be listed or admitted to trading on such stock exchange(s) or such market(s), as the case may be;
- (vii) if appropriate, the Substitute shall have appointed a process agent as its agent in England to receive service of process on its behalf in relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the W&C Instruments;
- (viii) if the W&C Instruments are Swedish W&C Instruments, the Swedish CSD having given its consent to such substitution (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); and
- (ix) if the W&C Instruments are Finnish W&C Instruments, Euroclear Finland having given its consent to such substitution (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(B) *Consolidation or Merger*

The Issuer or the Guarantor may consolidate with, or sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets to, or merge with or into any other company provided that in any such case, (a) in the case of the Issuer, either the Issuer shall be the continuing company, or the successor company shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of all amounts or delivery of all assets, as the case may be, payable or deliverable, as applicable, with respect to the W&C Instruments, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the obligations under the Conditions to be performed by the Issuer by an amendment to the English Law Agency Agreement executed by, *inter alios*, such successor company, the Guarantor and the Principal Instrument Agent, and (b) in the case of the Guarantor, the Guarantor shall be the continuing company, or the successor company shall be a company organised and existing under the laws of the United States or a state thereof or the District of Columbia and such successor company shall expressly assume (i) the due and punctual payment of all amounts or delivery of all assets, as the case may be, payable or deliverable, as applicable, with respect to the Non-COSI Guarantee and (ii) the obligations for payment of any Shortfall with respect to the Swiss COSI Guarantee, in each case by the execution of a new guarantee of like tenor. In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance and upon any such assumption by the successor company, such successor company shall succeed to and be substituted for the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, with the same effect as if it had been named herein as the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, and the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, except in the event of a conveyance by way of lease, shall be relieved of any further obligations under the Conditions, the English Law Agency Agreement and the each Guarantee, as applicable.

16. **Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction**

(A) *Governing law*

The W&C Instruments, Global W&C Instruments, Definitive W&C Instruments, the English Law Agency Agreement and the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant and any non-contractual obligations arising out of the W&C Instruments, Global W&C Instruments, Definitive W&C Instruments, the English Law Agency Agreement and the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant (including without limitation any dispute, controversy, proceedings or claim of whatever nature (whether contractual, non-contractual or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to the W&C Instruments, Global W&C Instruments, Definitive W&C Instruments, the English Law Agency Agreement and the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant or their respective formation) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance, with English law.

Each Guarantee is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

(B) *Submission to jurisdiction*

In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the W&C Instruments and the Global W&C Instruments ("**Proceedings**"), the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction and the Issuer and the Holders submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. The Issuer and the Holders waive any objection to Proceedings in the English courts on the grounds of venue or that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

For greater certainty, the Guarantor has not submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts in the Guarantees, and claims under the Guarantees are required to be instituted in the U.S. federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in the City and State of New York.

(C) *Appointment of Process Agent*

The Issuer hereby appoints Merrill Lynch Corporate Services Limited, currently at 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ as its agent in England to receive service of process in any Proceedings in England. If for any reason such process agent ceases to act as such or no longer has an address in England, the Issuer agrees to appoint a substitute process agent and to notify the Holders of such appointment. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

17. **Adjustments for European Economic and Monetary Union**

The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*):

- (a) elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in the notice, certain terms of the W&C Instruments shall be redenominated in euro.

The election will have effect as follows:

- (i) where the Settlement Currency of the W&C Instruments is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Calculation Agent may decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the Adjustment Date, all payments of the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the W&C Instruments will be made solely in euro as though references in the W&C Instruments to the Settlement Currency were to euro;
  - (ii) where the Exchange Rate and/or any other terms of these Terms and Conditions are expressed in or, in the case of the Exchange Rate, contemplate the exchange from or into, the currency (the "**Original Currency**") of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union, such Exchange Rate and/or any other terms of these Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of the Exchange Rate, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
  - (iii) such other changes shall be made to these Terms and Conditions as the Issuer may decide, in its sole and absolute discretion to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro; and/or
- (b) require that the Calculation Agent make such adjustments to the Multiplier and/or, in the case of Warrants, the Exercise Price and/or any other terms of these Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent, in its sole discretion, may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union on the Multiplier and/or, in the case of Warrants, the Exercise Price and/or such other terms of these Terms and Conditions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates or agents, the Calculation Agent, any Instrument Agent and the Registrar shall be liable to any Holder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

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

**"Adjustment Date"** means a date specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Holders pursuant to this Condition which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Original Currency first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

**"Established Rate"** means the rate for the conversion of the Original Currency (including compliance with rules relating to rounding in accordance with applicable European Community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to first sentence of Article 1091(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;

**"National Currency Unit"** means the unit of the currency of a country, as those units are defined on the date on which the country of the Original Currency first participates in European Economic and Monetary Union; and

**"Treaty"** means the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time.

18. **Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

The W&C Instruments do not confer on any third party any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (the "**Act**") to enforce any term of the W&C Instruments, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from the Act.

19. **Terms applicable to Warrants only**

Conditions 20 (*Definitions (Warrants)*), 21 (*Form of Warrants*), 22 (*Style and Title (Warrants)*), 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*), 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*) and 25 (*Additional Amounts*) apply to Warrants only.

20. **Definitions (Warrants)**

For the purposes of the Warrants:

**"Exercise Business Day"** means a day that is a Business Day and, in the case of an Index Linked Warrant or Share Linked Warrant, a Scheduled Trading Day; and

**"In-The-Money"** means:

- (a) in the case of a Cash Settled Warrant, the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of such Warrant is greater than zero; and
- (b) in the case of a Physical Delivery Warrant, the value of the Entitlement on the Actual Exercise Date for such Warrant is greater than the Exercise Price as determined by the Calculation Agent.

21. **Form of Warrants**

If the Warrants are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, such Series of Warrants will on issue be constituted by a global registered warrant (the "**Euroclear/CBL Global Registered**

**Warrant**"), which will be deposited with, and registered in the name of the nominee of, the Common Depositary.

If the Warrants are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream, Frankfurt, such Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will on issue be constituted by a global bearer warrant (the "**CBF Global Warrant**"), provided, however, that the CBF Global Warrants will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes. The CBF Global Warrant will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the relevant Series of CBF Global Warrants to Clearstream, Frankfurt.

The Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrants and the CBF Global Warrants are referred to herein as the "**Global Warrants**" and each a "**Global Warrant**".

Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrants will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for individual warrant certificates:

- (a) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) at any time, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (c) if the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar 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
- (d) the Issuer or the Guarantor has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Warrants held in definitive form.

Whenever the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant is to be exchanged for individual warrant certificates, such individual warrant certificates shall be issued in equal number to the number of Warrants represented by the Global Warrant within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant to the Principal Warrant Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such individual warrant certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the individual warrant certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant at the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Warrants scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Principal Warrant Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) individual warrant certificates have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth calendar day after they are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant; or
- (b) the date for final settlement of the Warrants has occurred and payment in full of all amounts due has not been made to the holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant on the due date for payment in accordance with the terms of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant,

then the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant (including the obligation to deliver individual warrant certificates) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth calendar day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the

case of (b) above) and the holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant or others may have under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant). Under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, each Holder is entitled to exercise or enforce in respect of each Warrant held by him, the rights and obligations attaching to the relevant Warrant as set out in, and subject to, the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, the Conditions and the applicable Final Terms issued in respect of such Warrants.

If the Warrants are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Warrants**"), such Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998: 1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).

If the Warrants are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Warrants**"), such Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, and will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*) and the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*).

If the Warrants are to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued and transferred through accounts at SIS, including such Warrants that are Swiss COSIs ("**Swiss Warrants**"), such Warrants are not eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons and will on issue be constituted as uncertificated securities which will be entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS on the Issue Date.

As a matter of Swiss law, once Swiss Warrants issued in the form of uncertificated securities are entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and are entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS, the respective Swiss Warrants will constitute Intermediated Securities.

No Holder of Swiss Warrants will at any time have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities representing such Swiss Warrants into, or the delivery of, Warrants in definitive form. However, Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form will be exchangeable (free of charge) in whole but not in part for Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates representing definitive Warrants in registered form ("**Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants**") (i) at the option of the Issuer if the Issuer has been notified by the Swiss Programme Agent that SIS has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available (an "**SIS Exchange Event**"), or (ii) in the case of Swiss Warrants listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, at the option of the Swiss Programme Agent if the Swiss Programme Agent determines that such exchange is necessary or useful or that the presentation of Warrants in definitive form is required by Swiss or foreign laws or regulations in connection with the enforcement of rights.

The Issuer will promptly give notice to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) if an SIS Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an SIS Exchange Event, SIS may give notice to the Swiss Programme Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 calendar days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Swiss Programme Agent from SIS.

If Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates representing Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants are printed and issued in exchange for Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form, the Swiss Programme Agent will (i) deregister such Swiss Warrants in the "uncertificated securities book", and (ii) deliver the Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates representing Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants to the relevant Holders.

Whenever a Swiss Warrant in uncertificated form is to be exchanged for Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates, the Issuer shall procure that the number or nominal amount of Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates issued will be equal to the number or nominal amount represented by the Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form to the Swiss Programme Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding).

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Swiss Programme Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

## 22. Style and Title (Warrants)

### (A) *Style*

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Warrants are American style Warrants ("**American Style Warrants**") or European style Warrants ("**European Style Warrants**") or such other type as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and whether automatic exercise ("**Automatic Exercise**") applies to the Warrants or such other type as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and whether the Warrants may only be exercised in Units. If Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, Warrants must be exercised in Units and any Exercise Notice which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect.

If the Warrants are Swedish Warrants or Finnish Warrants they will be European Style Warrants, Cash Settled W&C Instruments and Automatic Exercise will apply.

### (B) *Definitive Registered Warrants and Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants*

#### (i) *Transfers of Definitive Registered Warrants and Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants*

Transfers of Definitive Registered Warrants and Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants are effected upon (i) the surrender (at, in the case of Definitive Registered Warrants, the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) of the individual warrant certificates representing such Definitive Registered Certificates or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate representing such Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, as applicable, to be transferred, together with the form of transfer (which shall be available at, in the case of Definitive Registered Warrants, the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) endorsed on such individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, as applicable (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Principal Warrant Agent or Swiss Programme Agent may reasonably require, (ii) the recording of such transfer, in the case of Definitive Registered Warrants, in the Register or, in the case of the Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, in the register kept by the Swiss Programme Agent and (iii) the issuance of a new individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, as applicable, to the transferee.

#### (ii) *Part Transfer of Definitive Registered Warrants and Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants*

In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of a Definitive Registered Warrant represented by one individual warrant certificate or of a Swiss Definitive Registered Warrant represented by one Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, a new individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, as applicable, shall be



issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, as applicable, in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor.

(C) *Delivery of New Individual Warrant Certificates and Swiss Individual Warrant Certificates*

Each new individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate to be issued pursuant to this Condition 22 (*Style and Title (Warrants)*) shall be available for delivery within three Business Days of receipt of the form of transfer and surrender of the individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, as applicable, for exchange. Delivery of the new individual warrant certificate(s) or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate(s), as applicable, shall be made, in the case of individual warrant certificate(s), at the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate(s), at the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent, to whom delivery or surrender of such request for exchange, form of transfer, or individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the Holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant request for exchange, form of transfer or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the Holder entitled to the new individual warrant certificate or Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate (as applicable) to such address as may be so specified, unless such Holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the Principal Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify.

(D) *Closed Periods in respect of Definitive Registered Warrants and Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants*

No Holder may require the transfer of a Definitive Registered Warrant or Swiss Definitive Registered Warrant to be registered:

- (i) during the period of 15 calendar days before any date on which Warrants may be called for automatic exercise by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 23(D) (*Issuer Call Option*);
- (ii) after any such Warrant has been called for automatic exercise, cancellation or settlement; or
- (iii) during the period of seven calendar days ending on (and including) any Record Date and/or Additional Amount Payment Record Date.

(E) *Exchange Free of Charge*

Exchange and transfer of Warrants on registration, transfer, automatic exercise, settlement, cancellation or exercise of an option (as applicable) shall be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Principal Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity as the Principal Warrant Agent or Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, may require).

**23. Exercise Rights (Warrants)**

(A) *Exercise Period*

(a) American Style Warrants

American Style Warrants are exercisable on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period.

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, in the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, any such American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice (as defined below) has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), at or prior to 10.00

a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time, as the case may be, on the last Exercise Business Day of the Exercise Period (the "**Expiration Date**"), shall become void.

If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, in the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, any such American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent "In-The-Money" shall be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date, but payment or delivery of the Entitlement is subject to the delivery of a duly completed Exercise Notice as set forth in Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*). In such event, the provisions of Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*) shall apply.

In the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, the Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period on which an Exercise Notice is delivered prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time (as appropriate), to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Frankfurt Warrant Agent, as the case may be, and, a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent, in each case as provided in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), or, if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms and the Warrants are automatically exercised on the Expiration Date as provided above, the Expiration Date, is referred to herein as the "**Actual Exercise Date**". If any such Exercise Notice is received by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Frankfurt Warrant Agent, as the case may be, or if a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent, in each case, after 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time (as appropriate), on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period, such Exercise Notice will be deemed to have been delivered on the next Exercise Business Day, which Exercise Business Day shall be deemed to be the Actual Exercise Date, provided that any such Warrant in respect of which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure – Warrants*) at or prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt (as appropriate) on the Expiration Date shall (i) if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, become void or (ii) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date as provided above.

In the case of Swiss Warrants, the Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period on which an Exercise Notice is delivered prior to 10.00 a.m. Zurich time, to the Swiss Programme Agent and, a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International, in each case as provided in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), or, if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms and the Swiss Warrants are automatically exercised on the Expiration Date as provided above, the Expiration Date, is referred to herein as the "**Actual Exercise Date**". If any such Exercise Notice is received by the Swiss Programme Agent, or if a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International, in each case, after 10.00 a.m., Zurich time, on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period, such Exercise Notice will be deemed to have been delivered on the next Exercise Business Day, which Exercise Business Day shall be deemed to be the Actual Exercise Date, provided that any such Swiss Warrant in respect of which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*) at or prior to 10.00 a.m. Zurich time on the Expiration Date shall (i) if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, become void or (ii) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, be automatically exercised or expire on the Expiration Date as provided above and in Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*).

The expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Expiration Date in accordance with this provision.

(b) European Style Warrants other than Credit Linked Warrants

European Style Warrants are only exercisable on the Exercise Date.

In the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time (as appropriate) on the Actual Exercise Date, shall become void. If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any such European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 24 (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants)*), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg or Frankfurt time, as the case may be, on the Actual Exercise Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent "In-The-Money", shall be automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date and the provisions of Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*) shall apply.

In the case of Swedish Warrants, if any such Warrant is in the determination of the Calculation Agent "In-The-Money" on the Actual Exercise Date, such Warrant shall be automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date.

The expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date in accordance with this provision.

(c) Credit Linked Warrants

Credit Linked Warrants shall be automatically exercised on the Long Exercise Date or the Short Exercise Date (as the case may be) in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Instruments Condition 3.

(B) *Cash Settlement*

In the case of Warrants which are Cash Settled Warrants, each such Warrant or, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, entitles its holder, upon due exercise and (except for Rule 144A Warrants) subject to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount.

(C) *Physical Settlement*

If the Warrants are Physical Delivery Warrants (except for Rule 144A Warrants), each such Warrant or, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as the case may be, entitles its holder, upon due exercise and, subject to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Entitlement or, in the case of Credit Linked Warrants, Delivery of the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price, if any, and any other Expenses or sums payable. The method of delivery of the Entitlement is set out in the applicable Final Terms.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, Warrants or Units, as the case may be, exercised at the same time by the same Holder will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, provided that the aggregate Entitlements in respect of the same Holder 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 in lieu thereof a cash adjustment calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion shall be paid to the Holder.

Following exercise of a Share Linked Warrant which is a Physical Delivery Warrant, 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 relevant Actual Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares. Any

such dividends to be paid to a Holder will be paid to the account specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Notice as referred to in Condition 24(A)(a)(2)(v), Condition 24(A)(b)(2)(iv) or Condition 24(A)(c)(2)(v), as applicable.

All references in this Condition to "Brussels, Luxembourg, Frankfurt or Zurich time" shall, where W&C Instruments are cleared through an additional or alternative clearing system other than the Swedish CSD or Euroclear Finland, be deemed to refer as appropriate to the time in the city where the relevant clearing system is located.

(D) *Issuer Call Option*

If Issuer Call Option is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer, having given not less than 10 nor more than 60 calendar days' notice (or such other Issuer Call Option Notice Period as is set out in the applicable Final Terms) to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable), may elect that all (but not less than all) of the Warrants will be automatically exercised on the Call Option Date. If Call Option Cash Settlement is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms (a) if the Warrants are not Cash Settled Warrants, the Warrants shall be deemed to be Cash Settled Warrants and (b) the Cash Settlement Amount shall be the Call Option Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If the Warrants are automatically exercised on the Call Option Date, (i) the Call Option Date shall be deemed to be the Expiration Date (in the case of American Style Warrants) or the Exercise Date (in the case of European Style Warrants), (ii) except in the case of Swedish Warrants and Finnish Warrants, the provisions of Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*) shall apply, (iii) the provisions of Conditions 24(C) shall apply and (iv) the expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Call Option Date in accordance with this provision.

(E) *Mandatory Early Exercise*

If Mandatory Early Exercise is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and a Mandatory Early Exercise Event occurs, all (but not less than all) of the Warrants will be automatically exercised on the Mandatory Early Exercise Date. If Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms (a) if the Warrants are not Cash Settled Warrants, the Warrants shall be deemed to be Cash Settled Warrants and (b) the Cash Settlement Amount shall be the Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms, which shall be payable on the Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Date.

If the Warrants are automatically exercised on the Mandatory Early Exercise Date, (i) the Mandatory Early Exercise Date shall be deemed to be the Expiration Date (in the case of American Style Warrants) or the Exercise Date (in the case of European Style Warrants), (ii) except in the case of Swedish Warrants and Finnish Warrants, the provisions of Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*) shall apply, (iii) the provisions of Conditions 24(C) shall apply and (iv) the expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Mandatory Early Exercise Date in accordance with this provision.

**24. Exercise Procedure (Warrants)**

(A) *Exercise Notices*

(a) Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant

Subject as provided in Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*), Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant may only be exercised by the sending of an authenticated instruction by SWIFT message or by any other authorised communication channel, in accordance with Euroclear and/or

Clearstream, Luxembourg's rules and operating procedures (an "**Exercise Notice**") which includes the information set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant Instrument Agents) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be in accordance with the provisions of Condition 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*) and this Condition. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will send copies of any Exercise Notices so received to the Principal Warrant Agent and the Principal Warrant Agent will send such copies to Merrill Lynch International.

- (1) In the case of Cash Settled Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall, unless otherwise agreed:
  - (i) specify the ISIN of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
  - (ii) specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the Holder's account with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iv) specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised and include an authorisation for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to disclose such number of the Holder's account to the Principal Warrant Agent;
  - (v) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such certification in applicable administrative or legal proceedings, all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) In the case of Physical Delivery Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall:
  - (i) specify the ISIN of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
  - (ii) specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the Holder's account with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iv) irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to debit on the Actual Exercise Date a specified account of the Holder with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with the

aggregate Exercise Prices in respect of such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, (together with any other amounts payable);

- (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, 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 and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or the occurrence of a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amount;
  - (vi) in the case of FX Linked Warrants only, specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Warrants;
  - (vii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (viii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (3) If Condition 5(C) applies, the information required to be provided in the Exercise Notice will be different from that set out above. Copies of such information required for this Exercise Notice may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant Instrument Agents.
- (b) Warrants represented by a CBF Global Warrant

Subject as provided in Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*), Warrants represented by a CBF Global Warrant may only be exercised by the delivery or the sending by facsimile (confirmed in writing) of a duly completed exercise notice (an "**Exercise Notice**") in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from the relevant Instrument Agents) to the Frankfurt Warrant Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent, in accordance with the provisions of Condition 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*) and this Condition. The relevant Holder must also transfer to the Frankfurt Warrant Agent the Warrants to which such Exercise Notice relates and failure to transfer such Warrants at or prior to the time such Exercise Notice is delivered shall render such Exercise Notice null and void.

- (1) In the case of Cash Settled Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall:
  - (i) specify the Series of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;

- (ii) specify the name and number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised;
  - (iii) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses;
  - (iv) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (v) authorise the production of such certification in applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) In the case of Physical Delivery Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall:
- (i) specify the Series of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
  - (ii) include an undertaking to pay the aggregate Exercise Prices in respect of such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, (together with any other amounts payable);
  - (iii) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses;
  - (iv) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency 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 and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or the occurrence of a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price;
  - (v) in the case of FX Linked Warrants only, specify the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Warrants;
  - (vi) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (3) If Condition 5(C) applies, the form of Exercise Notice required to be delivered will be different from that set out above. Copies of such Exercise Notice may be obtained from the relevant Instrument Agents.
- (c) Subject as provided in Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*), Swiss Warrants may only be exercised by the delivery or sending by fax or authenticated SWIFT message (confirmed in writing) of a duly completed exercise notice (the "**Exercise Notice**") in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies may be obtained from the Swiss Programme Agent) to the Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International in accordance with the provisions of Condition 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*) and this Condition. In the event that a Warrant is in definitive form the relevant Exercise Notice must be delivered along with the relevant Swiss Definitive Registered Warrant in the manner provided above to the Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International.
- (1) In the case of Cash Settled Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall:
    - (i) specify the Swiss securities number (Valoren number) or ISIN of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
    - (ii) specify the securities account at SIS to be debited with the Warrants being exercised;
    - (iii) except in case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, irrevocably instruct the Issuer to instruct SIS to debit on or before the Settlement Date the securities account with the Warrants being exercised;
    - (iv) specify the cash account to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount (if any);
    - (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms and an undertaking to pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depositary charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with the exercise of such Warrants and, except in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, an authority to SIS to debit a specified account at SIS in respect thereof and to pay such expenses;
    - (vi) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
    - (vii) authorise the production of such certification in applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.



- (2) In the case of Physical Delivery Warrants, the Exercise Notice shall:
- (i) specify the Swiss securities number (Valoren number) or ISIN of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
  - (ii) specify the securities account at SIS to be debited with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iii) except in case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants irrevocably instruct the Issuer to instruct SIS to debit on or before the Settlement Date the securities account with the Warrants being exercised;
  - (iv) irrevocably instruct the Issuer to instruct SIS to debit on the Actual Exercise Date a specified cash account or securities account at SIS with the aggregate Exercise Prices or Entitlement in respect of such Warrant, (together with any other amounts payable);
  - (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms for delivery of the Entitlement or Exercise Price 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 the number of the cash account at SIS 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 and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price;
  - (vi) include an undertaking to pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depository charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising from the exercise of such Warrants and/or the delivery or transfer of the Entitlement pursuant to the terms of such Warrants;
  - (vii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is not a United States Person, such Warrants were not held on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (viii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (3) If Condition 5(C) applies, the form of Exercise Notice required to be delivered will be different from that set out above. Copies of such Exercise Notice may be obtained from the Swiss Programme Agent.

(d) Irrevocable Election

Delivery of an Exercise Notice shall constitute an irrevocable election by the relevant Holder to exercise the Warrants specified. After the delivery of such Exercise Notice, such exercising Holder may not transfer such Warrants.

(B) *Verification of the Holder*

In the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, upon receipt of a valid Exercise Notice, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, shall verify that the person exercising the Warrants is the holder thereof according to the books of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. Subject thereto, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will confirm to the Principal Warrant Agent and, in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, the Registrar, the ISIN and the amount of Warrants being exercised, the account number of the exercising Holder, a confirmation of the exercising Holder's certification and the account details, if applicable, for the payment of the Cash Settlement Amount or, as the case may be, the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Warrant Agent will inform the Issuer and, in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, the Registrar. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will on or before the Settlement Date debit the account of the relevant Holder with the Warrants being exercised. If the Warrants are American Style Warrants, upon exercise of less than all the Warrants constituted by the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, the Common Depositary will, on the instructions of, and on behalf of, the Principal Warrant Agent, note such exercise on the Schedule to such Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant and the number of Warrants so constituted shall be reduced by the cancellation *pro tanto* of the Warrants so exercised.

In the case of a CBF Global Warrant, upon receipt of an Exercise Notice and the relevant Warrants, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent shall verify that the person delivering the Exercise Notice, prior to such transfer was the holder according to the records of Clearstream, Frankfurt. Subject thereto, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent shall notify the Issuer of the Series number and the number of Warrants being exercised and the account details, if applicable, for the payment of the Cash Settlement Amount or, as the case may be, the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. If the Warrants are American Style Warrants, upon exercise of less than all the Warrants constituted by the CBF Global Warrant, it will, on the instructions of, and on behalf of, the Principal Warrant Agent, note such exercise on the Schedule to such CBF Global Warrant and the number of Warrants so constituted shall be reduced by the cancellation *pro tanto* of the Warrants so exercised.

In the case of a Swiss Warrant, upon receipt of an Exercise Notice the Swiss Programme Agent shall verify that the person delivering the Exercise Notice was the holder, in the case of Swiss Warrants in uncertificated form, according to the records of SIS or, in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, according to the register. Subject thereto, the Swiss Programme Agent shall notify the Issuer of the ISIN and the number of Warrants being exercised and the account details, (if applicable) for the payment of the Cash Settlement Amount or, as the case may be, the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised. Upon receipt of such Exercise Notice, the Swiss Programme Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. The Swiss Programme Agent may assume that the person delivering the Exercise Notice is duly representing the Holder of the Warrants being exercised.

(C) *Settlement*

(a) Cash Settled Warrants

In the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, the Issuer or, failing the Issuer, the Guarantor, through the relevant Instrument Agent, shall on the Settlement Date pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each duly exercised Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, to the Holder's account specified in the relevant Exercise Notice for value on the Settlement Date less any Expenses not already paid.

In the case of Swedish Warrants, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) less Expenses will be made to the persons registered as Holders in the Swedish Register (A) on the fifth business day (where the Swedish Warrants have been registered by the Swedish CSD (i) on the basis of notional amount or (ii) in Euro) or, as the case may be, (B) on the fourth business day (where the Swedish Warrants have been registered by the Swedish CSD on the basis of the number of W&C Instruments) (in each case as such business day is defined by the then applicable Swedish CSD Rules) before the due date for such payment, or, in each case, (C) on such other business day falling closer to the due date for payment as then may be stipulated in the Swedish CSD Rules (such date being the "**Record Date**" for Swedish Warrants). The Swedish Instrument Agent will pay the Cash Settlement Amount through the Swedish CSD to each Holder appearing in the Swedish Register on the Record Date on the Settlement Date.

In the case of Finnish Warrants, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) less Expenses will be made to the persons registered as Holders in the Finnish Register on the third Business Day before the due date for such payment, or on such Business Day falling closer to the due date for payment as may be stipulated in the Euroclear Finland Rules (such date being the "**Record Date**" for Finnish Warrants). The Finnish Instrument Agent will pay the Cash Settlement Amount through Euroclear Finland to each Holder appearing in the Finnish Register on the Record Date on the Settlement Date.

In the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) less Expenses will be made to the persons registered as Holders in the register on the fifteenth day before the due date for such payment (such date being the "**Record Date**" for Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants). The Swiss Programme Agent will pay the Cash Settlement Amount to the Holder's account specified in the relevant Exercise Notice. In order to receive the Cash Settlement Amount less any Expense the Holder must deliver the relevant Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate to the Swiss Programme Agent.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

(b) Physical Delivery Warrants

Subject to payment of the aggregate Exercise Prices, if any, and payment of any Expenses with regard to the relevant Warrants or Units, as the case may be, the Issuer shall on the Settlement Date deliver, or procure the delivery of, the Entitlement, or, in the case of Credit Linked Warrants, Deliver, or procure the Delivery of the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement, for each duly exercised Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, pursuant to the details specified in the Exercise Notice subject as provided in Condition 23(C).

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Entitlement will be evidenced by the delivery of the Entitlement to the securities account with such clearing system (the "**Physical Delivery Clearing System**") or in such other manner as shall have been specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Note. The Issuer, Guarantor and Calculation Agent shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of a Holder in the register of members of the Share Company.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Entitlement will be delivered to such securities account with such Physical Delivery Clearing System or in such other manner as shall have been specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Notice, provided that, if, in the opinion of the Issuer, delivery of the Entitlement to the Holder in the manner specified by the Holder or through the Physical Delivery Clearing System specified by the Holder is not commercially reasonable, the Issuer shall deliver the Entitlement to the Holder through a clearing system which the Issuer determines to be commercially reasonable for such delivery and references to "Physical Delivery Clearing System" shall be deemed to be references to such clearing system selected by the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer or the Guarantor will be fully

discharged of any and all obligations with respect to delivery of the Entitlement by making delivery in the manner specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Notice.

(D) *Determinations*

Any determination as to whether an Exercise Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall, in the case of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant, be made by the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Swiss Warrants, the Swiss Programme Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the relevant Instrument Agents and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Exercise Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not sent to Merrill Lynch International by the Principal Warrant Agent, immediately after being delivered or sent to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as the case may be, shall be null and void.

If such Exercise Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent or, in the case of Swiss Warrants, the Swiss Programme Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Exercise Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Warrant Agent, in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant, and Merrill Lynch International.

**If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Warrants with respect to which the Exercise Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the cut-off time specified in Condition 23(A)(a), in the case of American Style Warrants, or Condition 23(A)(b), in the case of European Style Warrants, shall become void.**

Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as the case may be, shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder submitting an Exercise Notice if, in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent, it has determined that such Exercise Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Clearstream, Frankfurt shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

(E) *Automatic Exercise*

This paragraph only applies to Warrants which are not Swedish Warrants or Finnish Warrants and (i) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms and the Warrants are automatically exercised as provided in Condition 23(A)(a), Condition 23(A)(b) or Condition 23(A)(c) or (ii) the Warrants are automatically exercised pursuant to Condition 23(D).

In order to receive the Cash Settlement Amount, if the Warrants are Cash Settled Warrants, or the Entitlement, if the Warrants are Physical Delivery Warrants, in respect of a Warrant, or if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, a Unit, as the case may be, the relevant Holder must: (A) in the case of Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant send a duly completed Exercise Notice to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be on any Business Day until not later than 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time (as appropriate), on the day (the "**Cut-Off Date**") falling 180 calendar days after (i) the Expiration Date, in the case of American Style Warrants, (ii) the Actual Exercise Date, in the case of European Style Warrants other than Credit Linked Warrants and (iii) the Credit Cut-Off Date, in the case of Credit Linked Warrants or (B) in the case of Warrants represented by a CBF Global Warrant, deliver a duly completed Exercise Notice to the Frankfurt Warrant Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, the Principal Warrant Agent on any Business Day until not later than 10.00 a.m., Frankfurt time on the Cut-Off Date (as defined

above) or (C) in the case of Swiss Warrants, deliver a duly completed Exercise Notice to the Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International on any Business Day until no later than 10.00 a.m., Zurich time on the Cut-Off Date (as defined above). The Exercise Notice shall include the applicable information set out in the Exercise Notice referred to in Condition 24(A)(a), Condition 24(A)(b), Condition 24(A)(c), Condition 24(A)(d) or Condition 24(A)(e), as applicable. The Business Day during the period from the Expiration Date or the Actual Exercise Date, as the case may be, until the Cut-Off Date on which an Exercise Notice is delivered to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as the case may be, and a copy thereof delivered to Merrill Lynch International by the Principal Warrant Agent, is referred to in this Condition as the "**Exercise Notice Delivery Date**", provided that if the Exercise Notice is delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Frankfurt Warrant Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as the case may be, and a copy thereof delivered to the Principal Warrant Agent at or after 10.00 a.m., Brussels, Luxembourg, Frankfurt Zurich or London time (as appropriate) on a Business Day, the Exercise Notice Delivery Date shall be deemed to be the next succeeding Business Day.

Subject to the relevant Holder performing its obligations in respect of the relevant Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the Settlement Date for such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, shall be (i) in the case of Cash Settled Warrants, the fourth Business Day following the Exercise Notice Delivery Date and (ii) in the case of Physical Delivery Warrants and subject to Conditions 5(B) and 5(C), the fourth Settlement Business Day following the Exercise Notice Delivery Date. In the event that a Holder does not so deliver an Exercise Notice in accordance with this Condition prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels, Luxembourg, Frankfurt, Zurich or London time (as appropriate) on the Cut-Off Date, such Warrants shall expire worthless, and the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Warrants and the Guarantor's obligations in respect of the relevant Guarantee shall be discharged and no further liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

(F) *Minimum and Maximum Number of Warrants Exercisable*

(a) American Style Warrants

This paragraph (a) applies only to American Style Warrants:

- (i) The number of Warrants exercisable by any Holder on any Actual Exercise Date, as determined by the Issuer, must not be less than the Minimum Exercise Number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, if a number greater than the Minimum Exercise Number, must be an integral multiple of the number specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any Exercise Notice which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect.
- (ii) If the Issuer determines that the number of Warrants being exercised on any Actual Exercise Date by any Holder or a group of Holders (whether or not acting in concert) exceeds the Maximum Exercise Number (a number equal to the Maximum Exercise Number being the "**Quota**"), the Issuer may deem the Actual Exercise Date for the first Quota of such Warrants, selected at the discretion of the Issuer, to be such day and the Actual Exercise Date for each additional Quota of such Warrants (and any remaining number thereof) to be each of the succeeding Exercise Business Days until all such Warrants have been attributed with an Actual Exercise Date, provided, however, that the deemed Actual Exercise Date for any such Warrants which would thereby fall after the Expiration Date shall fall on the Expiration Date. In any case where more than the Quota of Warrants are exercised on the same day by Holder(s), the order of settlement in respect of such Warrants shall be at the sole discretion of the Issuer.

(b) European Style Warrants

This paragraph (b) applies only to European Style Warrants:

The number of Warrants exercisable by any Holder on any Exercise Date as determined by the Issuer must not be less than the Minimum Exercise Number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, if a number greater than the Minimum Exercise Number, must be an integral multiple of the number specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any Exercise Notice which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and be of no effect.

25. **Additional Amounts**

(A) *Calculation of Additional Amounts*

If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Warrant pays additional amounts from and including the Issue Date at the Additional Amount Rate payable in arrear on each Additional Amount Payment Date.

The additional amount payable in respect of each Warrant on each Additional Amount Payment Date will amount to the Additional Amount for the Additional Amount Period ending on (but excluding) such Additional Amount Payment Date.

If an additional amount is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on (but excluding) an Additional Amount Payment Date, it will be calculated on the basis of the number of calendar days from and including the most recent Additional Amount Payment Date (or, if none, the Issue Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date and the Additional Amount Rate Day Count Fraction.

(B) *Accrual of Additional Amounts*

Each Warrant will cease to accrue additional amounts from and including the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date or, if earlier, the date on which the Warrants are cancelled (the "**Cancellation Date**"), if applicable, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions unless payment of the amount and/or delivery of any Entitlement due on the Settlement Date or Cancellation Date, as the case may be, is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of the payment or delivery in which case additional amount(s) shall accrue from the date such amount or delivery of such Entitlement was due until such amount or delivery of such Entitlement is paid or delivered, as the case may be provided that:

- (a) if "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Warrant shall cease to accrue additional amount from the Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, immediately preceding the Event Determination Date, or if the Event Determination Date is an Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, such date (or, in the case of the Event Determination Date falling on or after the Actual Exercise Date (which is an Additional Amount Payment Date), the Additional Amount Payment Date immediately preceding the Actual Exercise Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date corresponding to such Additional Amount Payment Date) or, if the Event Determination Date falls prior to the first Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, no additional amount shall accrue on the Warrants; or
- (b) if "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Warrant shall cease to accrue additional amounts from the Event Determination Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, no additional amount on the Warrants shall accrue beyond the Exercise Date in the event that delivery of any Entitlement is postponed due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

(C) *Payment of Additional Amounts*

Except in the case of Swedish Warrants and Swiss Warrants, where the Warrants pay additional amounts as specified in the applicable Final Terms, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount for each Warrant in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date by credit or transfer to the Holder's account with the relevant Clearing System for value on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of the relevant Clearing System.

Except in the case of Swedish Warrants and Swiss Warrants, the Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the relevant Clearing System in respect of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of the relevant Clearing System as the holder of a particular amount of the Warrants must look solely to such Clearing System for his share of each such payment so made to, or to the order of, the relevant Clearing System.

In the case of Swedish Warrants, where the Warrants pay Additional Amounts as specified in the applicable Final Terms, subject as provided below, payment of the Additional Amount for each Swedish Warrant will be made to the persons registered as Holders in the Swedish Register on the fifth Business Day prior to the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date (the "**Additional Amount Payment Record Date**"). The Swedish Instrument Agent will pay the Additional Amount through the Swedish CSD to each Holder appearing in the Swedish Register on the Additional Amount Payment Record Date on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date.

In the case of Swiss Warrants, where the Warrants pay Additional Amounts as specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor, through the Swiss Programme Agent, shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount (if any) for each Warrant in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date to the Holder for value on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date, less any Expenses not already paid. In the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Warrants, payment of the Additional Amount for each Swiss Warrant will be made to the persons registered as Holders in the register on the fifteenth calendar day before to the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date (the "**Additional Amount Payment Record Date**"). The Swiss Programme Agent will pay the Additional Amount by credit or transfer to an account specified by the Holder or, at the option of the Holder, by cheque be mailed to the address shown as the address of the Holder in the register on the Additional Amount Payment Record Date on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date. In order to receive the Additional Amount less any Expense the Holder must deliver the relevant Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate to the Swiss Programme Agent.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

(D) *Definitions*

"**30/360 (Floating)**" or "**30/360**" or "**360/360**" or "**Bond Basis**" means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**Y<sub>2</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

"**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**Y<sub>2</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

"**30E/360 (ISDA)**" means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**Y<sub>2</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless (a) that day is the last day of February or (b) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and



"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless (a) that day is the last day of February but not the Exercise Date or (b) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

"**Actual/360**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360.

"**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Additional Amount Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (a) the actual number of days in that portion of the Additional Amount Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and (b) the actual number of days in that portion of the Additional Amount Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).

"**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 365.

"**Additional Amount**" means, in respect of each Warrant and each Additional Amount Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

Notional Amount per Warrant x Additional Amount Rate x Additional Amount Rate Day Count Fraction.

"**Additional Amount Period**" means the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Additional Amount Payment Date (or if earlier the Additional Amount Cut off Date) and each period commencing on (and including) an Additional Amount Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Additional Amount Payment Date (or if earlier the Additional Amount Cut off Date).

## 26. **Terms applicable to Certificates only**

Conditions 27 (*Definitions (Certificates)*), 28 (*Form of Certificates*), 29 (*Type and Title (Certificates)*), 30 (*Exercise Rights (Certificates)*), 31 (*Collection Notices and Settlement (Certificates)*) and 32 (*Additional Amounts*) apply to Certificates only.

## 27. **Definitions (Certificates)**

For the purposes of the Certificates:

"**Global W&C Instrument**" means, as the context so requires, a Global Certificate.

## 28. **Form of Certificates**

If the Certificates are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg ("**Euroclear/CBL Certificates**"), such Series of Euroclear/CBL Certificates will on issue be constituted by a global certificate in registered form (the "**Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate**"), which will be deposited with a depository common to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and registered in the name of the nominee of such depository.

If the Certificates are to be issued into and transferred through accounts at Clearstream, Frankfurt ("**CBF Certificates**"), such Series of CBF Certificates will on issue be constituted by a permanent global certificate in bearer form (the "**CBF Global Certificate**") provided, however, that the CBF Global Certificates will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes. The CBF Global Certificate will be delivered on or prior to the Issue Date of the relevant Series of CBF Global Certificates to Clearstream, Frankfurt.

The Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificates and the CBF Global Certificates are referred to herein as "**Global Certificates**" and each a "**Global Certificate**".

Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificates will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for individual certificates:

- (a) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) at any time, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (c) if the Issuer has been notified that Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system approved by the Holders of the Certificates is available.

Whenever the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate is to be exchanged for individual certificates, the Issuer shall procure that individual certificates will be issued in number or nominal amount equal to the number or nominal amount of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificates then outstanding within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate to the Principal Certificate Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such individual warrant certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the individual warrant certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate at the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Certificates scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Principal Certificate Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) individual certificates have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth calendar day after they are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate; or
- (b) the date for final settlement of the Certificates has occurred and payment in full of all amounts due has not been made to the Holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate on the due date for payment in accordance with the terms of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate,

then the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate (including the obligation to deliver individual certificates) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth calendar day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) and the holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the holder of the Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Certificate or others may have under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant). Under the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, each Holder is entitled to exercise or enforce in respect of each Certificate held by him, the rights and obligations attaching to the relevant Certificate as set out in, and subject to, the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant, the Conditions and the applicable Final Terms issued in respect of such Certificates.

If the Certificates are to be issued into and cleared through the Swedish CSD ("**Swedish Certificates**"), such Series of Swedish Certificates will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (in Swedish: *lag (1998: 1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*).

If the Certificates are to be issued into and cleared through Euroclear Finland ("**Finnish Certificates**"), such Series of Finnish Certificates will be issued in dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System and Clearing Operations (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuusjärjestelmästä ja selvitystoiminnasta (749/2012)*), the Finnish Act on Book-Entry Accounts (in Finnish: *laki arvo-osuustileistä (827/1991)*) and the Euroclear Finland Rules.

If the Certificates are to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and/or issued and transferred through accounts at SIS, including such Certificates that are Swiss COSIs ("**Swiss Certificates**"), such Swiss Certificates will on issue be constituted as uncertificated securities which will be entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS on the Issue Date.

As a matter of Swiss law, once Swiss Certificates issued in the form of uncertificated securities are entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and are entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS, the respective Swiss Certificates will constitute Intermediated Securities.

No Holder of Swiss Certificates will at any time have the right to effect or demand the conversion of the uncertificated securities representing such Swiss Certificates into, or the delivery of, Certificates in definitive form. However, Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Swiss Individual Certificates representing definitive Certificates in registered form ("**Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates**") as specified in the applicable Final Terms, (i) at the option of the Issuer if the Issuer has been notified by the Swiss Programme Agent that SIS has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available (an "**SIS Exchange Event**"), or (ii) in the case of Swiss Certificates listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, at the option of the Swiss Programme Agent if the Swiss Programme Agent determines that such exchange is necessary or useful or that the presentation of Certificates in definitive form is required by Swiss or foreign laws or regulations in connection with the enforcement of rights.

The Issuer will promptly give notice to Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) if an SIS Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an SIS Exchange Event, SIS may give notice to the Swiss Programme Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur no later than 45 calendar days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Swiss Programme Agent from SIS.

If Swiss Individual Certificates representing Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates are printed and issued in exchange for Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form, the Swiss Programme Agent will (i) deregister such Swiss Certificates in the "uncertificated securities book", and (ii) deliver the Swiss Individual Certificates representing the Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates to the relevant Holders.

Whenever Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form are to be exchanged for Swiss Individual Certificates, the Issuer shall procure that the number or nominal amount of Swiss Individual Certificates issued will be equal to the number or nominal amount represented by the Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form within five Business Days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Swiss Certificates in uncertificated form to the Swiss Programme Agent of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Swiss Individual Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Swiss Individual Certificates are to be registered and the number or nominal amount of each such person's holding).

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Swiss Programme Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

29. **Type and Title (Certificates)**

(A) *Cash Settled Certificates*

If the Certificates are Swedish Certificates or Finnish Certificates, they will be Cash Settled Certificates.

(B) *Definitive Registered Certificates and Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates*

(i) *Transfers of Definitive Registered Certificates*

Transfers of Definitive Registered Certificates and Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates are effected upon (i) the surrender (at, in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent or, in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates, the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) of the individual certificate representing such Definitive Registered Certificates or Swiss Individual Certificate representing the Swiss Definitive Registered Certificate, as applicable, to be transferred, together with the form of transfer (which shall be available at, in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent or, in the case of Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates, the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent) endorsed on such individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate, as applicable (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Principal Certificate Agent or Swiss Programme Agent may reasonably require, (ii) the recording of such transfer, in the case of the Definitive Registered Certificates, in the Register or, in the case of the Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates, in the register kept by the Swiss Programme Agent and (iii) the issuance of a new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate, as applicable, to the transferee.

(ii) *Part Transfer of Definitive Registered Certificates and Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates*

In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of a Definitive Registered Certificate represented by one individual certificate or of a Swiss Definitive Registered Certificate represented by one Swiss Individual Certificate, a new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate, as applicable, shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate, as applicable, in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor.

(C) *Delivery of New Individual Certificates and Swiss Individual Certificates*

Each new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate to be issued pursuant to this Condition 29 (*Type and Title (Certificates)*) shall be available for delivery within three Business Days of receipt of the form of transfer and surrender of the individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate, as applicable, for exchange. Delivery of the new individual certificate(s) or Swiss Individual Certificate(s), as applicable, shall be made, in the case of individual certificate(s), at the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent or, in the case of Swiss Individual Certificate(s), at the specified office of the Swiss Programme Agent, to whom delivery or surrender of such request for exchange, form of transfer, or individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the Holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant request for exchange, form of transfer or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the Holder entitled to the new individual certificate or Swiss Individual Certificate (as applicable) to such address as may be so specified, unless such Holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the Principal Certificate Agent or the Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify.

(D) *Closed Periods in respect of Definitive Registered Certificates and Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates*

No Holder may require the transfer of a Definitive Registered Certificate or Swiss Definitive Registered Certificate to be registered:

- (i) during the period of 15 calendar days before any date on which Certificates may be called for cancellation and settlement by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 30(C) (*Issuer Call Option*);
- (ii) after any such Certificate has been called for cancellation or settlement; or
- (iii) during the period of seven calendar days ending on (and including) any Settlement Record Date or Additional Amount Payment Record Date.

(E) *Exchange Free of Charge*

Exchange and transfer of Certificates on registration, transfer, cancellation, settlement or exercise of an option (as applicable) shall be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Principal Certificate Agent or Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity as the Principal Certificate Agent or Swiss Programme Agent, as applicable, may require).

30. **Exercise Rights (Certificates)**

(A) *Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates*

Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates shall be automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date. If the Certificates are Cash Settled Certificates, each such Certificate entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount. If the Certificates are Physical Delivery Certificates, each such Certificate entitles its Holder, subject to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership and to the provisions of Condition 31(A), to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Entitlement subject to payment of any Expenses.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Entitlement will be evidenced by the delivery of the Entitlement to the securities account with the Physical Delivery Clearing System or in such other manner as shall have been specified by the Holder in the relevant Collection Notice. The Issuer, the Guarantor and the Calculation Agent shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of a Holder in the register of members of the Share Company.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Entitlement will be delivered to such securities account with the Physical Delivery Clearing System or in such other manner as shall have been specified by the Holder in the relevant Collection Notice, provided that, if, in the opinion of the Issuer, delivery of the Entitlement to the Holder in the manner specified by the Holder or through the Physical Delivery Clearing System specified by the Holder is not commercially reasonable, the Issuer shall deliver the Entitlement to the Holder through a clearing system which the Issuer determines to be commercially reasonable for such delivery and references to "Physical Delivery Clearing System" shall be deemed to be references to such clearing system selected by the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer or the Guarantor will be fully discharged of any and all obligations with respect to delivery of the Entitlement by making delivery in the manner specified by the Holder in the relevant Collection Notice.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, Certificates of the same Holder automatically exercised and in respect of which a Collection Notice (as defined below) has been duly given as provided in Condition 30(A), will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Certificates, provided that the aggregate Entitlements 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 in lieu thereof a cash adjustment calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion shall be paid to the Holder.

Following exercise of a Share Certificate which is a Physical Delivery Certificate, 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 Actual Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares. Any such dividends to be paid to a Holder will be paid to the account specified by the Holder in the relevant Collection Notice as referred to in Condition 31(A)(a)(1)(v), Condition 31(A)(b)(1)(iii), Condition 31(A)(c)(1)(v) or Condition 31(A)(d)(1)(iii) as applicable.

The expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Certificates which are automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date in accordance with this provision.

(B) *Credit Linked Certificates*

Credit Linked Certificates shall be automatically exercised on the Long Exercise Date or the Short Exercise Date (as the case may be) in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Instruments Condition 3.

(C) *Issuer Call Option*

If Issuer Call Option is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms the Issuer may, having given not less than 10 nor more than 60 calendar days' notice (or such other Issuer Call Option Notice Period as is set out in the applicable Final Terms) to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable) elect that the Exercise Date for all (but not less than all) of the Certificates be brought forward to the Call Option Date. If Call Option Cash Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms (a) if the Certificates are not Cash Settled Certificates, the Certificates shall be deemed to be Cash Settled Certificates and (b) the Cash Settlement Amount shall be the Call Option Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(D) *Mandatory Early Exercise*

If Mandatory Early Exercise is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and a Mandatory Early Exercise Event occurs, the Exercise Date for all (but not less than all) of the Certificates will be brought forward to the Mandatory Early Exercise Date. If Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms (a) if the Certificates are not Cash Settled Certificates, the Certificates shall be deemed to be Cash Settled Certificates and (b) the Cash Settlement Amount shall be the Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms, which shall be payable on the Mandatory Early Exercise Cash Settlement Date.

(E) *Holder Put Option*

If Holder Put Option is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Holder may, by giving not less than 10 nor more than 60 calendar days' notice (or such other Holder Put Option Notice Period as is set out in the applicable Final Terms) as set out below elect to bring forward the Exercise Date for his Certificates to the Put Option Date set out in the relevant Put Notice (as defined below). If Put Option Cash Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms (a) if the Certificates are not Cash Settled Certificates, the Certificates shall be deemed to be Cash Settled Certificates and (b) the Cash Settlement Amount for the relevant Certificates shall be the Put Option Cash Settlement Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms.

In order to exercise the right to bring forward the Exercise Date of a Certificate the Holder must deliver by facsimile or authenticated SWIFT message (confirmed in writing) a duly completed notice of exercise (a "**Put Notice**") in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement to (a) in the case of Euroclear/CBL Certificates, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg with a copy to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Certificate Agent, (b) in the case of CBF Global Certificates, the Principal Certificate Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, (c) in the case of Swedish Certificates, the Swedish Instrument Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, (d) in the case of Swiss Certificates, the

Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, (e) in the case of Finnish Certificates, the Finnish Instrument Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, (f) in the case of Global Certificates in registered form, the relevant Clearing System and the Principal Certificate Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International, and (g) in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, the Principal Certificate Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International. Copies of the Put Notice are available at the specified offices of the Instrument Agents. Once delivered a Put Notice shall be irrevocable and the Certificates the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

(F) *Prescription*

Definitive Registered Certificates will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of additional amounts) after the Relevant Date (as defined below) therefor.

As used herein, the "**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the relevant Instrument Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

31. **Collection Notices and Settlement (Certificates)**

(A) *Collection Notices*

(a) Euroclear/CBL Certificates

If the Certificates are Euroclear/CBL Certificates, in order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Certificate, the relevant Holder must send an instruction by authenticated SWIFT message or by any other authorised communication channel, in accordance with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg's rules and operating procedures (a "**Collection Notice**") which includes the information set out in Schedule 8 Part 2 to the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant Instrument Agents) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, on (x) in the case of Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates any Business Day up until not later than 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time (as appropriate), on the Actual Exercise Date or (y) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, the Credit Cut-Off Date (each the "**Cut-Off Date**"). Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will send a copy of any Collection Notices so received to the Principal Certificate Agent. The Principal Certificate Agent will send such copies to Merrill Lynch International.

(1) The Collection Notice shall:

- (i) specify the Series of the Certificates and the number of Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
- (ii) except in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with the Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
- (iii) except in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the Holder's account with the Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
- (iv) Include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and except in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, an authority to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit a specified account of the Holder at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in respect thereof and to pay such Expenses;

- (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Registered Certificate, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency 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 due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amount;
  - (vi) in the case of FX Linked Certificates only, specify the number of the Holder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Registered Certificate, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Certificates;
  - (vii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Certificate which is the subject of such Collection Notice is not a United States Person, the Certificate was not held on behalf of a United States 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 United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (viii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) If Condition 5(C) applies, the information required to be provided in the Collection Notice will be different from that set out above. Copies of such information required for this Collection Notice may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Certificate Agents.
- (b) CBF Certificates

If the Certificates are CBF Certificates, in order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Certificate, the relevant Holder must transfer such Certificates to the Frankfurt Certificate Agent and deliver or send by fax or authenticated SWIFT message (confirmed in writing) a duly completed CBF collection notice (a "**Collection Notice**") in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from the Certificate Agents) in the case of Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates in each case to the Frankfurt Certificate Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Certificate Agent on (x) any Business Day up until not later than 10.00 a.m., Frankfurt time, on the Actual Exercise Date or (y) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, the Credit Cut-Off Date (each the "**Cut-Off Date**").

- (1) The Collection Notice shall:
  - (i) specify the Series of the Certificates and the number of Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
  - (ii) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses;



- (iii) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency 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 due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amount;
  - (iv) in the case of FX Linked Certificates only, specify the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Certificates;
  - (v) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Certificate which is the subject of such Collection Notice is not a United States Person, the Certificate was not held on behalf of a United States 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 United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) If Condition 5(C) applies, the form of Collection Notice required to be delivered will be different from that set out above. Copies of such Collection Notice may be obtained from the relevant Certificate Agents.

(c) Swiss Certificates

If the Certificates are Swiss Certificates, in order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Certificate, the relevant Holder must deliver or send by fax or authenticated SWIFT message (confirmed in writing) a duly completed Swiss collection notice (a "**Collection Notice**") in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from the Swiss Programme Agent) to the Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International on (x) in the case of Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates any Business Day up until not later than 10.00 a.m., Zurich time, on the Actual Exercise Date or (y) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, the Credit Cut-Off Date (each the "**Cut-Off Date**"). In the event that a Certificate is in definitive form the relevant Collection Notice must be delivered along with the relevant Definitive Registered Certificate in the manner provided above to the Swiss Programme Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International.

- (1) The Collection Notice shall:
  - (i) specify the Swiss securities number (Valoren number) or ISIN of the Certificates and the number of Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
  - (ii) specify the securities account at SIS to be debited with the Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;

- (iii) except in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, irrevocably instruct SIS, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the securities account with the Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
  - (iv) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and, except in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, an authority to SIS, to debit a specified account at SIS in respect thereof and to pay such Expenses;
  - (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account with SIS, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency 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 due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amount;
  - (vi) in the case of FX Linked Certificates only, specify the number of the Holder's account at SIS or, in the case of a Definitive Registered Certificate, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Certificates;
  - (vii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Certificate which is the subject of such Collection Notice is not a United States Person, the Certificate was not held on behalf of a United States 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 United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (viii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,
- all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) If Condition 5(C) applies, the form of Collection Notice required to be delivered will be different from that set out above. Copies of such Collection Notice may be obtained from the Swiss Programme Agent.
- (d) Definitive Registered Certificates

If the Certificates are Definitive Registered Certificates, in order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Certificate, the relevant Holder must deliver an instruction in writing (a "**Collection Notice**") which includes the information set out in Schedule 8 Part 5 to the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which may be obtained from the Principal Certificate Agent) along with the relevant Definitive Registered Certificate to the Principal Certificate Agent on (x) in the case of Certificates other than Credit Linked Certificates any Business Day up until not later than 10.00 a.m., Luxembourg time, on the Actual Exercise Date or (y) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, the Credit Cut-Off Date (each the "**Cut-Off Date**"). The Principal

Certificate Agent will send a copy of any Collection Notices so received to Merrill Lynch International.

- (1) The Collection Notice shall:
  - (i) specify the Series of the Certificates and the number of Certificates the subject of such Collection Notice;
  - (ii) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses;
  - (iii) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency 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 due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amount;
  - (iv) in the case of FX Linked Certificates only, specify the number of the Holder's account at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Certificates;
  - (v) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Certificate which is the subject of such Collection Notice is not a United States Person, the Certificate was not held on behalf of a United States 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 United States Person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,

all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.
- (2) If Condition 5(C) applies, the information required to be provided in the Collection Notice will be different from that set out above. Copies of such information required for this Collection Notice may be obtained from the Principal Certificate Agent.

(e) Late Delivery and Non-delivery of Collection Notice

If a Holder so delivers a duly completed Collection Notice after the Cut-Off Date, the Entitlement shall be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or, in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, the Credit Settlement Date, provided that if a Holder does not so deliver a duly completed Collection Notice in accordance with this Condition 31(A) prior to the close of business in the place of receipt on the 90th calendar day following the Cut-Off Date, the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Certificates and the Guarantor's obligations in respect of the relevant Guarantee shall be discharged and no further liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or the Guarantor. For the avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances such Holder shall not be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise as a result of such Settlement Date or Credit Settlement Date falling after the originally designated Settlement Date

or Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, and no liability in respect hereof shall attach to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

After the delivery of a Collection Notice, the relevant Holder may not transfer the Certificates to which the Collection Notice relates.

(B) *Verification of the Holder*

In the case of a Collection Notice submitted in respect of a Euroclear/CBL Certificate, upon receipt of a valid Collection Notice, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, shall verify that the person submitting the Collection Notice is the holder of the relevant Certificates according to the books of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. Subject thereto, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will confirm to the Principal Certificate Agent or, in the case of Registered Certificates, the Registrar, the ISIN and the amount of Certificates being exercised, the account number of the exercising Holder, a confirmation of the exercising Holder's certification, the relevant account details (if applicable) and the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Certificate the subject of the relevant Collection Notice. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Certificate Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will on or before the Settlement Date debit the account of the relevant Holder with the Certificates the subject of the relevant Collection Notice.

In the case of a Collection Notice submitted in respect of a CBF Certificate, upon receipt of a Collection Notice and the Certificates the Frankfurt Certificate Agent shall verify that the person delivering the Collection Notice is (or, if the Certificates have been transferred to the Frankfurt Certificate Agent in accordance with Condition 31(A)(b) above, prior to such transfer was) the Holder according to the records of Clearstream, Frankfurt. Subject thereto, the Frankfurt Certificate Agent shall notify the Issuer of the Series number and the number of Certificates the subject of such notice, the account details and the details for the delivery of the Entitlement of each Certificate.

In the case of a Swiss Certificate, upon receipt of a Collection Notice the Swiss Programme Agent shall verify that the person delivering the Collection Notice was the Holder according to the records of SIS. Subject thereto, the Swiss Programme Agent shall notify the Issuer of the ISIN or Swiss securities number (Valoren number) and the number of Certificates and the relevant account details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Certificate being subject of the relevant Collection Notice. Upon receipt of such Collection Notice, the Swiss Programme Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. The Swiss Programme Agent may assume that the person delivering the Collection Notice is duly representing the Holder of the Certificates that are the subject of such Collection Notice.

(C) *Settlement*

(a) *Cash Settled Certificates*

For so long as the Certificates are represented by Definitive Registered Certificates, the Issuer, or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) of each Certificate by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Settlement Currency specified by the Holder, or at the option of the Holder, by cheque mailed to the address of the Holder in the Register on the fifteenth calendar day before the due date for such payment (such date being the "**Settlement Record Date**" for Definitive Registered Certificates). In order to receive the Cash Settlement Amount less any Expenses the Holder must deliver the relevant individual certificate to the Principal Certificate Agent.

For so long as the Certificates are represented by a Global Certificate, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Certificate by credit or transfer to the Holder's account with the relevant Clearing System for value on the Settlement Date less any Expenses, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of the relevant Clearing System. The Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, will be

discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the relevant Clearing System in respect of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of the relevant Clearing System as the holder of a particular amount of the Certificates must look solely to such Clearing System for his share of each such payment so made to, or to the order of such Clearing System.

In the case of Swedish Certificates, subject as provided below, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Certificate will be made to the persons registered as the Holders in the Swedish Register (A) on the fifth business day (where the Swedish Certificates have been registered by the Swedish CSD (i) on the basis of notional amount or (ii) in Euro) or, as the case may be, (B) on the fourth business day (where the Swedish Certificates have been registered by the Swedish CSD on the basis of the number of W&C Instruments) (in each case as such business day is defined by the then applicable Swedish CSD Rules) before the due date for such payment, or, in each case, (C) on such other business day falling closer to the due date for payment as then may be stipulated in the Swedish CSD Rules (such date being the "**Settlement Record Date**" for Swedish Certificates). The Swedish Instrument Agent will pay the Cash Settlement Amount less any Expenses through the Swedish CSD to each Holder appearing in the Swedish Register on the Settlement Record Date on the Settlement Date.

In the case of Finnish Certificates, subject as provided below, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Certificate will be made to the person registered as the Holder in the Finnish Register on (A) the third Business Day before the due date for such payment if the Finnish Certificates have been registered as warrants in the Finnish Register, (B) on the Business Day immediately preceding the due date for such payment if the Finnish Certificates have been registered as notes in the Finnish Register, or (C) such other Business Day falling closer to the due date for payment as may be stipulated in the Euroclear Finland Rules (such date being the "**Settlement Record Date**" for Finnish Certificates). The Finnish Instrument Agent will pay the Cash Settlement Amount less any Expenses through Euroclear Finland to each Holder appearing in the Finnish Register on the Settlement Record Date on the Settlement Date.

In the case of Swiss Certificates, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor, through the Swiss Programme Agent, shall on the Settlement Date pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Swiss Certificate to the Holder's account with the relevant Clearing System for value on the Settlement Date, less any Expenses not already paid. For so long as the Swiss Certificates are represented by Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates, the Issuer, or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) of each Certificate by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Settlement Currency specified by the Holder, or at the option of the Holder, by cheque mailed to the address of the Holder in the register on the fifteenth day before the due date for such payment (such date being the "**Settlement Record Date**" for Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates). In order to receive the Cash Settlement Amount less any Expenses the Holder must deliver the relevant Swiss Individual Certificate to the Swiss Programme Agent.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a cheque may not be delivered to an address in, a credit or transfer may not be delivered to an address in, and an amount may not be transferred to an account at a bank located in, the United States by any office or agency of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Certificate Agent, any Instrument Agent or the Registrar.

(b) Physical Delivery Certificates

Subject to payment of any Expenses with regard to the relevant Certificates, the Issuer shall deliver, or procure the delivery of, the Entitlement or, in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, Deliver, or procure the Delivery of the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement for each Certificate in respect of which a valid Collection Notice (and, in the case of Definitive Registered Certificates, the relevant individual certificate in respect of the Definitive Registered Certificate) has been delivered as provided in Condition 31(A) pursuant to the details specified in the Collection Notice subject as provided in Condition 5 and, in the case of CBF Certificates in respect of which the relevant Certificates have been transferred to the Principal Certificate Agent as provided in Condition 31(A).

The Issuer shall at the risk of the relevant Holder deliver the Entitlement in respect of each Certificate or, in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, Deliver the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement in such commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall, in its sole discretion, determine to be appropriate for such delivery. In the case of Credit Linked Certificates, in relation to each Deliverable Obligation constituting the Entitlement, the Issuer will Deliver or procure the Delivery of the relevant Deliverable Obligation as provided above on the Credit Settlement Date provided that if all or some of the Deliverable Obligations included in the Entitlement are Undeliverable Obligations and/or Hedge Disruption Obligations, then the Issuer shall continue to attempt to Deliver all or a portion of such Undeliverable Obligations or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, on or before the 30th Business Day following the Credit Settlement Date (the "**Final Delivery Date**"), provided further that if all or a portion of such Undeliverable Obligations or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, are not Delivered by the Final Delivery Date the provisions of Credit Linked W&C Condition 10 shall apply.

(D) *Determinations*

Any determination as to whether a Collection Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Certificate Agent in consultation with, in the case of Euroclear/CBL Certificates, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or, in the case of Swiss Certificates, the Swiss Programme Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the relevant Instrument Agents and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Collection Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not sent to Merrill Lynch International by the Principal Certificate Agent immediately after being delivered or sent to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Certificate Agent, the Swiss Programme Agent or the Issuer, as applicable, shall be null and void.

If such Collection Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Certificate Agent, the Swiss Programme Agent or the Issuer, as applicable, in consultation with the Principal Certificate Agent (in the case of Euroclear/CBL Certificates or Definitive Registered Certificates), it shall be deemed to be a new Collection Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Certificate Agent, the Swiss Programme Agent or the Issuer, as applicable, and copied to the Principal Certificate Agent or Merrill Lynch International, as applicable (in the case of Euroclear/CBL Certificates).

Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Certificate Agent, the Swiss Programme Agent or the Issuer, as applicable, shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder submitting a Collection Notice if it has determined that such Collection Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Certificate Agent and the Swiss Programme Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

32. **Additional Amounts**

(A) *Calculation of Additional Amounts*

If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Certificate pays additional amounts from and including the Issue Date at the Additional Amount Rate payable in arrear on each Additional Amount Payment Date.

The additional amount payable in respect of each Certificate on each Additional Amount Payment Date will amount to the Additional Amount for the Additional Amount Period ending on (but excluding) such Additional Amount Payment Date.

If an additional amount is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on (but excluding) an Additional Amount Payment Date, it will be calculated on the basis of the number of calendar days from and including the most recent Additional Amount Payment Date (or, if none, the Issue Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date and the Additional Amount Rate Day Count Fraction.

(B) *Accrual of Additional Amount*

Each Certificate will cease to accrue additional amounts from and including the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date or, if earlier, the date on which the Certificates are cancelled (the "**Cancellation Date**"), if applicable, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions unless payment of the amount and/or delivery of any Entitlement due on the Settlement Date or Cancellation Date, as the case may be, is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of the payment or delivery in which case additional amount(s) shall accrue from the date such amount or delivery of such Entitlement was due until such amount or delivery of such Entitlement is paid or delivered, as the case may be, provided that:

- (a) if "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Certificate shall cease to accrue additional amount from the Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, immediately preceding the Event Determination Date, or if the Event Determination Date is an Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, such date (or, in the case of the Event Determination Date falling on or after the Actual Exercise Date (which is an Additional Amount Payment Date), the Additional Amount Payment Date immediately preceding the Actual Exercise Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date corresponding to such Additional Amount Payment Date) or, if the Event Determination Date falls prior to the first Additional Amount Payment Date or, if applicable, the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date, no additional amount shall accrue on the Certificates; or
- (b) if "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as being Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each Certificate shall cease to accrue additional amounts from the Event Determination Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, no additional amount on the Certificates shall accrue beyond the Exercise Date in the event that delivery of any Entitlement is postponed due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

(C) *Payment of Additional Amounts*

For so long as the Certificates are represented by Definitive Registered Certificates, where the Certificates pay additional amounts, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount for each Certificate in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Settlement Currency outside the United States (in accordance with the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations) specified by the Holder or, at the option of the Holder, by cheque mailed to the address of the Holder registered in the Register on the fifteenth calendar day before the due date for such payment (such date being the "**Additional Amount Payment Record Date**" for such Definitive Registered Certificates) for value on the relevant Additional

**Amount Payment Date.** In order to receive the Additional Amount the Holder must deliver the relevant individual certificate to the Principal Certificate Agent.

For so long as the Certificates are represented by a Global Certificate, where the Certificates pay additional amounts, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount for each Certificate in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date by credit or transfer to the Holder's account with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be, for value on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be.

Except in the case of Swedish Certificates and Swiss Certificates, the Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be, in respect of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be, as the holder of a particular amount of the Certificates must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be, for his share of each such payment so made to, or to the order of, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt, as the case may be.

In the case of Swedish Certificates, where the Certificates pay additional amounts, subject as provided below, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount for each Swedish Certificate in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date by credit or transfer to the person registered as Holder in the Swedish Register on the fifth Business Day prior to the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date (the "**Additional Amount Payment Record Date**"). The Swedish Instrument Agent will pay the Additional Amounts through the Swedish CSD to each Holder appearing in the Swedish Register on the Additional Amount Payment Record Date on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date.

In the case of Swiss Certificates, where the Certificates pay Additional Amounts as specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor, through the Swiss Programme Agent, shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount (if any) for each Certificate in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date to the Holder for value on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date, less any Expenses not already paid. For so long as the Swiss Certificates are represented by Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates, the Issuer or failing the Issuer, the Guarantor shall pay or cause to be paid the Additional Amount for each Certificate in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Settlement Currency outside the United States (in accordance with the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations) specified by the Holder or, at the option of the Holder, by cheque mailed to the address of the Holder registered in the Register on the fifteenth calendar day before the due date for such payment (such date being the "**Additional Amount Payment Record Date**" for such Swiss Definitive Registered Certificates) for value on the relevant Additional Amount Payment Date. In order to receive the Additional Amount the Holder must deliver the relevant Swiss Individual Certificate to the Swiss Programme Agent.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a cheque may not be delivered to an address in, a credit or transfer may not be delivered to an address in, and an amount may not be transferred to an account at a bank located in, the United States by any office or agency of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Certificate Agent, any Instrument Agent or the Registrar.

(D) *Definitions*

**"30/360 (Floating)"** or **"30/360"** or **"360/360"** or **"Bond Basis"** means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:



$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

**"30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis"** means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

**"30E/360 (ISDA)"** means the number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**Y<sub>2</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**M<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Additional Amount Period falls;

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Additional Amount Period, unless (a) that day is the last day of February or (b) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Additional Amount Period, unless (a) that day is the last day of February but not the Exercise Date or (b) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

"**Actual/360**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 360.

"**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Additional Amount Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (a) the actual number of days in that portion of the Additional Amount Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and (b) the actual number of days in that portion of the Additional Amount Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).

"**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" means the actual number of days in the Additional Amount Period divided by 365.

"**Additional Amount**" means, in respect of each Certificate and each Additional Amount Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

Notional Amount per Certificate x Additional Amount Rate x Additional Amount Rate Day Count Fraction.

"**Additional Amount Period**" means the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Additional Amount Payment Date (or if earlier the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date) and each period commencing on (and including) an Additional Amount Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Additional Amount Payment Date (or if earlier the Additional Amount Cut-Off Date).

## **USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE W&C INSTRUMENTS**

### **W&C Instruments**

Each of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo. intends to use the net proceeds from each issue of W&C Instruments issued by it for its general corporate purposes, including making general loans to affiliates which may use such proceeds for their general corporate purposes. A substantial portion of the proceeds from the issue of W&C Instruments may be used to hedge market risk with respect to such W&C Instruments. If, in respect of any particular issue of W&C Instruments, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

## ANNEX 1

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INDEX LINKED INSTRUMENTS

## 1. Interpretation

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Index Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Index Linked Instruments set out below (the "**Index Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to Index Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and 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 Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, and the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments, and the Index Linked Conditions, the Index Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Index Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Index Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

## 2. Definitions

For the purposes of these Index Linked Conditions:

**"Averaging Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, or on account of such date not being a Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, a Common Scheduled Trading Day), would have been the final Averaging Date, or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on the relevant Averaging Dates, provided that the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which the final Averaging Date was scheduled to fall.

**"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 (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Averaging Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day:

- (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 level or price provided that, if through the operation of this provision there would not be an Averaging Date, then the provisions of the definition of "Valuation Date" will apply for purposes of determining the relevant level or price on the final Averaging Date, as if such final 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 or price 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 Index Linked Instruments relate to a single Index, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date. If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Index, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date 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 Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for an Index affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Index, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Index, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;
  - (iii) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for an Index affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day for the Index, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Index, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below; or
  - (iv) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Index shall be the first succeeding Common Valid Date in relation to such Index. If the first succeeding Common Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls

on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date 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 (d)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below,

and, for the purposes of these Index Linked Conditions **"Valid Date"** means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur, and **"Common Valid Date"** means a Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Index, and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur.

**"Barrier Event Determination Day"** means, in respect of each Index:

- (a) if the applicable Final Terms provides that the Barrier Event (intraday) provisions shall apply, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, each day on which the level of such Index is published and/or disseminated by the Index Sponsor during the relevant Observation Period, regardless of whether or not such day is a Scheduled Trading Day for such Index (and if the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines that a Market Disruption Event is occurring for such Index at any time on any Barrier Event Determination Day, it shall disregard the period during which it determines in its sole and absolute discretion that such Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing for the purposes of determining whether or not a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred); or
- (b) if the applicable Final Terms provides that the Barrier Event (closing) provisions shall apply, each day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing)"** means:

- (a) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Unitary Index, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Barrier Event Determination Day, as the case may be, in relation to each Index to be valued. If the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) shall be such actual closing time;
- (b) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange 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 relevant Exchange and (B) in respect of any options contracts or futures contracts on the Index, the close of trading on the relevant 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; or
- (c) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Proprietary Index, the time at which the Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the official closing level of the Index.

**"Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)"** means any time during the regular trading session (without regard to any after hours or any other trading outside of the regular session) on the relevant Exchange.

**"Barrier Level"** means, in respect of an Index, such level for such Index as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Basket of Indices"** means, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Index Linked Conditions, a basket composed of indices in their relative proportions or number of indices, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Common Scheduled Trading Day"** means, in respect of a Basket of Indices, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for all the Indices in the Basket of Indices.

**"Component Security"** means, in respect of an Index, any share or other component security, index or instrument included in such Index as determined by the Calculation Agent and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Disrupted Day"** means:

- (a) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Unitary Index, 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;
- (b) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the Index Sponsor fails to publish the level of the Index (provided that the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, determine that such event instead results in the occurrence of an Index Disruption), (ii) the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or (iii) a Market Disruption Event has occurred; or
- (c) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Proprietary Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred (provided that the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, determine that such event instead results in the occurrence of an Index Disruption).

**"Early Closure"** means:

- (a) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Unitary Index, the closure on any Exchange Business Day of any relevant Exchange(s) relating to securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant 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; or
- (b) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange 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, or (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into on the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day.

**"Exchange"** means:

- (a) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Unitary 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 comprising such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the securities comprising such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange); or
- (b) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange 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.

**"Exchange Business Day"** means (a) where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Unitary Index, 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 or (b) where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the Index Sponsor publishes the level of the Index, and (ii) the Related Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding the Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**"Exchange Disruption"** means:

- (a) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Unitary 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 (i) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, on any relevant Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index, or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Index on any relevant Related Exchange; or
- (b) in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange 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: (i) any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security; or (ii) futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the relevant Related Exchange.

**"Final Level"** means, in respect of an Index, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Closing Level of such Index on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Index Linked Conditions.

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

**"Index Closing Level"** means, in respect of an Index and any relevant date, subject to these Index Linked Conditions, an amount equal to the official closing level (which shall be deemed to be an amount in the Index Currency) of such Index as determined by the Calculation Agent on such date.

**"Index Currency"** means in respect of an Index, the index currency specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Index Level"** means, in respect of an Index and a time on any day, and subject to these Index Linked Conditions, the level of such Index at such time on such day as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Index Performance"** means unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of an Index and any relevant date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent as being equal to (a) the Index Closing Level of such Index on such date, divided by (b) the Initial Level of such Index.

**"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 is the index sponsor specified for such Index in the applicable Final Terms.



**"Initial Level"** means, in respect of an Index, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Closing Level of such Index on the Strike Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Index Linked Conditions.

**"Multi-Exchange Index"** means any Index for which the "Type of Index" is specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or, if not specified, any Index the Calculation Agent determines as such.

**"Observation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Observation Date, provided that the Observation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Observation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Observation Date"** means each Observation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a single Index, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Index, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be such Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant level or price by determining the level of the Index as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5 below) the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in the Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Observation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date;
- (b) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Observation Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Index affected (each an **"Affected Index"**) 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 Index, unless each of the Scheduled

Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Index. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date for an Index owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Index, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Index (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to such Index, the level of such Index determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of such Index as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in such Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Observation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date) or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date;

- (c) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or if the Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Index affected (each an "**Affected Index**") 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 Index, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date (or if such Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Index. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Index (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for an Index or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to such Index, the level of such Index determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of such Index as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in such Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Observation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date; or

- (d) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Index, unless each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Indices. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for an Index or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to each Index for which the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the level of such Index determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of such Index as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in each Index for which the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Observation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date.

**"Observation Period"** means, in respect of an Index:

- (a) if the consequence of "Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on the Observation Period Start Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Index Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Index Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms); or
- (b) if the consequence of "No Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on the Observation Period Start Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Index Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Index Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Observation Period End Date"** means, in respect of an Index, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of "Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Observation Period Start Date"** means, in respect of an Index, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of

"Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Proprietary Index"** means any Index for which the "Type of Index" is specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or, if not specified, any Index the Calculation Agent determines as such.

**"Related Exchange"** means, in relation to any Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange 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 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, however, 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 the 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 Observation Date"** means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been an Observation Date.

**"Scheduled Trading Day"** means in respect of:

- (a) any Unitary Index, any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange for the Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions;
- (b) any Multi-Exchange Index, any day on which (i) the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of the Index, and (ii) the Related Exchange for the Index is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session; and
- (c) any Proprietary Index, any day on, or, as the case may be, in respect of, which the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of such Index.

**"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.

**"Strike Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Trading Disruption"** means:

- (a) in respect of any Unitary Index, any suspension of, or limitation imposed on, trading by any 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 securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of such Index on any relevant Exchange, or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to such Index on any relevant Related Exchange; and
- (b) in respect of any Multi-Exchange Index, any suspension or limitation imposed on trading by any 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.

**"Unitary Index"** means any Index for which the "Type of Index" is specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or, if not specified, any Index the Calculation Agent determines as such.

**"Valuation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date, or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Valuation Date, provided that the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Valuation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Valuation Date"** means each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Index Linked Instruments relate 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 Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Index, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant level or price by determining the level of the Index as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5 below) the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in the Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date;
- (b) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Index affected (each an **"Affected Index"**) 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 Index, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Index. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled

Trading Day for such Index, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Index (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to such Index, the level of such Index determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of such Index as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in that Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date;

- (c) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Index affected (each an "**Affected Index**") 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 Index, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Index. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Index (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for an Index or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to such Index, the level of such Index 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 Valuation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in such Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date; or
- (d) where the Index Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Indices and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Index, unless

each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Indices. In that case, or if the Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for an Index or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price using, in relation to each Index for which the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the level of such Index determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using the level of such Index as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date in accordance with (subject to Index Linked Condition 5) the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day (A) in respect of a Unitary Index or Multi-Exchange Index, using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each security comprised in each Index for which the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) has occurred in respect of the relevant security on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date), or (B) in respect of a Proprietary Index, using such levels or values as the Calculation Agent determines to be appropriate as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date of each component comprised in the Index, or, if the value of any component cannot be determined at such time on such day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant component as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date.

**"Valuation Time"** means:

- (a) in respect of any Unitary Index, (i) for the purposes of determining whether an Early Closure, an Exchange Disruption or a Trading Disruption has occurred in respect of (A) any Exchange, the Scheduled Closing Time of the Exchange (provided that, if the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time), and (B) any options contracts or futures contracts on such 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;
- (b) in respect of any Multi-Exchange Index, (i) for the purposes of determining whether an Early Closure, an Exchange Disruption or a Trading Disruption has occurred in respect of (I) any Component Security, the Scheduled Closing Time on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security (provided that, if the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time), and (II) 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 respect of any Proprietary Index, the time at which the Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the official closing level of the Index.

**"Worst Performing Index"** means, in respect of a Basket of Indices and the Valuation Date (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms), the Index with the lowest Index Performance on such day as determined by the Calculation Agent (provided that if two or more Indices have the same lowest Index Performance on such day, the Calculation Agent shall determine which Index shall be the Worst Performing Index in its sole and absolute discretion, and such Index shall be the Worst Performing Index).

### 3. **Market Disruption**

**"Market Disruption Event"** means:

- (a) in respect of any Unitary Index, 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 ends at the relevant Valuation Time or (iii) an Early Closure.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of a Unitary Index exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) occurs in respect of a Component Security included in the Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of such Component Security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (A) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to such Component Security and (B) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event;

- (b) in respect of any Multi-Exchange Index either:
  - (i) (A) the occurrence or existence, in respect of any Component Security, of:
    - (1) a Trading Disruption, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded;
    - (2) an Exchange Disruption, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period 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; 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 the Index; or
  - (ii) the occurrence or existence, in respect of futures or options contracts relating to the 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.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of a Multi-Exchange Index exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event (as defined in the Share Linked Conditions in relation to a share) occurs in respect of a Component Security at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of such Component Security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that Component Security and (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case using the official opening weightings as published by the Index Sponsor as part of the market "opening data".

- (c) in respect of any Proprietary Index, the failure by the Index Calculation Agent (as specified in the rules relating to the relevant Proprietary Index) to calculate, and/or the Index Sponsor to publish, the level of the Index on any Scheduled Trading Day or in respect of such Scheduled Trading Day within the scheduled timeframe for such calculation or publication.



#### 4. **Barrier Event**

- (a) A "**Barrier Event (intraday)**" means (and a Barrier Event (intraday) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of an Index, the Calculation Agent determines that the Index Level of such Index as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Index and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

For the purpose of determining whether a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred on any day in respect of a Unitary Index and a Multi-Exchange Index, the definition of Market Disruption Event specified in Index Linked Condition 3 shall be amended such that (i) all references to "during the one-hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time" shall be deleted, and (ii) in the definition of "Early Closure" appearing in Index Linked Condition 2, each reference to "Valuation Time" and "Scheduled Closing Time" shall be construed as a reference to "Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)".

- (b) A "**Barrier Event (closing)**" means (and a Barrier Event (closing) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of an Index, the Calculation Agent determines that the Index Closing Level of such Index as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Index and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

#### 5. **Adjustments and Corrections to an Index**

- (a) Consequences of a Successor Index Sponsor or a Successor Index

If a relevant Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor sponsor (the "**Successor Index 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 a Valuation Date, an Observation Date or an Averaging Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), 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 or contracts 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 or an Averaging Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce a relevant Index, provided that, in respect of an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Multi-Exchange Index or a Proprietary Index, the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, determine that such event instead results in the occurrence of a Disrupted Day (an "**Index Disruption**" and, together with an Index Modification and an Index Cancellation, each an "**Index Adjustment Event**"), then the Issuer may take the action described in (A) or (B) below:

- (A) require the Calculation Agent to determine if such Index Adjustment Event has a material effect on the Index Linked Instruments and, if so, calculate the relevant level or price using, in lieu of a published level for such Index, the level for such Index as at the Valuation Time on that Valuation Date, Observation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the change, failure or cancellation, but using only those

securities or components that comprised such Index immediately prior to that Index Adjustment Event; or

- (B) (1) in the case of Notes, on giving notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14, redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
- (2) in the case of W&C Instruments, on giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Index Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.

Upon the occurrence of an Index Adjustment Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, giving details of the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of such action. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations.

(c) Corrections to an Index

If the level of a relevant Index published on any Valuation Date, Observation Date or Averaging Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), as the case may be, by the relevant Index Sponsor or (if applicable) the relevant Successor Index Sponsor and which is utilised for any calculation or determination made for the purposes of the Index Linked Instruments (a "**Relevant Calculation**") is subsequently corrected and the correction (the "**Corrected Index Level**") is published by the relevant Index Sponsor or (if applicable) the relevant Successor Index Sponsor no later than two Business Days prior to the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to such Relevant Calculation, then such Corrected Index Level shall be deemed to be the relevant level for such Index on such Averaging Date, Observation Date or Valuation Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), as the case may be, and the Calculation Agent shall use such Corrected Index Level in determining the relevant level or price and/or whether the Barrier Event (closing) or Barrier Event (intraday), as the case may be, has been triggered.

(d) Additional Index Adjustment Event

If, on or prior to a Strike Date, Valuation Date, an Observation Date or an Averaging Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), the Issuer has determined and notified the Calculation Agent that a U.S. Withholding Tax Event has occurred on or prior to such date, then:

- (i) regardless of whether an Index Substitution Event takes place pursuant to the below, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustments or reductions to the Index Closing Level (or any other relevant level) of the relevant Index in respect of the Strike Date, any Valuation Date, any Observation Date, any Averaging Date or any other relevant date, and/or any adjustment(s), if any, to one or more of any variables relevant to the redemption, cancellation, payment, calculation of any amount payable or other terms of the Instruments, as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for the economic effect of such U.S.

Withholding Tax Event, including after giving effect to any Index Substitution Event (if any); and/or

- (ii) notwithstanding the Issuer's right to, in the case of Notes, redeem the Notes early at its option pursuant to Note Condition 8 or, in the case of W&C Instruments, cancel the W&C Instruments at its option pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 8, following the occurrence of such U.S. Withholding Tax Event, the Issuer may, at its option, upon notification by the Issuer to the Calculation Agent that it wishes to substitute a Successor Index for the relevant Index (such event, an "**Index Substitution Event**"), determine that the relevant Index shall be replaced by the Successor Index with effect from the date specified by the Issuer and not, in the case of Notes, redeem the Notes early at its option pursuant to Note Condition 7 nor, in the case of W&C Instruments, cancel the W&C Instruments at its option pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 8, and, following the Index Substitution Event coming into effect, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustments or reductions to the Index Closing Level (or any other relevant level) of the relevant Successor Index in respect of the Strike Date, any Valuation Date, any Observation Date, any Averaging Date or any other relevant date, and/or any adjustment(s), if any, to one or more of any variables relevant to the redemption, cancellation, payment, calculation of any amount payable, or other terms of the Notes or W&C Instruments, as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for the economic effect of such Index Substitution Event (if any). The Issuer will notify holders of the occurrence and terms of such Index Substitution Event, in the case of Notes, in accordance with Note Condition 14 and, in the case of W&C Instruments, in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 (the date of such notification, in the case of Notes pursuant to Note Condition 14 and, in the case of W&C Instruments pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 12, being the "**Index Substitution Event Notification Date**"). The Issuer's determination, in the case of Notes, not to redeem the Notes early and, in the case of W&C Instruments, not to cancel the W&C Instruments, following a U.S. Withholding Tax Event shall not affect its right to, in the case of Notes, redeem the Notes early for any other tax reasons pursuant to Note Condition 7 or, in the case of W&C Instruments, cancel the W&C Instruments for any other tax reason pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 8, at any time during the term of the Notes or W&C Instruments, as applicable (whether before, at the same time, or after the occurrence of the U.S. Withholding Tax Event which gave rise to such Index Substitution Event).

Following the occurrence of an Index Substitution Event: (a) in the case of Notes each Noteholder shall have the option, upon such Noteholder giving the Issuer, in accordance with Note Condition 14, not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days' notice from the Index Substitution Event Notification Date to redeem the Notes held by such Noteholder in whole (but not in part), and, the Issuer, upon the expiration of such notice, will redeem such Notes on the Index Substitution Optional Redemption Date and at the Index Substitution Optional Redemption Amount; or (b) in the case of W&C Instruments each Holder shall have the option, upon such Holder giving the Issuer, in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days' notice from the Index Substitution Event Notification Date to cancel the W&C Instruments held by such Holder in whole (but not in part), and, the Issuer, upon the expiration of such notice, will cancel such W&C Instruments on the Index Substitution Optional Cancellation Date at the Index Substitution Optional Cancellation Amount.

In the case of (a) Notes, the procedures specified in the second, third and fourth paragraphs of Note Condition 7(E) shall apply to the election of the option described in paragraph (i) above, (b) Certificates, the procedures specified in the second paragraph of W&C Instruments Condition 30(E) shall apply to the election of the option described in paragraph (ii) above, provided that for the purposes of this Index Condition 5(d) the words "In order to exercise the right to bring forward the Exercise Date" shall be deemed to be deleted, and (c) Warrants, the procedure specified in the

relevant paragraph of W&C Instruments Condition 24 shall apply to the election of the option described in paragraph (ii) above, provided that for the purposes of this Index Condition 5(d) the words "Settlement Date" and "Actual Exercise Date" shall be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the words "Index Substitution Optional Cancellation Date".

**"Index Substitution Optional Cancellation Amount"** means, in respect of each W&C Instrument, the fair market value of the W&C Instrument less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying hedging arrangement (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) as determined by the Calculation Agent (determined on or after the Index Substitution Event Notification Date) (taking into account, if applicable, any and all adjustments made to the levels of the relevant Index or Successor Index and the terms of the W&C Instruments made pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of Index Linked Condition 5(d)).

**"Index Substitution Optional Cancellation Date"** means, in respect of each W&C Instrument, a date selected by the Issuer, which shall be not earlier than the fifth Business Day following the Index Substitution Event Notification Date and not later than the 60th calendar day following the Index Substitution Event Notification Date.

**"Index Substitution Optional Redemption Amount"** means, in respect of each Note, the Market Value less Associated Costs (no floor) or the Market Value less Associated Costs (90 per cent. floor) (determined on or after the Index Substitution Event Notification Date) as provided in Note Condition 7(G) and as specified in the applicable Final Terms (taking into account, if applicable, any and all adjustments made to the levels of the relevant Index or Successor Index and the terms of the Notes made pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of Index Linked Condition 5(d)).

**"Index Substitution Optional Redemption Date"** means, in respect of each Note, a date selected by the Issuer, which shall be not earlier than the fifth Business Day following the Index Substitution Event Notification Date and not later than the 60th calendar day following the Index Substitution Event Notification Date.

**"U.S. Withholding Tax Event"** means an event with respect to the Notes, as defined in Note Condition 7(B) and, with respect to the W&C Instruments, as defined in W&C Instruments Condition 8(A).

## 6. Additional Disruption Events

- (a) **"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant security comprised in an Index or (B) the Issuer will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Index Linked Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Index Linked Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Index Linked Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

- (b) If Additional Disruption Events are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then if an Additional Disruption Event occurs, 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 the 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) give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, and (A) in the case of Notes, redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, cancel the W&C Instruments and pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, payment being made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.

## ANNEX 2

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SHARE LINKED INSTRUMENTS

## 1. Interpretation

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Share Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Share Linked Instruments set out below (the "**Share Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to Share Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and 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 Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, and the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments, and the Share Linked Conditions, the Share Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Share Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Share Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

## 2. Definitions

For the purposes of these Share Linked Conditions:

**"Averaging Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, or on account of such date not being a Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, a Common Scheduled Trading Day), would have been the final Averaging Date, or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on the relevant Averaging Dates, provided that the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which the final Averaging Date was scheduled to fall.

**"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, (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Averaging Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day:

- (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 price; provided that, if through the operation of this provision there would not be an Averaging Date, then the provisions of the definition of "Valuation Date" will apply for purposes of determining the relevant price on the final Averaging Date, as if such final 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 price 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 Share Linked Instruments relate to a single Share, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date. If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Share, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;
  - (ii) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for a Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Share has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;
  - (iii) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for a Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Share has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below; or
  - (iv) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Share shall be the first succeeding Common Valid Date in relation to such Share. If the first succeeding Common Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective

of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date 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 (d)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below,

and, for the purposes of these Share Linked Conditions **"Valid Date"** means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur, and **"Common Valid Date"** means a Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Share and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur.

**"Barrier Event Determination Day"** means, in respect of each Share:

- (a) if the applicable Final Terms provides that the Barrier Event (intraday) provisions shall apply, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, each day on which the price of such Share is quoted on the relevant Exchange during the relevant Observation Period, regardless of whether or not such day is a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines that a Market Disruption Event is occurring at any time on any Barrier Event Determination Day, it shall disregard the period during which it determines in its sole and absolute discretion that such Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing for the purposes of determining whether or not a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred); or
- (b) if the applicable Final Terms provides that the Barrier Event (closing) provisions shall apply, each day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing)"** means, in respect of each Share to be valued, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Barrier Event Determination Day. If the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) shall be such actual closing time.

**"Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)"** means any time during the regular trading session (without regard to any after hours or any other trading outside of the regular session) on the Exchange.

**"Barrier Level"** means, in respect of a Share, such price for such Share as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Basket of Shares"** means a basket composed of Shares in their relative proportions or number of Shares, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Cash Settled Instruments"** means Instruments that entitle the holder, upon due exercise and subject to certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership, to receive from the Issuer, on the Settlement Date, the Cash Settlement Amount.

**"Common Scheduled Trading Day"** means, in respect of a Basket of Shares, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for all the Shares in the Basket of Shares.

**"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 the relevant Exchange 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 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 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 Exchange or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the Share on any relevant Related Exchange.

**"Final Price"** means, in respect of a Share, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Closing Price of such Share on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Share Linked Conditions.

**"Initial Price"** means, in respect of a Share, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Closing Price of such Share on the Strike Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Share Linked Conditions.

**"Observation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Observation Date, provided that the Observation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Observation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Observation Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a single Share, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be such Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant price in accordance with its good faith estimate of the relevant price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date;
- (b) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable,

the Observation Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Share affected (each an "**Affected Share**") 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 Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Share. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions;

- (c) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or if the Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Share affected (each an "**Affected Share**") 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 Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date (or if the Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to and including the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Share. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; or
- (d) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Share, unless each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Shares. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to each Share for which the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions.

**"Observation Period"** means, in respect of a Share:

- (a) if the consequence of "Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on, the Observation Period Start Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Share Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Share Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms); or
- (b) if the consequence of "No Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on the Observation Period Start Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Share Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Share Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Observation Period End Date"** means, in respect of a Share, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of "Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Observation Period Start Date"** means, in respect of a Share, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of "Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Physical Delivery Notes"** means Notes redeemed by physical delivery.

**"Related 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 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, however, 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 Observation Date"** means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been an Observation Date.

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

**"Shares"** and **"Share"** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Share Linked Conditions, the shares or a share specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Share Closing Price"** means, in respect of a Share and any relevant date, subject to these Share Linked Conditions, an amount equal to the official closing price of such Share quoted on the relevant Exchange as determined by the Calculation Agent on such date.

**"Share Company"** means, in respect of a Share, the company that has issued such Share.

**"Share Performance"** means unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of a Share and any relevant date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent as being equal to (a) the Share Closing Price of such Share on such day, divided by (b) the Initial Price of such Share.

**"Share Price"** means, in respect of a Share and a time on any day and subject to these Share Linked Conditions, the price of such Share at such time on such day as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Share Substitution Criteria"** means (and the Share Substitution Criteria shall be deemed to be satisfied if), unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of a Share and any other relevant share:

- (a) the relevant issuer of such other relevant share belongs to a similar economic sector as the Share Company of such Share; and
- (b) the relevant issuer of such other relevant share has a comparable market capitalisation and international standing as the Share Company in respect of such Share.

**"Strike Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as such 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 on the Exchange or (b) in futures or options contracts relating to the Share on any relevant Related Exchange.

**"Valuation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Valuation Date, provided that the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Valuation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Valuation Date"** means each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms or if that is not a Scheduled Trading Day the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day, (or, where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Share Linked Instruments relate 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 Scheduled Trading Days up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a

Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant price in accordance with its good faith estimate of the relevant price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date;

- (b) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Share affected (each an "**Affected Share**") 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 Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Share. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Share, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions;
- (c) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Share affected (each an "**Affected Share**") 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 Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Share. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; or
- (d) where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Share, unless each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Shares. In that case, or if the Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for

a Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to each Share for which the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, 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 price for such Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions.

**"Valuation Time"** means the Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no Valuation Time is specified, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Valuation Date, Observation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, in relation to each Share to be valued. 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.

**"Worst Performing Share"** means, in respect of a Basket of Shares and the Valuation Date (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms), the Share with the lowest Share Performance on such day, as determined by the Calculation Agent (provided that if two or more Shares have the same lowest Share Performance on such day, the Calculation Agent shall determine which Share shall be the Worst Performing Share in its sole and absolute discretion, and such Share shall be the Worst Performing Share).

### 3. **Barrier Event**

- (a) A **"Barrier Event (intraday)"** means (and a Barrier Event (intraday) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of a Share, the Calculation Agent determines that the Share Price of such Share as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Share and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

For the purpose of determining whether a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred on any day, the definition of Market Disruption Event specified in Share Linked Condition 4 shall be amended such that (i) all references to "during the one-hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time" shall be deleted, and (ii) in the definition of "Early Closure" appearing in Share Linked Condition 2, each reference to "Valuation Time" and "Scheduled Closing Time" shall be construed as a reference to "Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)".

- (b) A **"Barrier Event (closing)"** means (and a Barrier Event (closing) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of a Share, the Calculation Agent determines that the Share Closing Price of any Share as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Share and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

### 4. **Market Disruption**

**"Market Disruption Event"** means, in relation to a Share, the occurrence or existence 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 for such Share or (c) an Early Closure.

### 5. **Correction to Share Prices**

If the price of a Share published on any Valuation Date, Observation Date, or an Averaging Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent) as the case may be, by the relevant Exchange and which is utilised for any calculation or determination made for the purposes of the Notes (a **"Relevant Calculation"**) is subsequently corrected and the correction (the **"Corrected Share Price"**) published by the relevant Exchange no later than two Business Days prior to the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to such Relevant Calculation, then such Corrected Share Price shall be deemed to be the relevant price for such Share on such Averaging Date, Observation Date or Valuation Date (or other relevant date, as determined by the Calculation Agent), as the case

may be, and the Calculation Agent shall use such Corrected Share Price in determining the relevant price and/or whether the Barrier Event (closing) or Barrier Event (intraday), as the case may be, has been triggered.

6. **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, if Tender Offer is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer) or a free distribution or dividend of any such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (ii) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders 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 Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares or (C) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the Share Company as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction or (D) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) 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 Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid;
- (v) a repurchase by the Share Company or any of 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; or
- (vi) in respect of a Share Company 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 Share Company 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, warrants, 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 Share Company 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 make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the 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 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.

If **"Local Tax Adjustment"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, then, in its determinations of the existence and extent of any dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares of any Potential Adjustment

Event, and any related adjustments to the terms of the Instruments, the Calculation Agent shall take into account any amounts of Local Taxes that would, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, be withheld from or paid or otherwise incurred by an Offshore Investor in connection with such Potential Adjustment Event.

**"Local Taxes"** shall mean taxes, duties, and similar charges imposed by the taxing authority of the Local Jurisdiction as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Offshore Investor"** shall mean a holder of Shares who is an institutional investor not resident in the Local Jurisdiction for the purposes of the tax laws and regulations of the Local Jurisdiction and, for the avoidance of doubt, whose jurisdiction of residence (a) shall be determined by the Calculation Agent and (b) may be the jurisdiction of residence of the Issuer or any of its affiliates or agents.

Upon the making of any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the adjustment to the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such adjustment.

- (b) **"De-listing"** means, in respect of any relevant Shares:
- (i) in the case where the Exchange is not located in the United States, such 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, if Tender Offer is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, a 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); or
  - (ii) in the case where the Exchange is located in the United States, such 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, if Tender Offer is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer) and are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any of the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ Global Select Market or the NASDAQ Global Market (or their respective successors).

If the Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on any exchange or quotation system, such exchange or quotation system shall be deemed to be the Exchange in respect of such Shares.

**"Insolvency"** means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or winding-up of or any analogous proceeding affecting the Share Company (i) all the Shares of that Share Company are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company 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 Share Company with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company 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 Share Company 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 Share Company or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Share Company 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 Instruments, the last occurring Valuation Date or Observation Date, as the case may be, or where Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the final Averaging Date in respect of the relevant Instrument or (B) in the case of Physical Delivery Notes, the Maturity Date and in the case of Physical Delivery W&C Instruments the relevant Settlement Date.

**"Nationalisation"** means that all the Shares or all or substantially all the assets of the Share Company 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 10 per cent. and less than 100 per cent. of the outstanding voting shares of the Share Company 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 voting shares in the amount of the applicable percentage threshold are actually purchased or otherwise obtained (as determined by the Calculation Agent).

- (c) If (x) a Merger Event, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share and/or (y) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and 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 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 and the relevant adjustments may in the case of adjustments following a Merger Event or Tender Offer include, without limitation, adjustments to account for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares; or
  - (ii) (A) in the case of Notes, give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
  - (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, cancel the W&C Instruments by giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C

Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, 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 any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12; or

(iii) 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 the terms of the 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 the terms of the 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

(iv) unless the applicable Final Terms provides that "Share Substitution" shall not be 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):

(A) Where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a single Share, the Calculation Agent may substitute the share (the "**Substitute Share**") selected by it in accordance with the Share Substitution Criteria in place of such Share (the "**Affected Share**") which is affected by such Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or De-listing and the Substitute Share will be deemed to be a "Share" and the relevant issuer of such shares, a "Share Company" for the purposes of the Instruments, and the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the terms of the 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 Instruments was to be determined by reference to the price of the Affected Share on the Trade Date (or any such other historical date specified in the applicable Final Terms), the relevant price of each Substitute Share will be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$A \times (B/C)$$

Where:

"A" is the official closing price of the relevant Substitute Share on the relevant exchange, as determined by the Calculation Agent, on the date that the substitution is effected;

"B" is the price of the Affected Share on the Trade Date (or any such other historical date specified in the applicable Final Terms) where such price is defined in the applicable Final Terms for the purposes of calculating any value or determining any amount payable in respect of the Instruments; and

"C" is the official closing price of the relevant Affected Share on the relevant Exchange on the date that the substitution is effected.

- (B) Where the Share Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Shares, the Calculation Agent may adjust the basket of Shares to include a share or shares (the "**Substitute Shares**") selected by it in accordance with the Share Substitution Criteria in place of the Share(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 each such share, a "Share Company" for the purposes of the Instruments, and the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the terms of the 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 Instruments was to be determined by reference to the price of the Affected Share on the Trade Date (or any such other historical date specified in the applicable Final Terms), the relevant price of each Substitute Share will be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$A \times (B/C)$$

Where:

"A" is the official closing price of the relevant Substitute Share on the relevant exchange, as determined by the Calculation Agent on the date that the substitution is effected;

"B" is the price of the Affected Share on the Trade Date (or any such other historical date specified in the applicable Final Terms) where such price is defined in the applicable Final Terms for the purposes of calculating any value or determining any amount payable in respect of the Instruments; and

"C" is the official closing price of the relevant Affected Share on the relevant Exchange on the date that the substitution is effected.

The weighting of each Substitute Share in the basket will be equal to the weighting of the relevant Affected Share.

Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or, if applicable, Tender Offer, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the occurrence of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be.

## 7. Non-euro Quoted Shares

In respect of Share Linked Instruments relating to Shares originally quoted, listed and/or dealt as of the Trade Date in a currency of a member state of the European Union that has not adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty, if such Shares are at any time after the Trade Date quoted, listed and/or dealt exclusively in euro on the relevant Exchange or, where no Exchange is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the principal market on which those Shares are traded, then the Calculation Agent will adjust any of the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be appropriate to preserve the economic terms of the Instruments. The Calculation Agent will make any conversion necessary for purposes of any such adjustment as of the Valuation Time at an appropriate mid market spot rate of exchange determined by the Calculation Agent prevailing as of the Valuation Time. No adjustments

under this provision will affect the currency denomination of any payment obligation arising out of the Instruments.

## 8. **Additional Disruption Events**

- (a) **"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, Loss of Stock Borrow and/or Insolvency Filing, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant Share or (B) the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Share Linked Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Share Linked Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Hedging Shares"** means the number of Shares that the Calculation Agent deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of entering into and performing its obligations with respect to the Share Linked Instruments.

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Share Linked Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents 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 Shares 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 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 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 it consents to such a petition, provided that proceedings instituted or petitions presented by creditors and not consented to by the Share 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.

- (b) If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, 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 of the other terms of the 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) (A) in the case of Notes, give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
    - (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.
- (d) If the applicable Final Terms provides that "Share Substitution" is applicable, upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event the provisions of Share Linked Condition 6(c)(iv)(A) or 6(c)(iv)(B) (as is applicable) shall apply in respect of an Additional Disruption Event where any reference to "Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or De-listing" in Share Linked Conditions 6(c)(iv)(A) and 6(c)(iv)(B) shall be replaced by "Additional Disruption Event", and any other relevant references shall be construed accordingly.

#### 9. **Application of Dividend Conditions**

Share Linked Conditions 10 and/or 11 (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) shall only apply to any Share Linked W&C Instruments in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "Dividend Conditions" shall be applicable.

#### 10. **Definitions (Dividend Conditions)**

**"Dividend Period"** means, in respect of the Share and:

- (a) American Style Warrants, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Expiration Date or the Actual Exercise Date (if earlier) of such Warrant; or

- (b) European Style Warrants and Certificates, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Exercise Date.

**"Dividend Taxes"** means, in respect of the Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, any amounts that would have been withheld for or on account of tax if such cash dividend is paid to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share, and excluding any reduction of such tax that is available to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer pursuant to a double tax treaty or any other applicable domestic exemption, where each such tax is converted into the Settlement Currency using the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such tax is due, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Ex-Dividend Date"** means, in respect of the Share and a Gross Cash Dividend in respect of such Share, the date that the Share commences trading ex-dividend in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend on the Exchange, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Exchange Rate"** means the rate specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Gross Cash Dividend"** means, in respect of the Share, each sum declared by the relevant Share Company as a dividend for one such Share before the withholding or deduction of taxes at the source by or on behalf of any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such a dividend, and shall exclude any imputation or other credits, refunds or deductions granted by any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such dividend and any taxes, credits, refunds or benefits imposed, withheld, assessed or levied thereon.

**"Hypothetical Broker Dealer"** means a hypothetical broker dealer subject to the same securities laws and rules and regulations of any securities regulators, exchanges and self-regulating organisations as applicable to the Issuer or the Dealer, provided, however, that such hypothetical broker dealer is deemed not entitled to any benefits, exemption or reduction in tax pursuant to any double tax treaty or otherwise.

**"Relevant Cash Dividend"** means in respect of the Share, a Gross Cash Dividend per Share as declared by the relevant Share Company where the Ex-Dividend Date falls within the Dividend Period and the full payment in cash in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend would have been made to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share within the Dividend Period, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

## 11. Additional Amounts

Unless the W&C Instruments have previously been exercised, or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions (as supplemented and amended herein), the Issuer shall pay to the Holder of each W&C Instrument the Additional Amount in respect of such W&C Instrument on each Additional Amount Payment Date. W&C Instruments Conditions 25(A) and (B) (in respect of Warrants) and W&C Instruments Conditions 32(A) and (B) (in respect of Certificates) shall not apply.

**"Additional Amount"** means, in respect of the Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as:

- (a) an amount equal to the difference between (i)(A) the product of the Additional Amount Proportion multiplied by the Relevant Cash Dividend per Share that would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share, divided by (B) the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer from the relevant Share Company, minus (ii) any Dividend Taxes; multiplied by
- (b) the Number of Shares per W&C Instrument in respect of the Share.

**"Additional Amount Payment Date"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Additional Amount, the fifth Business Day following the date on which the corresponding Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received, from the relevant Share Company by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of the relevant Share.

**"Additional Amount Proportion"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Number of Shares per W&C Instrument"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

### ANNEX 3

#### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LOW EXERCISE PRICE WARRANTS

##### 1. Application and Interpretation

###### (a) Application to Share Linked W&C Instruments

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Share Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**"), the additional terms and conditions for Share Linked Instruments (the "**Share Linked Conditions**") and the additional terms and conditions for low exercise price warrants set out below (the "**LEPW Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the W&C Instruments Conditions or the Share Linked Conditions and (ii) the LEPW Conditions, the LEPW Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (iii) the W&C Instruments Conditions, the Share Linked Conditions or the LEPW Conditions and (iv) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail.

###### (b) Application to Index Linked W&C Instruments

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Index Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the W&C Instruments Conditions, the additional terms and conditions for Index Linked Instruments (the "**Index Linked Conditions**") and the LEPW Conditions, in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the W&C Instruments Conditions or the Index Linked Conditions and (ii) the LEPW Conditions, the LEPW Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (iii) the W&C Instruments Conditions, the Index Linked Conditions or the LEPW Conditions and (iv) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail.

##### 2. Definitions

For the purposes of these LEPW Conditions:

**"Additional Amount"** means, in respect of the Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as:

- (a) an amount equal to the difference between (i)(A) the aggregate of 100 per cent. of the Relevant Cash Dividend per Share that would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share, divided by (B) the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer from the relevant Share Company, minus (ii) any Dividend Taxes; multiplied by
- (b) the Number of Shares per Warrant.

**"Additional Amount Payment Date"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Additional Amount, the fifth Business Day following the date on which the corresponding Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received, from the relevant Share Company by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of the relevant Share.

**"Applicable Hedge Positions"** has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Cost"** means, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion, as attributed to each W&C Instrument, any brokerage commissions, stock exchange or clearing system charges or other similar charges that, directly or indirectly, would have been incurred by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer in connection with (i) the exercise of the W&C Instruments and payments in respect thereof as if such Hypothetical Broker Dealer were the issuer of the W&C



Instruments; or (ii) the acquisition, holding, realization or disposal of the Applicable Hedge Positions or any Related Hedging Arrangements as if such Hypothetical Broker Dealer were a holder of or party to the Applicable Hedge Positions or such Related Hedging Arrangements.

**"Dividend Period"** means, in respect of the Share and:

- (a) American Style Warrants, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the last day of the Exercise Period or the Actual Exercise Date (if earlier) of such Warrant; or
- (b) European Style Warrants, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Exercise Date.

**"Dividend Taxes"** means, in respect of the Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, any amounts that would have been withheld for or on account of tax if such cash dividend were paid to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share, and excluding any reduction of such tax that would have been available to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer pursuant to a double tax treaty or any other applicable domestic exemption, where each such tax is converted into the Settlement Currency using the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such tax is due, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Ex-Dividend Date"** means, in respect of the Share and a Gross Cash Dividend in respect of such Share, the date that the Share commences trading ex-dividend in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend on the Exchange, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Exchange Rate"** means the rate specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Gross Cash Dividend"** means, in respect of the Share, each sum declared by the relevant Share Company as a dividend for one such Share before the withholding or deduction of taxes at the source by or on behalf of any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such a dividend, and shall exclude any imputation or other credits, refunds or deductions granted by any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such dividend and any taxes, credits, refunds or benefits imposed, withheld, assessed or levied thereon.

**"Hypothetical Broker Dealer"** means a hypothetical broker dealer subject to the same securities laws and rules and regulations of any securities regulators, exchanges and self-regulating organisations as applicable to the Issuer or any of its Affiliates designated by the Issuer provided, however, that such hypothetical broker dealer is deemed not entitled to any benefit, exemption or reduction in Tax pursuant to any double tax treaty, application of netting or otherwise.

**"Number of Shares per Warrant"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Related Hedging Arrangements"** means any one or more positions or contracts in securities, options, futures, derivatives, foreign exchange or other instruments or arrangements (howsoever described) that the Calculation Agent determines, in its sole discretion, a Hypothetical Broker Dealer, directly or indirectly, could purchase, sell, maintain or enter into with or through any person in order to hedge, individually or on a portfolio basis, the W&C Instruments. In making such determination, the Calculation Agent may have regard to any positions, contracts or other instruments or arrangements (howsoever described) that the Issuer or its Affiliates has entered into with any person (including the Issuer's Affiliates) in order to hedge, individually or on a portfolio basis, the obligations in respect of the W&C Instruments.

**"Relevant Cash Dividend"** means in respect of the Share, a Gross Cash Dividend per Share as declared by the relevant Share Company where the Ex-Dividend Date falls within the Dividend Period and the full payment in cash in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend would have been made to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Share within the Dividend Period, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Record Date"** means, in respect of any distribution or payment or the determination of the rights of any Holder of the Share Linked W&C Instruments pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b),

such date as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, which is utilised to determine the Holders who are entitled to such distribution, payment or rights, as the case may be.

**"Tax"** means, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion, having regard to any relevant tax that the Issuer or its Affiliates could be assessed or could incur, based on professional tax advice provided to the Calculation Agent at any time, as attributed to each W&C Instrument, the gross amount of any tax (including any transfer, registration, stamp duty or capital gain taxes), levy, impost, duty, charge, assessment or fee of any nature (including interests, penalties and additions thereon) imposed by a Taxing Authority that a Hypothetical Broker Dealer, directly or indirectly, could be assessed or could incur at any time in connection with (i) the exercise of the W&C Instruments and payments in respect thereof as if the Hypothetical Broker Dealer were the issuer of the W&C Instruments; or (ii) the acquisition, holding, realization or disposal of the Applicable Hedge Positions or any Related Hedging Arrangements as if the Hypothetical Broker Dealer were a holder of or party to the Applicable Hedge Positions or such Related Hedging Arrangements.

**"Taxing Authority"** means a governmental, regulatory or other authority having the power to tax.

### 3. **Additional Amounts**

In respect of any Share Linked W&C Instruments, unless previously exercised or purchased and cancelled, the Issuer shall pay to the Holder of each Share Linked W&C Instrument the Additional Amount in respect of such Share Linked W&C Instrument on each Additional Amount Payment Date. W&C Instruments Conditions 25(A) and (B) shall not apply.

### 4. **Additional Consequences of Potential Adjustment Events**

- (a) In respect of any Share Linked W&C Instruments, Share Linked Condition 6 shall apply, as amended by this LEPW Condition 4.
- (b) The second paragraph of Share Linked Condition 6(a) beginning with the words "Following the declaration..." shall be deemed to be deleted and replaced with this LEPW Condition 4(b).

Following the declaration by the relevant Share Company 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 or market value of the Share and, if so, the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, take any one or more of the following actions:

- (i) (A) make the corresponding adjustment(s), if any, to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments 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 (B) determine the effective date(s) of such adjustment(s). 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; and/or
- (ii) determine that the Issuer shall issue to Holders additional Warrants or new warrants linked to the relevant Shares, at such cost, if any, to the Holders, on such terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect, subject at all times to the agreement of the Issuer and the ability of the Issuer to issue and distribute such additional Warrants or such new warrants; and/or

- (iii) determine that the Issuer shall issue to Holders new warrants linked to the share capital or other securities of another company created as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction relating to the relevant Share Company, on such terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect, subject at all times to the agreement of the Issuer and the ability of the Issuer and the Holders respectively to issue and hold such new warrants; and/or
- (iv) determine, subject at all times to the agreement of the Issuer, that the Issuer shall distribute a cash amount to Holders, on such terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect.
- (c) The last paragraph of Share Linked Condition 6(a) beginning with the words "Upon the making of..." shall be deemed to be deleted and replaced with this LEPW Condition 4(c).

Upon making any determination under LEPW Condition 4(b), the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event and stating the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, and:

- (i) in respect of a determination pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b)(i), the adjustment to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments and/or the applicable Final Terms;
- (ii) in respect of a determination pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b)(ii):
  - (A) the Record Date;
  - (B) the number of additional Warrants or new warrants to which the Holder of each W&C Instrument is entitled or the number of additional Warrants or new warrants which the Holder of each W&C Instrument is entitled to purchase, as the case may be;
  - (C) if any subscription monies, fees and/or charges are payable, the date on or prior to which such subscription monies, fees and/or charges, as the case may be, must be paid to the Issuer by the Holder of each W&C Instrument in order to purchase additional Warrants or new warrants, if any;
  - (D) the amount of such subscription monies, fees and/or charges payable by the Holder of each W&C Instrument in order to purchase additional Warrants or new warrants, if any;
  - (E) the date on or prior to which the Holder of each W&C Instrument must notify the Principal Warrant Agent and Merrill Lynch International that it wishes to purchase any additional Warrants or new warrants, if applicable; and
  - (F) the account of the Issuer with the Clearing System to be credited with the amount payable by the Holders (if any);
- (iii) in respect of a determination pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b)(iii), the Record Date and the number of new warrants to which the Holder of each W&C Instrument is entitled; and
- (iv) in respect of a determination pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b)(iv), the Record Date and amount payable to the Holder of each W&C Instrument,

provided that (y) if a combination of the consequences specified in LEPW Condition 4(b) are determined by the Calculation Agent to apply, such notice shall state and set out the relevant information applicable to each applicable consequence, and (z) any

failure to give, or the non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Potential Adjustment Event or any action taken as a consequence of such Potential Adjustment Event.

- (d) In the case of an issue of additional Warrants or new warrants, as the case may be, to Holders pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(b)(ii) in respect of which any subscription monies, fees and/or charges are payable, no Holder shall be entitled to receive any additional Warrants or new warrants (and the Issuer shall not be obliged to issue additional Warrants or new warrants to any Holder) unless:
  - (i) each of the Principal Warrant Agent and Merrill Lynch International has received notice from a relevant Holder that it wishes to purchase such additional Warrants or such new warrants (a **"Notice of Purchase of Additional Warrants"**) on or prior to the date specified in the relevant notice from the Calculation Agent pursuant to LEPW Condition 4(c)(ii). Such Notice of Purchase of Additional Warrants shall be given by sending an authenticated instruction by SWIFT message or by any other authorised communication channel, in accordance with the rules and operating procedures of, and in such manner as is acceptable to, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be (in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent), and which shall include the information set out in Part 7 of Schedule 7 to the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which may be obtained from the Principal Warrant Agent); and
  - (ii) the Issuer has received payment of the subscription monies on or prior to the date specified in the relevant notice.

For the avoidance of doubt, no Holder shall be obliged to purchase any additional Warrants or new warrants referred to in LEPW Condition 4(b)(ii). However, if such additional Warrants or new warrants are not purchased by the Holder of any W&C Instrument in accordance with the above provisions, the Issuer shall have no further obligation to such Holder to take any action in respect of the relevant Potential Adjustment Event or to pay any amounts in cash to any Holder in lieu thereof.

## 5. Additional Disruption Events

The definition of "Change in Law" in Index Linked Condition 6(a) and Share Linked Condition 8(a) (as applicable) shall be deemed to be deleted and replaced with the following:

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (i) due to the proposal or adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become, or there is a reasonable likelihood that it may or will become, illegal for the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents to hold, acquire or dispose of the Applicable Hedge Positions or any Related Hedging Arrangements or (B) the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents has incurred or suffered, or there is a reasonable likelihood that it may or will incur or suffer, a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the W&C Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any proposed or actual increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other potential or actual adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents), a material penalty, injunction, non-financial burden, reputational harm or other material adverse consequence in connection with the holding, acquiring, establishing, re-establishing, maintaining, unwinding or disposing of the Applicable Hedge Positions or any Related Hedging Arrangements.

## 6. Deduction of Cost and Taxes

All and any payments (other than any Additional Amount) made by the Issuer in respect of the W&C Instruments (including, without limitation, any payment made by the Issuer upon

cancellation of the W&C Instruments) shall be made subject to (and after) deductions to account for all and any applicable Cost and Tax. Any amounts of Cost and Tax will be converted to the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate by the Calculation Agent as it deems necessary.

## ANNEX 4

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GDR/ADR LINKED INSTRUMENTS

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to GDR/ADR Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for GDR/ADR Linked Instruments set out below (the "**GDR/ADR Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to GDR/ADR Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and the GDR/ADR Linked Conditions, in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, or the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments and the GDR/ADR Linked Conditions, the GDR/ADR Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the GDR/ADR Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the GDR/ADR Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

2. **General**

The provisions of "Annex 2 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Share Linked Instruments*" – shall apply to GDR/ADR Linked Instruments; and

- (a) where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Partial Lookthrough" shall apply to a GDR or ADR as applicable, then the provisions set out in GDR/ADR Linked Condition 4 shall apply, and, in relation to such GDR or ADR respectively, the provisions of the Share Linked Conditions shall be deemed to be amended and modified as set out in GDR/ADR Linked Condition 4; or
- (b) where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Full Lookthrough" shall apply to a GDR or ADR as applicable, then the provisions set out in GDR/ADR Linked Condition 5 shall apply, and, in relation to such GDR or ADR respectively, the provisions of the Share Linked Conditions shall be deemed to be amended and modified as set out in GDR/ADR Linked Condition 5.

3. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these GDR/ADR Linked Conditions:

**"Deposit Agreement"** means, in relation to the Shares, the agreements or other instruments constituting the Shares, as from time to time amended or supplemented in accordance with their terms.

**"Depository"** means:

- (a) if GDR/ADR Linked Condition 4 is applicable, the Share Company of the Shares; or
- (b) if GDR/ADR Linked Condition 5 is applicable, the Share Company in respect of the Shares or any successor issuer of the Shares from time to time.

**"DR Amendment"** means, where specified as applicable to a definition or provision, that the following changes shall be made to such definition or provision: (a) all references to "Shares" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "Shares and/or the Underlying Shares"; and (b) all references to "Share Company" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "Share Company or Underlying Shares Issuer, as appropriate".

**"Underlying Shares"** means the shares or other securities which are the subject of the Deposit Agreement.

**"Underlying Shares Issuer"** means the issuer of the Underlying Shares.

#### 4. **Partial Lookthrough**

- (a) The definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" in Share Linked Condition 6(a) shall be amended as follows:
  - (i) the DR Amendment shall be made, provided that an event under (i) to (vii) of the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" in respect of the Underlying Shares shall not constitute a Potential Adjustment Event unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares;
  - (ii) "." shall be deleted where it appears at the end of (vii) in the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" and replaced with "; or "; and
  - (iii) the following shall be inserted as provision (viii): "(viii) the making of any amendment or supplement to the terms of the Deposit Agreement.".
- (b) In making any adjustment following any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent may (amongst other factors) have reference to any adjustment made by the Depository under the Deposit Agreement. If the Calculation Agent determines that no adjustment that it could make will produce a commercially reasonable result, it shall notify the Issuer and the Holders that the relevant consequence shall be the early redemption, exercise or settlement, as the case may be, of the Instruments and the Issuer shall:
  - (i) in the case of Notes, on giving notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14, redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
  - (ii) in the case of W&C Instruments, on giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Potential Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (c) If a Potential Adjustment Event specified under (viii) of the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" (as amended by (a) above) has occurred then the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the Share Linked Conditions in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event:
  - (i) the words "has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "has an economic effect on the Instruments"; and
  - (ii) the words "determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "determines appropriate to account for such economic effect on the Instruments".
- (d) The definitions of "Merger Event" and "Tender Offer" shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.

- (e) If (i) a Merger Event occurs in relation to a Share and/or (ii) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in Share Linked Condition 6(c).
- (f) Following the declaration by the Underlying Shares Issuer of the terms of any Merger Event or Tender Offer, then in each case where the Calculation Agent makes an adjustment to the Instruments the Calculation Agent may (amongst other factors) have reference to any adjustment made by the Depository under the Deposit Agreement.
- (g) The definitions of "Nationalisation", "Insolvency" and "De-listing" shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (h) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the definition of "De-listing", a De-listing shall not occur in respect of the Underlying Shares if the Underlying Shares are immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on an exchange or quotation system regardless of the location of such exchange or quotation system.
- (i) If a De-listing Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Underlying Shares or the Underlying Shares Issuer, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in Share Linked Condition 6(c).
- (j) The paragraph in Share Linked Condition 6(c) which provides as follows: "If (x) a Merger Event, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share and/or (y) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:" shall be deemed to be replaced by "If (x) a Merger Event, the announcement by the Depository that the Deposit Agreement is (or will be) terminated, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share and/or (y) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:".
- (k) Each reference to "Merger Event" in Share Linked Condition 6(c)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) shall be deemed to be replaced with a reference to "Merger Event, the announcement by the Depository that the Deposit Agreement is (or will be) terminated,".
- (l) If Hedging Disruption and Increased Cost of Hedging are specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the definitions of "Hedging Disruption" and "Increased Cost of Hedging" in Share Linked Condition 8(a) shall each be amended as follows:
  - (i) the words "any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Share Linked Instruments" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "any Share(s)"; and
  - (ii) the words "any such transaction(s) or asset(s)" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "any Share(s)".
- (m) If Insolvency Filing is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the definition of "Insolvency Filing" in Share Linked Condition 8(a) shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (n) For the avoidance of doubt, where a provision is amended pursuant to this GDR/ADR Linked Condition 4 in accordance with the DR Amendment, if the event described in such provision occurs in respect of the Underlying Shares or the Underlying Shares Issuer, then the consequence of such event shall be interpreted consistently with the DR Amendment and such event.



## 5. Full Lookthrough

- (a) The definition of "**Potential Adjustment Event**" in Share Linked Condition 6(a) shall be amended as follows:
  - (i) the DR Amendment shall be made, provided that an event under (i) to (vii) of the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" in respect of the Underlying Shares shall not constitute a Potential Adjustment Event unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares;
  - (ii) "." shall be deleted where it appears at the end of (vii) in the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" and replaced with "; or"; and
  - (iii) the following shall be inserted as provision (viii): "(viii) the making of any amendment or supplement to the terms of the Deposit Agreement."
- (b) In making any adjustment following any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent may (amongst other factors) have reference to any adjustment made by the Depository under the Deposit Agreement. If the Calculation Agent determines that no adjustment that it could make will produce a commercially reasonable result, it shall notify the Issuer and the Holders that the relevant consequence shall be early redemption, exercise or settlement, as the case may be, of the Instruments and the Issuer shall:
  - (i) in the case of Notes, on giving notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14, redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
  - (ii) in the case of W&C Instruments, on giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Potential Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (c) If a Potential Adjustment Event specified under (viii) of the definition of "Potential Adjustment Event" (as amended by (a) above) then the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to Share Linked Condition 6 in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event:
  - (i) the words "determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has an economic effect on the Instruments"; and
  - (ii) the words "determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "determines appropriate to account for such economic effect on the Instruments".
- (d) The definitions of "Merger Event" and "Tender Offer" shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (e) If (i) a Merger Event occurs in relation to a Share and/or (ii) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in Share Linked Condition 6(c).

- (f) Following the declaration by the Underlying Shares Issuer of the terms of any Merger Event or Tender Offer in relation to the Underlying Shares, then in each case where the Calculation Agent makes an adjustment to the Instruments the Calculation Agent shall (amongst other factors) have reference to any adjustment made by the Depository under the Deposit Agreement.
- (g) The definitions of "Nationalisation", "Insolvency" and "Delisting" shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (h) If a De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Underlying Shares or the Underlying Shares Issuer, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in Share Linked Condition 6(c).
- (i) The paragraph in Share Linked Condition 6(c) which provides as follows: "If (x) a Merger Event, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share and/or (y) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:" shall be deemed to be replaced by " If (x) a Merger Event, the announcement by the Depository that the Deposit Agreement is (or will be) terminated, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a Share and/or (y) if Tender Offer is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:".
- (j) Each reference to "Merger Event" in Share Linked Condition 6(c) shall be deemed to be replaced with a reference to "Merger Event, the announcement by the Depository that the Deposit Agreement is (or will be) terminated,".
- (k) The definition of any Additional Disruption Event specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (l) If applicable, the definition of "Hedging Shares" in Share Linked Condition 8(a) shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (m) For the purpose of determining whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred in respect of the Share, the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the Share Linked Conditions:
  - (i) each reference to the "Exchange" in the definitions of "Exchange Business Day", "Scheduled Closing Time", "Scheduled Trading Day", "Trading Disruption", "Exchange Disruption" and "Early Closure" shall be deemed to include a reference to the primary exchange or quotation system on which the Underlying Shares are traded, as determined by the Calculation Agent; and
  - (ii) the definitions of "Market Disruption Event", "Trading Disruption", "Exchange Disruption" and "Related Exchange" shall be amended in accordance with the DR Amendment.
- (n) For the avoidance of doubt, where a provision is amended pursuant to this GDR/ADR Linked Condition 5 in accordance with the DR Amendment, if the event described in such provision occurs in respect of the Underlying Shares or the Underlying Shares Issuer, then the consequence of such event shall be interpreted consistently with the DR Amendment and such event.

## ANNEX 5

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FX LINKED INSTRUMENTS

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to FX Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for FX Linked Instruments set out below (the "**FX Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to FX Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and the FX Linked Conditions, in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, or the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments and the FX Linked Conditions, the FX Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the FX Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the FX Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

2. **Definitions**

**"Averaging Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of an Averaging Date, the fifth FX Business Day immediately following the original date on which the final Averaging Date was scheduled to fall, or, if earlier, the FX Business Day falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Averaging Date, provided that the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such final Averaging Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Averaging Date"** means each Averaging Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or, if that is not an FX Business Day the first following day which is an FX Business Day, or, if earlier the Averaging Cut-Off Date (such day, the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**" corresponding to such Averaging Date). If an Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date, then, subject to the applicable Final Terms, the next applicable Disruption Fallback specified as a consequence of an FX Market Disruption Event shall apply (as if an FX Market Disruption Event had occurred), or, if none is specified, Calculation Agent Determination shall be deemed to apply.

**"Base Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Calculation Agent Determination"** means, in respect of a Currency Price and any relevant day, that such Currency Price for such relevant day (or a method for determining such Currency Price) will be determined by the Calculation Agent taking into consideration all available information that in good faith it deems relevant.

**"Currency Price"** means, in relation to each Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, the Currency Price specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if not so specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Subject Currency, an amount equal to the spot rate of exchange appearing on the FX Price Source at the Valuation 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, for the exchange of such Subject Currency into the Base Currency (expressed as the number of units (or part units) of the Subject Currency for which one unit of the Base Currency can be exchanged).

**"Currency-Reference Dealers"** means, in respect of any relevant day, that the Calculation Agent will request each of the Reference Dealers to provide a quotation of its rate at which it will buy one unit of the Base Currency in units of the Subject Currency at the applicable Valuation Time on such relevant day. If, for any such rate, at least two quotations are

provided, the relevant rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided for any such rate, the relevant rate will be the arithmetic mean of the relevant rates quoted by major banks in the relevant market, selected by the Calculation Agent at or around the applicable Valuation Time on such relevant day.

**"Disruption Fallback"** means, in respect of a Currency Price, Calculation Agent Determination, Currency-Reference Dealers, EM Fallback Valuation Postponement, EM Valuation Postponement, Fallback Reference Price, Other Published Sources, Postponement and/or such other sources or methods specified as such or otherwise determined as an alternative basis for determining such Currency Price as may be provided in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Disruption Fallback in respect of a Currency Price shall be as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and if two or more Disruption Fallbacks are specified, unless otherwise provided in the Final Terms, such Disruption Fallbacks shall apply in the order specified in the applicable Final Terms, such that if the Calculation Agent determines that the Currency Price cannot be determined by applying one Disruption Fallback, then the next Disruption Fallback specified shall apply.

**"Fallback Reference Price(s)"** means, in respect of a Currency Price, that the Currency Price for the relevant date will be the alternate price source(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms for such Currency Price, applied in the order specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FX Business Day"** means, in respect of a Currency Price, 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), or but for the occurrence of an FX Market Disruption Event in respect of such Currency Price would have settled payments and been open for general business, in each of the Specified Financial Centres for such Currency Price, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FX Disrupted Day"** means any FX Business Day on which an FX Market Disruption Event occurs.

**"FX Market Disruption Event"** means:

- (a) in respect of a Currency Price, the occurrence or existence, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, of any FX Price Source Disruption and/or, if specified as applicable in the Final Terms, any FX Trading Suspension or Limitation and/or any Inconvertibility Event and/or any other event specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) if the applicable Final Terms provide that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply to a Currency Price, in respect of such Currency Price, the occurrence or existence, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, of any FX Price Source Disruption and/or, if specified as applicable in the Final Terms, any Price Materiality Event and/or any Inconvertibility Event and/or any Non-Transferability Event and/or any other event specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"FX Price Source(s)"** means, in respect of a Currency Price, the price source(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms for such Currency Price, or if the relevant rate is not published or announced by such FX Price Source at the relevant time, the successor or alternative price source or page/publication for the relevant rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

**"FX Price Source Disruption"** means it becomes impossible or otherwise impracticable to obtain and/or execute the relevant rate(s) required to calculate the Currency Price on the Averaging Date or Valuation Date or other relevant date, or, if different, the day on which rates for that Averaging Date or Valuation Date or other relevant date, as the case may be, would in the ordinary course be published or announced by the relevant FX Price Source.

**"FX Trading Suspension or Limitation"** means the suspension of and/or limitation of trading in the rate(s) required to calculate the relevant Currency Price in the Interbank Market provided that such suspension or limitation of trading is material in the opinion of the Calculation Agent.

**"Inconvertibility Event"** means the occurrence, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, of any action, event or circumstance whatsoever which, from a legal or practical perspective:

- (a) has the direct or indirect effect of hindering, limiting or restricting (i) the convertibility of the relevant Subject Currency into the Base Currency, or (ii) the transfer of the Subject Currency or the Base Currency to countries other than the countries for which the Subject Currency or the Base Currency, as the case may be, is the lawful currency (including without limitation, by way of any delays, increased costs or discriminatory rates of exchange or any current or future restrictions); and/or
- (b) results in the unavailability of any relevant Base Currency or Subject Currency in the interbank foreign exchange market in any Specified Financial Centre(s) in accordance with normal commercial practice.

**"Interbank Market"** means the over-the-counter foreign exchange spot market open continuously from and including 5.00 a.m., Sydney time, on a Monday in any week to and including 5.00 p.m., New York time, on the Friday of such week.

**"Maximum Days of Postponement"** means five (5) FX Business Days or such other number of FX Business Days (or other type of days) as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Non-Transferability Event"** means the occurrence, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, of any event that generally makes it impossible to deliver (a) the Base Currency from accounts inside the Subject Currency Jurisdiction to accounts outside the Subject Currency Jurisdiction or (b) the Subject Currency between accounts inside the Subject Currency Jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of the Subject Currency Jurisdiction.

**"Other Published Sources"** means, in respect of any relevant day, that the Calculation Agent will determine the Currency Price on such relevant day on the basis of the exchange rate for one unit of the Base Currency in terms of the Subject Currency published by available recognised financial information vendors (as selected by the Calculation Agent) other than the applicable FX Price Source, at or around the applicable Valuation Time on such relevant day.

**"Postponement"** means, in respect of a Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, if such day (or, if applicable, if the original day on which such Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, is scheduled to fall (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) is postponed on account of such original day not being an FX Business Day, such postponed day) is an FX Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the FX Linked Instruments relate to a single Currency Price, such Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, shall be the first succeeding FX Business Day that is not an FX Disrupted Day, unless the Calculation Agent determines that each of the consecutive FX Business Days equal in number to the Maximum Days of Postponement immediately following such Scheduled Valuation Date or Scheduled Averaging Date, as the case may be, is an FX Disrupted Day. In that case, (i) that last consecutive FX Business Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date or the Averaging Date, as the case may be (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be an FX Disrupted Day) and (ii) the next applicable Disruption Fallback shall apply; or
- (b) where the FX Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Currency Prices, such Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, for each Currency Price not affected by the occurrence of an FX Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date or Scheduled Averaging Date, as the case may be, and the Valuation Date for each Currency Price affected (each an **"Affected Currency Price"**) by the occurrence of an FX Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding FX Business Day that is not an FX Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Currency Price, unless the Calculation Agent determines that each of the consecutive FX Business Days equal in number to the Maximum Days of Postponement immediately following such Scheduled Valuation Date or Scheduled Averaging Date, as the case may be, is an FX Disrupted Day. In

that case for each Affected Currency Price, (i) that last consecutive FX Business Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date or the Averaging Date, as the case may be (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be an FX Disrupted Day) and (ii) the next applicable Disruption Fallback shall apply.

**"Price Materiality Event"** means, in respect of a Currency Price and a Valuation Date, Averaging Date or other relevant date, that the FX Price Source differs from the Fallback Reference Price by at least the Price Materiality Percentage (and if both an FX Price Source Disruption and a Price Materiality Event occur or exist on any day, it shall be deemed that an FX Price Source Disruption and not a Price Materiality Event occurred or existed on such day).

**"Price Materiality Percentage"** means the percentage specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Reference Dealers"** means, in respect of each Subject Currency, four leading dealers in the relevant foreign exchange market, as determined by the Calculation Agent (or any other number of dealers as specified in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Specified Financial Centre(s)"** means the financial centre(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Strike Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Subject Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Subject Currency Jurisdiction"** means the country for which the Subject Currency is the lawful currency.

**"Valuation Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of a Valuation Date, the fifth FX Business Day immediately following the original date on which such Valuation Date was scheduled to fall, or, if earlier, the FX Business Day falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Valuation Date, provided that the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Valuation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Valuation Date"** means:

- (a) if the applicable Final Terms specify that the EM Currency Provisions shall not apply to a Currency Price, each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms or if that is not an FX Business Day the first following day which is an FX Business Day, or, if earlier the Valuation Cut-Off Date (such day, the **"Scheduled Valuation Date"** corresponding to such Valuation Date). If a Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, then, subject to the applicable Final Terms, the first applicable Disruption Fallback specified as a consequence of an FX Market Disruption Event shall apply (as if an FX Market Disruption Event had occurred), or, if none is specified, Calculation Agent Determination shall be deemed to apply; or
- (b) if the applicable Final Terms specify that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply to a Currency Price, each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (the **"Scheduled Valuation Date"** in respect of such Currency Price, if such day is an FX Business Day for such Currency Price, or if such day is not an FX Business Day only by reason of being an Unscheduled Holiday for such Currency Price), or the immediately preceding FX Business Day for such Currency Price, as determined by the Calculation Agent (the **"Scheduled Valuation Date"** in respect of such Currency Price, if such day is not an FX Business Day and is not an Unscheduled Holiday for such Currency Price), provided that such Valuation Date shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with FX Linked Condition 3 and FX Linked Condition 4.

**"Valuation Time"** means the Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### 3. **Consequences of an FX Disrupted Day**

If the Calculation Agent determines that any Valuation Date or Averaging Date is an FX Disrupted Day, then the Currency Price for such Valuation Date or Averaging Date will be determined in accordance with the terms of the first applicable Disruption Fallback. The applicable Final Terms may provide that one or more Disruption Fallbacks may apply to any Valuation Date or Averaging Date and that such applicable Disruption Fallbacks may apply concurrently or sequentially, in such manner as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### 4. **EM Currency Provisions: Unscheduled Holiday**

(a) If the applicable Final Terms provide that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply to a Currency Price or Fallback Reference Price, as applicable, and any Valuation Date or Averaging Date, and that Unscheduled Holidays shall be applicable, then, if the Calculation Agent determines that the relevant Scheduled Valuation Date or Scheduled Averaging Date, as applicable (each, a "**Scheduled Reference Date**"), is an Unscheduled Holiday for such Currency Price or Fallback Reference Price, then the Valuation Date or Averaging Date shall be postponed to the first FX Business Day falling after the Scheduled Reference Date (the "**Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date**"), provided that if such first FX Business Day has not occurred on or before the last day of the Maximum Days of Deferral, then the next day after the Last Deferred Day that would have been an FX Business Day but for a Unscheduled Holiday shall be deemed to be the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date.

(b) The following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"Last Deferred Day"** means, in respect of any postponement by a number of days equal to the Maximum Days of Deferral, the last day to which such day is postponed.

**"Maximum Days of Deferral"** means such number of calendar days (or other type of days) as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Unscheduled Holiday"** means, in respect of a Currency Price or Fallback Reference Price, as applicable, a day that is not an FX Business Day and the market was not aware of such fact (by means of a public announcement or by reference to other publicly available information) until a time later than 9.00 a.m., local time in the Specified Financial Centre in respect of such Currency Price or Fallback Reference Price, two FX Business Days prior to such day.

### 5. **EM Currency Provisions: EM Valuation Postponement**

If the applicable Final Terms provide that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply to a Currency Price (which term shall include, where the Final Terms provide that the prior applicable Disruption Fallback is "Fallback Reference Price", the Currency Price determined using the applicable Fallback Reference Price) and any Valuation Date or Averaging Date, and that EM Valuation Postponement shall be applicable, then, if the Calculation Agent determines that the relevant Scheduled Reference Date (if the Scheduled Reference Date is not an Unscheduled Holiday for the Currency Price) or the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date (if the Scheduled Reference Date is an Unscheduled Holiday for the Currency Price) is an FX Disrupted Day, then such Valuation Date or Averaging Date shall be the first FX Business Day which is not an FX Disrupted Day unless an FX Market Disruption Event continues to exist (measured from such Scheduled Reference Date or Adjusted Scheduled Reference Rate, as applicable) for a consecutive number of calendar days equal to the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement. In that case, the Currency Price will be determined on the next FX Business Day after the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement in accordance with the next applicable Disruption Fallback as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Where:

**"Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement"** means such number of calendar days (or other type of days) as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## 6. **EM Currency Provisions: EM Fallback Valuation Postponement**

If the applicable Final Terms provide that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply and that EM Fallback Valuation Postponement shall be applicable and where the Final Terms provide that the prior applicable Disruption Fallback is "Fallback Reference Price", if the Calculation Agent determines that the Currency Price (as determined by reference to the applicable Fallback Reference Price) is not available on (a) the first FX Business Day following the end of the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement (where an FX Market Disruption Event has occurred or exists in respect of the Currency Price throughout the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement) or (b) on the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date (where the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date falls after the Last Deferred Day) then the Valuation Date or Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding FX Business Day which is not an FX Disrupted Day in respect of the Currency Price unless an FX Market Disruption Event continues to exist throughout the Fallback Maximum Period of Postponement. In that case, the Currency Price will be determined on the Last Fallback Postponement Date in accordance with the next applicable Disruption Fallback.

Where:

**"Fallback Maximum Period of Postponement"** means the period commencing on, and including:

- (a) if an FX Market Disruption Event has occurred or exists in respect of the Currency Price throughout the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement, the first FX Business Day following the end of the Maximum Days of EM Valuation Postponement; or
- (b) if the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date falls after the Last Deferred Day, the Adjusted Scheduled Reference Date,

and ending on, and including, the third FX Business Day (or such other day as specified in the applicable Final Terms) following such date as specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, as applicable (such date, the **"Last Fallback Postponement Date"**).

## 7. **EM Currency Provisions: Cumulative Events**

If the applicable Final Terms provide that the EM Currency Provisions shall apply to a Currency Price and any Valuation Date or Averaging Date, and that Cumulative Events shall be applicable, then the total number of consecutive calendar days during which (a) such Valuation Date or Averaging Date is deferred due to an Unscheduled Holiday, (b) an EM Valuation Postponement shall occur in respect of such Valuation Date or Averaging Date, or (c) an EM Fallback Valuation Postponement shall occur in respect of such Valuation Date or Averaging Date (or any combination of (a), (b) and (c)), shall not exceed the Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement in the aggregate. Accordingly, (i) if such Valuation Date or Averaging Date is postponed by the number of calendar days equal to the Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement owing to an EM Valuation Postponement or EM Fallback Valuation Postponement (or both), and an Unscheduled Holiday shall have occurred or be continuing on the day following the relevant Last Postponed Day that otherwise would have been an FX Business Day, then such day shall be deemed to be such Valuation Date or Averaging Date and (ii) if such Valuation Date or Averaging Date is postponed by the number of calendar days equal to the Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement owing to Unscheduled Holidays, and on the first day after the Last Postponed Day, an applicable FX Market Disruption Event shall have occurred or be continuing, then the Currency Price in respect of such Valuation Date or Averaging Date or other relevant date shall be determined in accordance with the next applicable Disruption Fallback.

Where:

**"Last Postponed Day"** means, in respect of any postponement by a number of days equal to the Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement, the last day to which such day is postponed; and



**"Maximum Days of Cumulative Postponement"** means such number of calendar days (or other type of days) as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

8. **Corrections to Published and Displayed Rates**

- (a) In any case where a Currency Price is based on information obtained from the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service, or any other financial information service, the Currency Price will be subject to the corrections, if any, to that information subsequently displayed by that source within one hour of the time when such rate is first displayed by such source, unless the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that it is not practicable to take into account such correction.
- (b) Notwithstanding FX Linked Condition 8(a), in any case where the Currency Price is based on information published or announced by any governmental authority in a relevant country, the Currency Price will be subject to the corrections, if any, to that information subsequently published or announced by that source within five calendar days of the relevant date, unless the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that it is not practicable to take into account such correction.

9. **Successor Currency**

Where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Successor Currency" is applicable in respect of a Currency Price, then:

- (a) each Subject Currency and Base Currency will be deemed to include any lawful successor currency to the Subject Currency or Base Currency (the "**Successor Currency**");
- (b) if the Calculation Agent determines that on or after the Issue Date (or such other date as specified in the applicable Final Terms) but on or before any relevant date under the Instruments on which an amount may be payable, a country has lawfully eliminated, converted, redenominated or exchanged its currency in effect on the Issue Date or any Successor Currency, as the case may be (the "**Original Currency**") for a Successor Currency, then for the purposes of calculating any amounts of the Original Currency or effecting settlement thereof, any Original Currency amounts will be converted to the Successor Currency by multiplying the amount of Original Currency by a ratio of Successor Currency to Original Currency, which ratio will be calculated on the basis of the exchange rate set forth by the relevant country of the Original Currency for converting the Original Currency into the Successor Currency on the date on which the elimination, conversion, redenomination or exchange took place, as determined by the Calculation Agent. If there is more than one such date, the date closest to such relevant date will be selected (or such other date as may be selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion);
- (c) notwithstanding paragraph (b) above but subject to paragraph (d) below, the Calculation Agent may (to the extent permitted by the applicable law), in good faith and in its sole and absolute discretion, select such other exchange rate or other basis for the conversion of an amount of the Original Currency to the Successor Currency and, will make such adjustment(s) that it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement, payment terms or any other terms in respect of the Instruments to account for such elimination, conversion, redenomination or exchange of the Subject Currency or Base Currency, as the case may be; and
- (d) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, with respect to any Subject Currency or Base Currency that is substituted or replaced by the Euro, the consequences of such substitution or replacement will be determined in accordance with applicable law.

10. **Rebasing of Instruments**

If the applicable Final Terms specify that "Rebasing" is applicable, then if, on or prior to any Valuation Date or Averaging Date or any other relevant date, the Calculation Agent is unable

to obtain a value for a Subject Currency (because the Subject Currency and/or Base Currency ceases to exist, or for any other reason other than a temporary disruption, as determined by the Calculation Agent), the Calculation Agent may rebase the Instruments against another foreign exchange rate determined by the Calculation Agent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be a comparable foreign exchange rate. If the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that there is not such a comparable foreign exchange rate, the Issuer may take the action described in FX Linked Condition 11(a)(ii)(A) or 11(a)(ii)(B) below, provided that the words "the Additional Disruption Event" in FX Linked Condition 11(a)(ii)(A) and FX Linked Condition 11(a)(ii)(B) shall be deemed to be replaced with the words "the inability of the Calculation Agent to obtain a value for the Subject Currency".

#### 11. **Consequences of an Additional Disruption Event**

If the applicable Final Terms specify that Additional Disruption Events shall be applicable, then:

- (a) following the determination by the Calculation Agent that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred, 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 of the other terms of the 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)
    - (A) in the case of Notes, give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
    - (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12;
- (b) upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event; and
- (c) the following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of a Change in Law, a Hedging Disruption and/or an Increased Cost of Hedging.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (or such other date as specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the Instruments (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent

determines in good faith that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant currency or asset, or (B) the Issuer or any affiliate(s) of the Issuer or any entity (or entities) acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations under the Instruments will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer or any entity (or entities) acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations in relation to the Instruments is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the currency or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to or in connection with the relevant Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the currency or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the relevant Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

## ANNEX 6

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COMMODITY LINKED INSTRUMENTS

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Commodity Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Commodity Linked Instruments set out below (the "**Commodity Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to Commodity Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and the additional terms and conditions set out below in 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 Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, or the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments, and the Commodity Linked Conditions, the Commodity Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Commodity Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Commodity Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

2. **Definitions**

**"Basket of Commodities"** means a basket comprising Commodities in their relative proportions or numbers of Commodities, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Basket of Commodity Indices"** means a basket comprising Commodity Indices in their relative proportions or number of Commodity Indices.

**"Calculation Agent Determination"** means that the Calculation Agent will determine the Relevant Price (or method for determining the Relevant Price), taking into consideration the latest available quotation for the relevant Commodity Reference Price and any other information that in good faith it deems relevant.

**"Commodity"** and **"Commodities"** means, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Commodity Linked Conditions, the commodity or commodities specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Commodity Business Day"** means:

- (a) with respect to a single Commodity or a Basket of Commodities and:
  - (i) where the Commodity Reference Price for a Commodity is a price announced or published by an Exchange, a day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which such Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such Exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time; and
  - (ii) where the Commodity Reference Price for a Commodity is not a price announced or published by an Exchange, 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;
- (b) with respect to a single Commodity Index or a Basket of Commodity Indices, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Commodity Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of a Pricing Date (or, if different, the day on which the price for that Pricing Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source) the date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if not so specified, the day falling two Business Days (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, six Business Days) immediately

preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Pricing Date, provided that the Commodity Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Pricing Date was scheduled to fall (unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Commodity Index" and "Commodity Indices"** means, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Commodity Linked Conditions, the index or indices linked directly or indirectly to various commodities, commodity prices or commodity futures contracts and specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Commodity Index Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of a Pricing Date (or, if different, the day on which the price for such Pricing Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source) the date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if not so specified, the day falling two Business Days (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, six Business Days) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Pricing Date, provided that the Commodity Index Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Pricing Date was scheduled to fall (unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Commodity Reference Price"** means (a) in respect of all Commodities, the Commodity Reference Price specified in the applicable Final Terms and (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, the Commodity Reference Price specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if not so specified, the official closing price of such Commodity Index.

**"Commodity Trading Disruption"** means the material suspension of, or the material limitation imposed on, trading in the Futures Contract or the Commodity on the Exchange or in any additional futures contract, options contract or commodity on any Exchange. For these purposes:

- (a) a suspension of the trading in the Futures Contract or the Commodity on any Commodity Business Day shall be deemed to be material only if:
  - (i) all trading in the Futures Contract or the Commodity is suspended for the entire Pricing Date; or
  - (ii) all trading in the Futures Contract or 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 Futures Contract or such Commodity on such Pricing Date and such suspension is announced less than one hour preceding its commencement; and
- (b) a limitation of trading in the Futures Contract or the Commodity 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 Futures Contract or the Commodity may fluctuate and the closing or settlement price of the Futures Contract or the Commodity on such day is at the upper or lower limit of that range.

**"Delayed Publication or Announcement"** means that the Relevant Price for a Pricing Date will be determined based on the Specified Price (or, if there is no Specified Price for a Commodity Reference Price, such Commodity Reference Price) in respect of the original day scheduled as such Pricing Date that is published or announced by the relevant Price Source retrospectively on the first succeeding Commodity Business Day on which the Market Disruption Event ceases to exist, unless that Market Disruption Event continues to exist (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date (or, if applicable, if the Pricing Date as specified in the Final Terms is adjusted on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day, measured from and including the day that is the original date that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date, following any adjustment on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day)) or the Relevant Price continues to be unavailable for two consecutive Commodity Business Days. In that case, the next Disruption Fallback (as defined below) specified in the applicable Final Terms will apply.

**"Delivery Date"** means the date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price"** means:

- (a) the permanent discontinuation of trading, in the relevant Futures Contract on the relevant Exchange;
- (b) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity; 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 Futures Contract or the Commodity.

**"Exchange"** means, in relation to a Commodity, the exchange or principal trading market specified as such for such Commodity in the applicable Final Terms or Commodity Reference Price.

**"Fallback Reference Price"** means that the Calculation Agent will determine the Relevant Price based on the price for that Pricing Date of the first alternate Commodity Reference Price, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms and not subject to a Market Disruption Event.

**"Futures Contract"** means, in respect of a Commodity Reference Price, the contract for future delivery of a contract size in respect of the relevant Delivery Date relating to the Commodity or Commodity Index referred to in that Commodity Reference Price.

**"Material Change in Content"** means the occurrence since the Trade Date of a material change in the content, composition or constitution of the relevant Commodity or relevant Futures Contract.

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

**"Nearby Month"** when preceded by a numerical adjective, means, in respect of a Delivery Date and a Pricing Date, the month of expiration of the Futures Contract identified by the numerical adjective, so that, for example, (a) **"First Nearby Month"** means the month of expiration of the first Futures Contract to expire following that Pricing Date and (b) **"Second Nearby Month"** means the month of expiration of the second Futures Contract to expire following that Pricing Date, etc.

**"Postponement"** means that the Pricing Date will be deemed, for purposes of the application of this Disruption Fallback, to be the first succeeding Commodity Business Day on which the Market Disruption Event ceases to exist, unless that Market Disruption Event continues to exist for two consecutive Commodity Business Days (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date (or, if applicable, if the Pricing Date as specified in the Final Terms is adjusted on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day, measured from and including the day that is the original date that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date, following any adjustment on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day)). In that case, the next Disruption Fallback specified in the definition of "Disruption Fallback" below will apply.

**"Price Source"** means the publication (or such other origin of reference, including an Exchange) containing (or reporting) the Specified Price (or prices from which the Specified Price is calculated) for the Commodity Reference Price (or, if there is no Specified Price for a Commodity Reference Price, such Commodity Reference Price) or otherwise in the applicable Final Terms (provided that in respect of a Commodity Index, if the relevant Commodity Reference Price is not published on such Price Source, the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, (a) use a successor page or publication or alternative source as it considers appropriate, (b) determine that such non-publication amounts to a Market Disruption Event in respect of such Commodity Index in accordance with Commodity Linked Condition 4, or (c) determine that such non-publication amounts to a Commodity Index Adjustment

Event in respect of the Commodity Index, and proceed in accordance with Commodity Linked Condition 5).

**"Price Source Disruption"** means:

- (a) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish the Specified Price (or the information necessary for determining the Specified Price) for the relevant Commodity Reference Price (or, if there is no Specified Price for a Commodity Reference Price, such Commodity Reference Price); or
- (b) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source.

**"Pricing Date"** means, with respect to a Commodity or a Commodity Index, each date specified as such or otherwise as provided in the applicable Final Terms (each such original date, a **"Scheduled Pricing Date"**), provided that if any Scheduled Pricing Date is not a Commodity Business Day for such Commodity or Commodity Index (as the case may be), then the Pricing Date for such Commodity or Commodity Index (as the case may be) will be the earlier of (a) the next following Commodity Business Day for such Commodity or Commodity Index (as the case may be), and (b) the Commodity Cut-Off Date or Commodity Index Cut-Off Date (as the case may be), and subject to adjustment as provided in Commodity Linked Condition 4 (*Market Disruption and Disruption Fallback*).

**"Relevant Price"** means for any Pricing Date, the price, expressed as a price per unit of the Commodity or the price of the Commodity Index, determined with respect to that day for the specified Commodity Reference Price calculated as provided in these Commodity Linked Conditions and the applicable Final Terms.

**"Specified Price"** means, in respect of a Commodity Reference Price, any of the following prices (which must be a price reported in or by, or capable of being determined from information reported in or by, the relevant Price Source) as specified in the applicable Final Terms (and, if applicable, as of the time so specified): (a) the high price; (b) the low price; (c) the average of the high price and the low price; (d) the closing price; (e) the opening price; (f) the bid price; (g) the asked price; (h) the average of the bid price and the asked price; (i) the settlement price; (j) the official settlement price; (k) the official price; (l) the morning fixing; (m) the afternoon fixing; (n) the spot price; or (o) any other price specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Strike Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

### 3. **Terms relating to Calculation of Prices**

#### (a) **Common Pricing**

If **"Common Pricing"** is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be:

- (i) **"Applicable"**, then, if any Scheduled Pricing Date is not a day on which all referenced Commodity Reference Prices (for which such date would otherwise be a Pricing Date) are scheduled to be published or announced, as determined on the Trade Date of the Instruments, then the Pricing Date shall be the next following day on which all referenced Commodity Reference Prices (for which such date would otherwise be a Pricing Date) are scheduled to be published or announced, as determined on the Trade Date of the Instruments; or
- (ii) **"Not Applicable"**, then this Commodity Linked Condition 3(a) shall not apply.

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred or exists on any Pricing Date in respect of any relevant Commodity (an **"Affected Commodity"**) and/or Commodity Index (an **"Affected Commodity Index"**), the Relevant Price of each Commodity and/or Commodity Index within the basket which is not affected by the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event shall be determined on the Scheduled Pricing Date and the Relevant Price for each Affected Commodity or

Affected Commodity Index shall be determined in accordance with the first applicable Disruption Fallback that provides a Relevant Price.

All determinations made by the Calculation Agent pursuant to this Condition will be conclusive and binding on the Holders, the Issuer and the Guarantor, except in the case of manifest error.

(b) Correction to Published Prices

For purposes of determining or calculating the Relevant Price (or any price or value published or announced on any date which is utilised for any calculation or determination in connection with the Commodity Linked Instruments), if the price published or announced on a given day and used or to be used by the Calculation Agent to determine a Relevant Price (or any price or value published or announced on any date which is utilised for any calculation or determination in connection with the Commodity Linked Instruments) is subsequently corrected and the correction is published or announced by the person responsible for that publication or announcement within 30 calendar days after the original publication or announcement (or, if earlier the day falling two Business Days preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made, in each case calculated by reference to such Relevant Price (or any price or value published or announced on any date which is utilised for any calculation or determination in connection with the Commodity Linked Instruments)), the Calculation Agent may, in its sole discretion, use such corrected price in such calculation.

4. **Market Disruption and Disruption Fallback**

If, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (as defined below) has occurred and is continuing on any Pricing Date (or, if different, the day on which the price for that Pricing Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source), the Relevant Price for that Pricing Date will be determined by the Calculation Agent, in accordance with the first applicable Disruption Fallback (as set out below) that provides a Relevant Price:

(a) Market Disruption Event

**"Market Disruption Event"** means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) with respect to all Commodities:
  - (A) Price Source Disruption;
  - (B) Commodity Trading Disruption;
  - (C) Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price; and
- (ii) with respect to all Commodities other than gold, silver, platinum or palladium:
  - (A) Material Change in Formula;
  - (B) Material Change in Content; and
  - (C) any additional Market Disruption Events as specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (iii) with respect to a Commodity Index:
  - (A) a temporary or permanent failure by the applicable exchange or other price source to announce or publish (I) the Commodity Reference Price (provided that the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that such failure (aa) shall not be a Market Disruption Event and shall instead be dealt with under paragraph (a) of



the proviso to the definition of Price Source specified in Commodity Linked Condition 2, or (bb) shall instead amount to a Commodity Index Adjustment Event in respect of such Commodity Index, and proceed in accordance with Commodity Linked Condition 5 (Adjustments to a Commodity Index)) or (II) the closing price for any futures contract included in the Commodity Index;

- (B) a material limitation, suspension or disruption of trading in one or more of the futures contracts included in the Commodity Index which results in a failure by the exchange on which each applicable futures contract is traded to report a closing price for such contract on the day on which such event occurs or any succeeding day on which it continues; or
  - (C) the closing price for any futures contract included in the Commodity Index is a "limit price", which means that the closing price for such contract for a day has increased or decreased from the previous day's closing price by the maximum amount permitted under applicable exchange rules.
- (iv) Disruption Fallback

**"Disruption Fallback"** means a source or method that may give rise to an alternative basis for determining the Relevant Price in respect of a specified Commodity Reference Price when a Market Disruption Event occurs or exists on a day that is a Pricing Date in respect of the relevant Instrument. A Disruption Fallback is applicable if it is specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no Disruption Fallback is specified in the applicable Final Terms, shall mean:

- (A) with respect to a relevant Commodity (in the following order):
  - (i) Fallback Reference Price (if applicable);
  - (ii) Delayed Publication or Announcement and Postponement (each to operate concurrently with the other and each subject to a period of two consecutive Commodity Business Days (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date (or, if applicable, measured from and including the day that is the original date that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date, following any adjustment on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day)), or, if shorter, the period commencing on, and including, the original day that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date and ending on, and including, the Commodity Cut-Off Date) provided, however, that the price determined by Postponement shall be the Relevant Price only if Delayed Publication or Announcement does not yield a Relevant Price within those two consecutive Commodity Business Days (or, if applicable, the number of Commodity Business Days (if any) falling within the period ending on the Commodity Cut-Off Date); and
  - (iii) Calculation Agent Determination;
- (B) with respect to a Commodity Index, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Relevant Price using (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms):
  - (i) with respect to each futures contract included in the Commodity Index which is not affected by the Market Disruption Event, the closing prices of each such contract on the applicable determination date;

- (ii) with respect to each futures contract included in the Commodity Index which is affected by the Market Disruption Event, but for which a Market Disruption Event ceased to exist on or prior to the Commodity Index Cut-Off Date, the closing prices of each such contract on the first day following the applicable determination date on which no Market Disruption Event is occurring with respect to such contract; and
- (iii) with respect to each futures contract included in the Commodity Index which is affected by the Market Disruption Event, where a Market Disruption Event continues to exist as of the Commodity Index Cut-Off Date, the Calculation Agent's good faith estimate of the closing price of each such contract on the Commodity Index Cut-Off Date;

Subject as provided below, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Relevant Price by reference to the closing prices determined in (i), (ii) and (iii) above or as specified in the applicable Final Terms above using the then current method for calculating the Commodity Reference Price.

Where (A) the original date that would otherwise have been the Pricing Date is adjusted on account of such original date not being a Commodity Business Day, and the Pricing Date would fall on or after the Commodity Index Cut-Off Date following such adjustment, or (B) a Market Disruption Event with respect to one or more futures contracts included in the Commodity Index has occurred on an applicable determination date and continues to exist as of the relevant Commodity Index Cut-Off Date for such applicable determination date, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Relevant Price on such Commodity Index Cut-Off Date. In calculating the Relevant Price as set out herein, the Calculation Agent shall use the formula for calculating the Commodity Reference Price last in effect prior to the Market Disruption Event (if applicable).

## 5. Adjustments to a Commodity Index

### (a) Consequences of a Successor Index Sponsor or a Successor Index

If a relevant Commodity Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor sponsor (the "**Successor Index Sponsor**") acceptable to the Issuer, 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 Commodity Index, then in each case that index (the "**Successor Index**") will be deemed to be the Commodity Index.

### (b) Modification and Cessation of Calculation of a Commodity Index

If on or prior to a Pricing Date (i) the relevant Index Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Commodity Index or in any other way materially modifies that Commodity Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain that Commodity Index in the event of changes in constituent commodities and weightings and other routine events), or (ii) the Index Sponsor permanently cancels a relevant Commodity Index or (iii) the Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce a relevant Commodity Index and there is no Successor Index Sponsor or Successor Index, then the Issuer may at its option (in the case of (i)) and shall (in the case of (ii) and (iii)) (such events (i), (ii) and (iii) to be collectively referred to as "**Commodity Index Adjustment Events**") (provided that the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that event (iii) (y) shall not be a Commodity Index Adjustment Event and shall instead be dealt with under paragraph (a) of the proviso to the definition of Price Source specified in Commodity Linked Condition 2, or (z) shall instead amount to a Market Disruption Event in respect of such Commodity Index, and proceed in accordance with Commodity Linked Condition 4 take the action described in (A), (B) or (C) below:

- (A) calculate the Commodity Reference Price using in lieu of the published level for that Commodity Index, the level for that Commodity Index as at the relevant determination date as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Commodity Index last in effect prior to the relevant Commodity Index Adjustment Event, but using only those futures contracts that comprised that Commodity Index immediately prior to the relevant Commodity Index Adjustment Event (other than those futures contracts that have ceased to be listed on any relevant exchange);
- (B) if the Calculation Agent determines that it is not reasonably practicable (taking into account the costs involved) to calculate or continue to calculate such Commodity Index pursuant to (A) above, the Calculation Agent may rebase the Instruments against another index or basket of indices, as applicable, determined by the Calculation Agent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be comparable to such Commodity Index, and, following such rebasing, the Calculation Agent may make such adjustment(s) that it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for such rebasing;
- (C)
  - (1) in the case of Notes, on giving notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14, redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
  - (2) in the case of W&C Instruments, on giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled, the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him, which amount shall be the fair market value of a Commodity W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Commodity Index Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.

Upon the occurrence of a Commodity Index Adjustment Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, giving details of the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of such action. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations.

#### **6. Consequences of an Additional Disruption Event in respect of a Commodity Index**

- (a) Following the determination by the Calculation Agent that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred in respect of a Commodity Index, 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 of the other terms of the 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)
    - (A) in the case of Notes, give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
    - (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C

Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.

- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.
- (c) The following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of a Change in Law, a Hedging Disruption, and/or an Increased Cost of Hedging (together the **"Additional Disruption Events"**).

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in good faith that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant currency or asset, or (B) the Issuer or any affiliate(s) of the Issuer or any entity (or entities) acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations under the Instruments will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer or any entity (or entities) acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations in relation to the Instruments is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the commodity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to or in connection with the relevant Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the commodity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

## ANNEX 7

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FUND LINKED INSTRUMENTS

The terms and conditions applicable to Fund Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Fund Linked Instruments set out below (the "**Fund Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to Fund Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and 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 Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, or the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments, and the Fund Linked Conditions, the Fund Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Fund Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Fund Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

1. **General Definitions**

"**Averaging Date**" means, in respect of an Actual Exercise Date, each date specified as an Averaging Date in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Valuation Date**" means each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

2. **Provisions relating to Funds other than Exchange Traded Funds**

Fund Linked Conditions 3, 4 and 5 apply in respect of Funds other than Exchange Traded Funds.

3. **Definitions (Funds other than Exchange Traded Funds)**

"**Basket of Funds**" means a basket composed of Funds in the relative proportions or number of Funds, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Fund**" means, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Fund Linked Instruments Conditions, each fund specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

"**Fund Administrator**" means the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for a Fund according to the relevant Fund Documents.

"**Fund Adviser**" means any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser).

"**Fund Documents**" means the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of a Fund specifying the terms and conditions relating to the related Fund Interest, as amended from time to time.

"**Fund Interest**" means, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Fund Linked Conditions, each fund interest specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

"**Fund Redemption Valuation Date**" means, in respect of a Fund Interest, the date as of which a Fund (or its Fund Service Provider that generally determines such value) would determine the net asset value of such Fund Interest for purposes of calculating the redemption proceeds to be paid to a Hypothetical Investor that has submitted a valid and timely notice for redemption of Fund Interests based on the value determined as of such date.

**"Fund Service Provider"** means any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, to a Fund, whether or not specified in the relevant Fund Documents, including without limitation any Fund Administrator, Fund Adviser, operator, management company, depositary, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, administrator, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent.

**"Fund Valuation Date"** means a date as of which a Fund (or its Fund Service Provider that generally determines such value) determines the value of the related Fund Interest.

**"Hypothetical Investor"** means a hypothetical or actual investor (as determined by the Calculation Agent in the context of the relevant situation) in Fund Interests which is deemed to have the benefits and obligations, as provided in the relevant Fund Documents, of an investor holding Fund Interests at the relevant time. The Hypothetical Investor may be deemed by the Calculation Agent to be resident or organised in any jurisdiction, and to be, without limitation, the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any of their affiliates (as determined by the Calculation Agent in the context of the relevant situation).

**"Removal Date"** means, in respect of an Affected Fund Interest, the date on which the Calculation Agent determines that a Hypothetical Investor would receive the Removal Value in respect of a redemption or realisation of such Affected Fund Interest effected as soon as reasonably practicable following the occurrence of the relevant Fund Event.

**"Removal Value"** means, in respect of an Affected Fund Interest, the amount that the Calculation Agent determines a Hypothetical Investor would receive in cash on the redemption or realisation of such Affected Fund Interest at the relevant time, provided that if any such redemption proceeds would comprise non-monetary assets the Removal Value may, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Calculation Agent, include only such amount (if any) that the Calculation Agent determines would be received by the Hypothetical Investor in respect of a realisation (in whatsoever manner the Calculation Agent determines appropriate) of such non-monetary assets as soon as reasonably practicable after their receipt.

**"Scheduled Fund Redemption Valuation Date"** means the date as of which a Fund (or its Fund Service Provider that generally determine such value) is scheduled, according to the relevant Fund Documents (without giving effect to any gating, deferral, suspension or other provisions permitting the Fund to delay or refuse redemption of Fund Interests), to determine the net asset value of the related Fund Interest for purposes of calculating the redemption proceeds to be paid to an investor that has submitted a valid and timely notice for redemption of Fund Interests based on the value determined as of such date.

**"Scheduled Fund Valuation Date"** means, in respect of a Fund Interest, a date as of which the related Fund (or its Fund Service Provider that generally determines such value) is scheduled, according to the relevant Fund Documents (without giving effect to any gating, deferral, suspension or other provisions permitting the Fund to delay or refuse redemption of Fund Interests), to determine the value of the related Fund Interest or, if the Fund only reports its aggregate net asset value, the date as of which such Fund is scheduled to determine its aggregate net asset value.

#### 4. **Fund Events**

**"Fund Event"** means the occurrence of each of an Additional Fund Disruption Event, a Fund Disruption Event and/or a Fund Extraordinary Event as determined by the Calculation Agent.

- (a) **"Additional Fund Disruption Event"** means each of Change in Law, Fund Hedging Disruption or Increased Cost of Hedging.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 or any of its affiliates or agents acting on its behalf determines in good faith that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any Fund Interests, or (B) the Issuer will incur a

materially increased cost in performing its obligations under the Fund Linked Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

**"Fund Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, or it is impractical for the Issuer or any of its Affiliates or agents, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction or asset it deems necessary or appropriate to hedge the price risk relating to any Fund Interest of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Fund Linked Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction or asset, including, without limitation, where such inability or impracticability has arisen by reason of (A) any restrictions or increase in charges or fees imposed by a Fund on an investor's ability to redeem the related Fund Interest, in whole or in part, or any existing or new investor's ability to make new or additional investments in such Fund Interest, or (B) any mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, of a Fund Interest imposed by the related Fund (in each case other than any restriction in existence on the Trade Date or, in respect of a Replacement Fund Interest, the relevant replacement date).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer or any of its Affiliates or agents would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Issue Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the price risk relating to any Fund Interest of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Fund Linked Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any 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 shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

- (b) **"Fund Disruption Event"** means at any time the occurrence or continuance of any of the following events, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, if the Calculation Agent determines any such event is material:
  - (i) Fund Valuation Disruption: **"Fund Valuation Disruption"** means (A) any continued postponement of any Scheduled Valuation Date due to such Scheduled Valuation Date not being a Scheduled Fund Redemption Valuation Date, (B) the failure of a Scheduled Fund Redemption Valuation Date in respect of a Fund Interest to be a Fund Redemption Valuation Date in respect of such Fund Interest or any continued postponement of such Fund Redemption Valuation Date, or (C) the failure of a Scheduled Fund Valuation Date in respect of a Fund Interest to be a Fund Valuation Date in respect of such Fund Interest or any continued postponement of such Fund Valuation Date;
  - (ii) Fund Settlement Disruption: **"Fund Settlement Disruption"** means a failure by a Fund on any day to pay the full amount (whether expressed as a percentage or otherwise) of any fund redemption proceeds with respect to any Fund Interest scheduled to have been paid on or by such day according to the relevant Fund Documents (without giving effect to any gating, deferral, suspension or other provisions permitting the Fund to delay or refuse redemption of Fund Interests).
- (c) **"Fund Extraordinary Event"** means each of the following events:
  - (i) Nationalisation: **"Nationalisation"** means that all the Fund Interests or all or substantially all the assets of a Fund are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority, entity or instrumentality thereof;
  - (ii) Insolvency: **"Insolvency"** means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or winding-up of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Fund, (A) all the Fund Interests of that Fund

- are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (B) holders of the Fund Interests of that Fund become legally prohibited from transferring or redeeming them;
- (iii) Fund Insolvency Event: "**Fund Insolvency Event**" means a Fund or relevant Fund Service Provider (A) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up or official liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (B) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (C) (I) 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 (II) 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 (I) above and either (aa) 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 (bb) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen calendar days of the institution or presentation thereof; (D) 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; (E) 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 of its assets and such secured party maintains possession, or any such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained, in each case within fifteen calendar days thereafter; or (F) 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 paragraphs (E) and (F) above;
  - (iv) NAV Trigger Event: "**NAV Trigger Event**" means that (A) the aggregate net asset value of a Fund has decreased by an amount equal to or greater than 30 per cent. since the Trade Date or, in respect of a Replacement Fund Interest, the relevant replacement date; or (B) a Fund has violated any leverage restriction that is applicable to, or affecting, it or its assets by operation of any law, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets, the relevant Fund Documents or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting the Fund or any of its assets;
  - (v) Adviser Resignation Event: "**Adviser Resignation Event**" means the resignation, termination of appointment, or replacement of a Fund's Fund Adviser;
  - (vi) Fund Modification: "**Fund Modification**" means any change or modification of the relevant Fund Documents that could reasonably be expected to affect the value of a Fund Interest or the rights or remedies of any holders thereof (in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent) from those prevailing on the Trade Date or, in respect of a Replacement Fund Interest, the relevant replacement date; or the imposition of any fees or charges in relation to redemptions, subscriptions or transfers of Fund Interests;
  - (vii) Strategy Breach: "**Strategy Breach**" means any breach or violation of any strategy or investment guidelines stated in the relevant Fund Documents that is reasonably likely to affect the value of a Fund Interest or the rights or remedies of any holders thereof (in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent); or



any change of the nature of a Fund, including but not limited to the type of investments, the duration, the credit risk and diversification of the investments to which that Fund is exposed, which, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, results in a material deterioration of the risk profile of that Fund;

- (viii) Regulatory Action: "**Regulatory Action**" means (A) the cancellation, suspension or revocation of the registration or approval of a Fund Interest or the related Fund by any governmental, legal or regulatory entity with authority over such Fund Interest or Fund, (B) any change in the legal, tax, accounting, or regulatory treatments of a Fund or its Fund Adviser that is reasonably likely to have an adverse impact on the value of the related Fund Interest or on any investor therein (as determined by the Calculation Agent), or (C) a Fund or any of its Fund Administrator or Fund Adviser becoming subject to investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal or regulatory authority involving the alleged violation of applicable law for any activities relating to or resulting from the operation of such Fund, Fund Administrator or Fund Adviser;
- (ix) Reporting Disruption: "**Reporting Disruption**" means (A) the occurrence of any event affecting a Fund Interest that, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Fund Interest in respect of a Scheduled Fund Valuation Date or a Scheduled Fund Redemption Valuation Date, and such event continues for at least two consecutive Scheduled Fund Valuation Dates or Scheduled Fund Redemption Valuation Dates, as the case may be; (B) any failure of a Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (I) information that such Fund has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Calculation Agent, including, but not limited to, information to determine the occurrence of a Fund Event and the annual audited financial report and semi-annual financial report, if any, in relation to the related Fund Interests, or (II) information that has been previously delivered to the Calculation Agent, in accordance with such Fund's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Calculation Agent deems necessary to monitor such Fund's compliance with any investment guidelines, asset allocation methodologies or any other similar policies relating to the related Fund Interests;
- (x) Fund Service Provider Cessation: "**Fund Service Provider Cessation**" means that one or more Fund Service Provider(s) in respect of a Fund ceases to provide the service as outlined in the relevant Fund Documents prevailing on the Trade Date or, where the related Fund Interest is a Replacement Fund Interest, the relevant replacement date, and any such Fund Service Provider is not immediately replaced by another service provider acceptable to the Calculation Agent;
- (xi) Fund Administrator Disruption: "**Fund Administrator Disruption**" means any event or circumstances compromising the independence of a Fund Administrator performing services for a Fund from the relevant Fund Adviser; or
- (xii) Related Agreement Termination: "**Related Agreement Termination**" means a Fund or any of its Fund Administrator or Fund Adviser is in breach of or has terminated any existing agreement with the Calculation Agent in respect of, but not limited to, retrocession, dealing fees, liquidity and licensing.

Following the occurrence of a Fund Event, the Issuer may take the action described in (i) or (ii) below such that the Calculation Agent, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines to be practicable, which may be determined by the Calculation Agent after all necessary information has been obtained and/or released by the Fund:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to make such determinations and/or adjustments to the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as it determines

appropriate to account for the Fund Event, which may include, without limitation,

- (A) delaying any determination date (including any Valuation Date or Averaging Date) and/or any date on which payment might otherwise have to be made under the terms of the applicable Final Terms until it determines that no Fund Event exists;
  - (B) determining that, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Calculation Agent, one or more Fund Events may continue until or after any scheduled determination dates and/or payment dates as set out in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter determining to fix any determination date (including any Valuation or Averaging Date) and/or date on which payment should be made, and making payment on such date of such amount as is appropriate, as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Calculation Agent, taking into account the Fund Event, and which may be based solely on any amounts of cash that a Hypothetical Investor in the Fund actually received from the Fund during the relevant period or periods (and which may be less than any relevant net asset value published for the Fund, and may be as low as zero);
  - (C) calculating the value of a Fund Interest and/or replacing a Fund Interest (the "**Affected Fund Interest**") with a replacement fund interest (the "**Replacement Fund Interest**") with a value as determined by the Calculation Agent equal to the Removal Value for the Affected Fund Interest and in a fund which in the determination of the Calculation Agent has similar characteristics, investment objectives and policies to those applicable to the Fund in respect of the Affected Fund Interest immediately prior to the occurrence of the Fund Event; or
- (ii) (A) in the case of Notes, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14, redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each Note being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
- (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Fund Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

If the Calculation Agent replaces an Affected Fund Interest with a Replacement Fund Interest, such replacement shall take effect on the first reasonably practicable date following the Removal Date for such Affected Fund Interest on which the Calculation Agent determines that a Hypothetical Investor could acquire the Replacement Fund Interest.

Upon the occurrence of a Fund Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, giving details of the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of such action.

## 5. **Fund Potential Adjustment Events**

**"Fund Potential Adjustment Event"** means any of the following:

- (a) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Fund Interests or a free distribution or dividend of any such Fund Interests to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (b) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of relevant Fund Interests of (I) such Fund Interests or (II) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the related Fund equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Fund Interests or (III) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the related Fund as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction or (IV) any other type of securities, rights or warrants 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;
- (c) an extraordinary dividend as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (d) a repurchase by a Fund of relevant Fund Interests whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise other than where such repurchase is a redemption of Fund Interests initiated by an investor in such Fund Interests and consistent with the relevant Fund Documents; or
- (e) any other event that may have, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a diluting, concentrative or other on the theoretical value of relevant Fund Interests.

Following the declaration by a Fund of the terms of any Fund Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether such Fund Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting, concentrative or other effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Fund Interest and, if so, will make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any of the 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, concentrative or other effect (provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends or liquidity relative to the relevant Fund Interest) and determine the effective date of that adjustment.

Upon the making of any such adjustment by the Calculation Agent, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the adjustment to any of the terms of the Terms and Conditions, and/or the applicable Final Terms and giving brief details of the Fund Potential Adjustment Event, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such adjustment.

## 6. **Provisions relating to Exchange Traded Funds**

Fund Linked Conditions 7, 8, 9 and 10 apply to Exchange Traded Funds.

## 7. **Definitions (Exchange Traded Funds)**

**"Averaging Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, or on account of such date not being a Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, a Common Scheduled Trading Day), would have been the final Averaging Date, or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be

applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on the relevant Averaging Dates, provided that the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which the final Averaging Date was scheduled to fall.

**"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, (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Averaging Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day:

- (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 price; provided that, if through the operation of this provision there would not be an Averaging Date, then the provisions of the definition of "Valuation Date" will apply for purposes of determining the relevant price on the final Averaging Date, as if such final 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 price 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 Fund Linked Instruments relate to a single Fund, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date. If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for the Fund, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;
  - (ii) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the **"Scheduled Averaging Date"**) and the Averaging Date for a Fund Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Fund Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Fund Share has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Fund Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;

- (iii) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (following adjustment of such date owing to the original date not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, if applicable) (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for a Fund Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Fund Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Fund Share has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date is already an Averaging Date) in relation to such Fund Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below; or
- (iv) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Averaging Date for each Fund Share shall be the first succeeding Common Valid Date in relation to such Fund Share. If the first succeeding Common Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the Averaging Cut-Off Date or if such Averaging Date falls on the Averaging Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, then (A) the Averaging Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether the Averaging Cut-Off Date 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 (d)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below,

and, for the purposes of these Fund Linked Conditions "**Valid Date**" means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur, and "**Common Valid Date**" means a Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Fund Share and on which another Averaging Date does not or is deemed not to occur.

"**Barrier Event Determination Day**" means, in respect of each Fund Share:

- (a) if the applicable Final Terms provide that the Barrier Event (intraday) provisions shall apply, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, each day on which the price of such Fund Share is quoted on the relevant Exchange during the relevant Observation Period, regardless of whether or not such day is a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines that a Market Disruption Event is occurring at any time on any Barrier Event Determination Day, it shall disregard the period during which it determines in its sole and absolute discretion that such Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing for the purposes of determining whether or not a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred); or
- (b) if the applicable Final Terms provide that the Barrier Event (closing) provisions shall apply each day specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing)**" means, in respect of each Fund Share to be valued, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Barrier Event Determination Day. If the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) shall be such actual closing time.

**"Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)"** means any time during the regular trading session (without regard to any after hours or any other trading outside of the regular session) on the Exchange.

**"Barrier Level"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, such price for such Fund Share as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Basket of Funds"** means a basket composed of Fund Shares in their relative proportions or number of Fund Shares, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Common Scheduled Trading Day"** means, in respect of a Basket of Funds, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for all the Fund Shares in the Basket of Funds.

**"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.

**"ETF"** means any fund which is an exchange traded fund as specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if not so specified, any fund which the Calculation Agent determines to be an Exchange Traded Fund.

**"Exchange"** means, in relation to a Fund Share, the exchange or principal trading market for such ETF specified 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 Fund Shares in respect of such ETF has temporarily relocated.

**"Exchange Business Day"** 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.

**"Final Price"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Fund Share Closing Price of such Fund Share on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Fund Linked Conditions.

**"Fund Performance"** means unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of a Fund Share and any relevant date, an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent equal to (a) the Fund Share Closing Price of such Fund Share on such day, divided by (b) the Initial Price of such Fund Share.

**"Fund Share"** means a share of each ETF, and references to **"holder of Fund Shares"** and **"Fund Shareholder"** shall be construed accordingly.

**"Fund Share Closing Price"** means, in respect of a Fund Share and any relevant date, subject to these Fund Linked Conditions, an amount equal to the official closing price of such Fund Share quoted on the relevant Exchange as determined by the Calculation Agent on such date.

**"Fund Share Price"** means, in respect of a Fund Share and a time on a Scheduled Trading Day and subject to these Fund Linked Conditions, the price of such Fund Share at such time on such day as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Initial Price"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Fund Share Closing Price of such Fund Share on the Strike Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Fund Linked Conditions.

**"Observation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the

second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Observation Date, provided that the Observation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Observation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Observation Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a single Fund, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant price in accordance with its good faith estimate of the relevant price as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date;
- (b) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provide that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Observation Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Fund Share affected (each an **"Affected Fund Share"**) 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 Fund Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Fund Share. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Fund Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such Fund 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 price for such Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions;
- (c) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Observation Date (or if the Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Observation Cut-Off Date) and the Observation Date for each Fund Share affected (each an **"Affected Fund Share"**) 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 Fund Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date (or if the Scheduled Observation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Fund Share. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to

fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date for such Fund Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Fund Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such Fund 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 price for such Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; or

- (d) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Observation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Fund Share, unless each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Observation Date up to, and including, the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Fund Shares. In that case, or if such Observation Date falls on the Observation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Observation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Observation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Fund Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to each Fund Share for which the Observation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, 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 price for such Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Observation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions.

**"Observation Period"** means, in respect of a Fund Share:

- (a) if the consequence of "Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on, the Observation Period Start Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Fund Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, following adjustment of such date pursuant to these Fund Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms); or
- (b) if the consequence of "No Extension" is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be applicable, each period commencing on the Observation Period Start Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Fund Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period Start Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and ending on the immediately following Observation Period End Date, prior to any adjustment of such date pursuant to these Fund Linked Conditions or as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable (and including or excluding such Observation Period End Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms).

**"Observation Period End Date"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of "Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Observation Period Start Date"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of "Observation Date", "Valuation Date" or otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms, if applicable.

**"Related Exchange"** means, in relation to a Fund Share, each exchange or principal trading market specified as such for such Fund 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 Fund Shares in respect of such Fund Share has temporarily relocated (provided the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such Fund Shares on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange), provided however, that where "All Exchanges" is specified as the Related Exchange in the applicable Final Terms,

**"Related Exchange"** shall mean each exchange or principal trading market where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for such Fund Shares.

**"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 Observation Date"** means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been an Observation Date.

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

**"Strike Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Underlying Index"** means the underlying index specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Valuation Cut-Off Date"** means the eighth Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the eighth Common Scheduled Trading Day) immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date, or, if earlier, the Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the Common Scheduled Trading Day) falling on or immediately preceding the second Business Day (or, in respect of Swedish Instruments, the sixth Business Day) immediately preceding the date on which payment of any amount or delivery of any assets may have to be made pursuant to any calculation or determination made on such Valuation Date, provided that the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall not fall prior to the original date on which such Valuation Date was scheduled to fall.

**"Valuation Date"** means each Valuation Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if that is not a Scheduled Trading Day the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day (or, where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day), or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a single Fund, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the relevant price in accordance with its good faith estimate of the relevant price as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date; or

- (b) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall not be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Fund Share affected (each an "**Affected Fund Share**") 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 Fund Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to and including the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Fund Share. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Scheduled Trading Day for such Fund Share, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Fund Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such Fund 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 price for the Affected Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions;
- (c) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Individual Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date for each Fund Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day, or in either case, if earlier, the Valuation Cut-Off Date) and the Valuation Date for each Fund Share affected (each an "**Affected Fund Share**") 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 Fund Share, unless each of the Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date (or if the Scheduled Valuation Date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day) up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Fund Share. In that case, or if such Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for such Fund Share (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Fund Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to such Fund 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 price for such Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions; or
- (d) where the Fund Linked Instruments relate to a Basket of Funds and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" and "Common Disrupted Days" shall be applicable, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Common Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day for any Fund Share, unless each of the Common Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date up to, and including, the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day for one or more Fund Shares. In that case, or if the Valuation Date falls on the Valuation Cut-Off Date owing to the original date on which it was scheduled to fall not being a Common Scheduled Trading Day, (i) the Valuation Cut-Off Date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (notwithstanding the fact that such day may be a Disrupted Day for a Fund Share or not a Common Scheduled Trading Day) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant price using, in relation to each Fund Share for which the Valuation Cut-Off Date is a Disrupted Day or is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, 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 price for such Fund Share as of the Valuation Time on the Valuation Cut-Off Date, and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions.

**"Valuation Time"** means the Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no Valuation Time is specified, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Valuation Date in relation to each Fund Share to be valued. 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.

**"Worst Performing Fund Share"** means, in respect of a Basket of Funds and the Valuation Date (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms), the Fund Share with the lowest Fund Performance on such day, as determined by the Calculation Agent (provided that if two or more Fund Shares have the same lowest Fund Performance on such day, the Calculation Agent shall determine which Fund Share shall be the Worst Performing Fund Share in its sole and absolute discretion, and such Fund Share shall be the Worst Performing Fund Share).

#### 8. **Barrier Event**

- (a) A **"Barrier Event (intraday)"** means (and a Barrier Event (intraday) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of a Fund Share, the Calculation Agent determines that the Fund Share Price of such Fund Share as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Fund Share and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

For the purpose of determining whether a Barrier Event (intraday) has occurred on any day, the definition of Market Disruption Event specified in Fund Linked Condition 9 shall be amended such that (i) all references to "during the one-hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time" shall be deleted, and (ii) in sub-paragraph (b) each reference to "Valuation Time" and "Scheduled Closing Time" shall be construed as a reference to "Barrier Event Valuation Time (intraday)".

- (b) A **"Barrier Event (closing)"** means (and a Barrier Event (closing) shall be deemed to occur if), in respect of a Fund Share, the Calculation Agent determines that the Fund Share Closing Price of any Fund Share as of the Barrier Event Valuation Time (closing) on any Barrier Event Determination Day is less than or equal to the corresponding Barrier Level for such Fund Share and such Barrier Event Determination Day.

#### 9. **Market Disruption**

**"Market Disruption Event"** means, in respect of a Fund Share:

- (a) the occurrence or existence at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time:
- (i) of 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 relevant Fund Share on such Exchange; or
    - (B) relating to securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Underlying Index or any relevant successor index; or
    - (C) in futures or options contracts relating to such Fund Shares or the relevant Underlying Index on any relevant Related Exchange, or
  - (ii) of any event (other than an event described in (b) below) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to (A) effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, the Fund Shares on the Exchange, (B) effect transactions in, or obtain market values for securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant

Underlying Index, or (C) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to such Fund Shares or the relevant Underlying Index on any relevant Related Exchange; or

- (b) the closure on any Exchange Business Day of any 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 such Related Exchange(s), as the case may be, at least one hour prior to (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or such Related Exchange on such Exchange Business Day or, if earlier, (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into such Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day,

which in any such case the Calculation Agent determines is material.

For the purpose of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists in respect of a Fund Share at any time, if an event giving rise to a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a security included in the relevant Underlying Index at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security, to the level of the relevant Underlying Index shall be based on a comparison of (a) the portion of the level of the relevant Underlying Index attributable to that security, and (b) the overall level of the relevant Underlying Index immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event.

The Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 in the case of Notes, or W&C Instruments Condition 12 in the case of W&C Instruments of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day, would have been a Valuation Date provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Disrupted Day.

#### 10. **Potential Adjustment Event**

**"Potential Adjustment Event"** means any of the following:

- (a) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Fund Shares (unless resulting in a Merger Event or Tender Offer), or a free distribution or dividend of any such Fund Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (b) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Fund Shares of (i) such Fund Shares or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the ETF equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Fund Shares or (iii) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the ETF as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction, or (iv) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets in any case for payment (cash or other consideration) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (c) an extraordinary dividend as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (d) a call by the ETF in respect of relevant Fund Shares that are not fully paid;
- (e) a repurchase by the ETF or any of its subsidiaries of relevant Fund Shares, whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise;
- (f) in respect of an ETF, an event that results in any shareholder rights being distributed or becoming separated from Fund Shares of common stock or other shares of the capital stock of the ETF 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, warrants, 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

- (g) any other event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Fund Shares.

Following a 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 relevant Fund Shares and, if so, will (a) make the corresponding adjustment(s), if any, to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions of the Instruments and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect and (b) determine the effective date(s) of that adjustment(s). The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the appropriate adjustment(s) by reference to the adjustment(s) in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the relevant Fund Shares traded on such options exchange.

Upon the making of any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall as soon as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances give notice to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 in the case of Notes or W&C Instruments Condition 12 in the case of W&C Instruments, as applicable, stating the adjustment made and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such adjustment.

#### 11. **De-Listing, Insolvency, Material Underlying Event, Merger Date, Merger Event, Nationalisation, Tender Offer**

**"De-Listing"** means, in respect of a Fund Share, that the relevant Exchange announces that pursuant to the rules of such Exchange, such Fund Share ceases (or will cease) to be listed, traded or publicly quoted on such Exchange for any reason (other than a Merger Event or Tender Offer) and is 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 an ETF, (a) all the Fund Shares of that ETF are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (b) holders of the Fund Shares of that ETF become legally prohibited from transferring them.

**"Material Underlying Event"** means any of the following:

- (a) the investment objectives and/or policies in respect of the ETF are materially changed;
- (b) an illegality occurs or a relevant authorisation or licence is revoked in respect of the ETF and/or the ETF is required by a competent authority (other than any holder of the Fund Shares) to redeem any Fund Shares;
- (c) there is a change in any relevant jurisdiction in respect of any payments made by the ETF in respect of any Fund Share as a result of which the amounts paid or to be paid by the Issuer in connection with hedging arrangements relating to the Instruments are materially reduced or otherwise adversely affected; and/or
- (d) any other event occurs in relation to the ETF and/or the Fund Shares which is materially prejudicial to the Issuer in connection with the issue of the Instruments or any hedging arrangements relating to the Instruments,

as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"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 Fund Shares, any (a) reclassification or change of such Fund Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to

transfer all of such Fund Shares outstanding to another entity or person, (b) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the ETF with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such ETF is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change of all such Fund Shares outstanding) or (c) 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 Fund Shares of the relevant ETF that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such Fund Shares (other than such Fund Shares owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (d) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the ETF or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the ETF is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such Fund Shares outstanding but results in the outstanding Fund Shares (other than Fund Shares owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding Fund Shares immediately following such event (a "**Reverse Merger**"), in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date (or such other date as is specified in the applicable Final Terms).

"**Nationalisation**" means that all the Fund Shares or all or substantially all the assets of an ETF 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 10 per cent. and less than 100 per cent. of the outstanding voting shares of the relevant ETF, 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 voting shares in the amount of the applicable percentage threshold are actually purchased or otherwise obtained (as determined by the Calculation Agent).

If a De-Listing, Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event occurs in relation to any Fund Share, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (a), (b) or (c) below:

- (a) require the Calculation Agent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to determine the appropriate adjustment(s), if any, to be made to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the De-Listing, Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, as the case may be, and determine the effective date(s) of that adjustment(s). The Calculation Agent may (but need not) determine the appropriate adjustment(s) by reference to the adjustment(s) in respect of the De-Listing, Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event made by any options exchange to options on the relevant Fund Share traded on that options exchange;
- (b)
  - (i) in the case of Notes give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Note Condition 14, and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount, or
  - (ii) in the case of W&C Instruments cancel the W&C Instruments by giving notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument, or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument, or Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already

paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12; or

- (c) following such adjustment to the settlement terms of options on the Fund 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 the terms of the 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 Fund Shares are not traded on the Options Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the terms of the 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, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, 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.

Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 (in the case of Notes) or W&C Instruments Condition 12 (in the case of W&C Instruments) stating the occurrence of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, De-listing, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, as the case may be, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Material Underlying Event, as the case may be.

## 12. **Additional Disruption Events**

- (a) "**Additional Disruption Event**" means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Change in Law**" means that, on or after the Trade Date, (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant Fund Share or (B) it will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Fund Linked Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates).

"**Hedging Disruption**" means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Fund Linked Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

"**Increased Cost of Hedging**" means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Fund Linked Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

- (b) If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, 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 of the other terms of the 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) (A) in the case of Notes, give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
    - (B) in the case of W&C Instruments, give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, if already paid, the Exercise Price, 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.

### 13. Application of Dividend Conditions

Fund Linked Conditions 14 and/or 15 (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) shall only apply to any Fund Linked W&C Instruments linked to Exchange Traded Funds in respect of which the applicable Final Terms specify that the "Dividend Conditions" shall be applicable.

### 14. Definitions (Dividend Conditions)

"**Dividend Period**" means, in respect of the Fund Share and:

- (a) American Style Warrants, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Expiration Date or the Actual Exercise Date (if earlier) of such Warrant; or
- (b) European Style Warrants and Certificates, the period commencing on, but excluding, the Trade Date and ending on, and including, the Exercise Date.

"**Dividend Taxes**" means, in respect of the Fund Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, any amounts that would have been withheld for or on account of tax if such cash dividend is paid to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Fund Share, and excluding any reduction of such tax that is available to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer pursuant to a double tax treaty or any other applicable domestic exemption, where each such tax is converted into the Settlement Currency using the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such tax is due, as determined by the Calculation Agent.



**"Ex-Dividend Date"** means, in respect of the Fund Share and a Gross Cash Dividend in respect of such Fund Share, the date that the Fund Share commences trading ex-dividend in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend on the Exchange, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Exchange Rate"** means the rate specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Gross Cash Dividend"** means, in respect of the Fund Share, each sum declared by the relevant ETF as a dividend for one such Fund Share before the withholding or deduction of taxes at the source by or on behalf of any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such a dividend, and shall exclude any imputation or other credits, refunds or deductions granted by any applicable authority having power to tax in respect of such dividend and any taxes, credits, refunds or benefits imposed, withheld, assessed or levied thereon.

**"Hypothetical Broker Dealer"** means a hypothetical broker dealer subject to the same securities laws and rules and regulations of any securities regulators, exchanges and self-regulating organisations as applicable to the Issuer or the Dealer, provided, however, that such hypothetical broker dealer is deemed not entitled to any benefits, exemption or reduction in tax pursuant to any double tax treaty or otherwise.

**"Relevant Cash Dividend"** means in respect of the Fund Share, a Gross Cash Dividend per Fund Share as declared by the relevant ETF where the Ex-Dividend Date falls within the Dividend Period and the full payment in cash in respect of such Gross Cash Dividend would have been made to a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Fund Share within the Dividend Period, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

#### 15. **Additional Amounts**

Unless the W&C Instruments have previously been exercised, or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions (as supplemented and amended herein), the Issuer shall pay to the Holder of each W&C Instrument the Additional Amount in respect of such W&C Instrument on each Additional Amount Payment Date. W&C Instruments Conditions 25(A) and (B) (in respect of Warrants) and W&C Instruments Conditions 32(A) and (B) (in respect of Certificates) shall not apply.

**"Additional Amount"** means, in respect of the Fund Share and a Relevant Cash Dividend, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as:

- (a) an amount equal to the difference between (i)(A) the product of the Additional Amount Proportion multiplied by the Relevant Cash Dividend per Fund Share that would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of one Fund Share, divided by (B) the relevant Exchange Rate on or around the date on which such Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer from the relevant ETF, minus (ii) any Dividend Taxes; multiplied by
- (b) the Number of Fund Shares per W&C Instrument in respect of the Fund Share.

**"Additional Amount Payment Date"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Additional Amount, the fifth Business Day following the date on which the corresponding Relevant Cash Dividend would have been received, from the relevant ETF by a Hypothetical Broker Dealer as the holder of the relevant Fund Share.

**"Additional Amount Proportion"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Number of Fund Shares per W&C Instrument"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

## ANNEX 8

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INFLATION LINKED INSTRUMENTS

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Inflation Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Inflation Linked Instruments set out below (the "**Inflation Linked Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. The terms and conditions applicable to Inflation Linked W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and 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 Note Conditions, in the case of Notes, or the W&C Instruments Conditions, in the case of W&C Instruments, and the Inflation Linked Conditions, the Inflation Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions or the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Inflation Linked Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Inflation Linked Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes" or "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits.

2. **Definitions**

For the purpose of the Inflation Linked Instruments:

**"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 and an Inflation Index, that the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor fails to publish or announce the level of such Inflation 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.

**"Determination Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"End Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Fallback Bond"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, a bond selected by the Calculation Agent and issued by the government of the country to whose level of inflation the relevant Inflation Index relates, and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to such Inflation Index, with a maturity date which falls on (a) the same day as the End Date as specified in the applicable Final Terms, (b) the next longest maturity after the End Date if there is no such bond maturing on the End Date, or (c) the next shortest maturity before the End Date if no bond defined in (a) or (b) is selected by the Calculation Agent. If the relevant Inflation 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).

**"Inflation Index"** means each inflation index specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Inflation Index Sponsor"** means, in relation to an Inflation Index, the entity that publishes or announces (directly or through an agent) the level of such Inflation Index which, as of the Issue Date, is the Inflation Index Sponsor specified in the applicable Final Terms.

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

**"Related Bond"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the bond specified as such in the applicable 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 End 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.

### 3. Inflation Index Adjustments

#### (a) Delay in Publication

Subject to Inflation Linked Condition 3(b), if the Calculation Agent determines that a Delayed Index Level Event in respect of an Inflation Index has occurred with respect to any Determination Date, then the Relevant Level for such Inflation Index the subject of such Delayed Index Level Event (the **"Substitute Index Level"**) shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (i) if Related Bond is specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the applicable 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 relevant Related Bond; or
- (ii) if (A) Related Bond is not specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the applicable Final Terms, or (B) 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:

$$\text{Substitute Index Level} = \text{Base Level} \times (\text{Latest Level} / \text{Reference Level})$$

where:

**"Base Level"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation 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, in respect of an Inflation Index, the latest level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor prior to the month in respect of which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

**"Reference Level"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation 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 give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14, or W&C Instruments Condition 12, as applicable, of any Substitute Index Level calculated pursuant to this Inflation Linked Condition 3.

## (b) Cessation of Publication

If a level for the Inflation Index has not been published or announced for two consecutive months or the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will no longer continue to publish or announce the Inflation Index then the Calculation Agent shall determine a successor index (in lieu of any previously applicable Inflation Index) for the purposes of the Inflation Linked Instruments by using the following methodology:

- (i) if, at any time, a successor index has been designated by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, such successor index shall be designated a "Successor Index" notwithstanding that any other Successor Index may previously have been determined under paragraphs (ii), (iii) or (iv) below; or
- (ii) if a Successor Index has not been determined pursuant to Inflation Linked Condition 3(b)(i) and a notice has been given or an announcement has been made by the Inflation Index Sponsor, specifying that the Inflation Index will be superseded by a replacement Inflation Index specified by the Inflation Index Sponsor, and the Calculation Agent determines that such replacement index is calculated using the same or substantially similar formula or method of calculation as used in the calculation of the previously applicable Inflation Index, such replacement index shall be the Inflation Index for purposes of the Inflation Linked Instruments from the date that such replacement Inflation Index comes into effect; or
- (iii) if a Successor Index has not been determined pursuant to Inflation Linked Condition 3(b)(i) or Inflation Linked Condition 3(b)(ii), the Calculation Agent shall ask five leading independent dealers to state what the replacement index for the Inflation 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, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If three responses are received, and two or more leading independent dealers state the same index, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If fewer than three responses are received, the Calculation Agent will proceed to Inflation Linked Condition 3(b)(iv); or
- (iv) if no replacement index or Successor Inflation Index has been deemed under Inflation Linked Conditions 3(b)(i), 3(b)(ii) or 3(b)(iii), by the next occurring Cut-Off Date the Calculation Agent will determine an appropriate alternative index from such Cut-Off Date, and such index will be deemed a "Successor Inflation Index"; or
- (v) (A) if the Calculation Agent determines that there is no appropriate alternative index, in relation to Notes, the Issuer shall give notice to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all (but not less than all) of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount; or
- (B) in relation to W&C Instruments, the Issuer shall give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the W&C Instruments. If the W&C Instruments are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each W&C Instrument or Unit, as the case may be, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a W&C Instrument or a Unit, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.

(c) Rebasing of the Inflation Index

If the Calculation Agent determines that the Inflation Index has been or will be rebased at any time, the Inflation Index as so rebased (the "**Rebased Index**") will be used for purposes of determining the level of the Inflation Index from the date of such rebasing; provided, however, that the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments as are made by the calculation agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased, or, if Related Bond is not specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased.

(d) Material Modification Prior to Last Occurring Cut-Off

If, on or prior to the last occurring Cut-Off Date, the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will make a material change to the Inflation Index then the Calculation Agent shall make any such adjustments, if Related Bond is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, consistent with adjustments made to the Related Bond, or, if Related Bond is not specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, only those adjustments to the Inflation Index necessary for the modified Inflation Index to continue as the Inflation Index.

## ANNEX 9A

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CREDIT LINKED NOTES

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Credit Linked Notes shall comprise the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Note Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Notes set out below (the "**Credit Linked Note Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the Note Conditions and the Credit Linked Note Conditions, the Credit Linked Note Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Note Conditions and/or the Credit Linked Note Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Credit Linked Note Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "Note" and "Notes".

2. **Definitions**

**"Aggregate Loss Amount"** means with respect to Tranching Portfolio CLNs and any date, the aggregate of all Loss Amounts calculated with respect to all Reference Entities up to and including such date.

**"Asset"** means each obligation, equity, amount of cash, security, fee (including any "early-bird" or other consent fee), right and/or other asset, whether tangible or otherwise and whether issued, incurred, paid or provided by the Reference Entity or a third party (or any value which was realised or capable of being realised in circumstances where the right and/or other asset no longer exists).

**"Asset Market Value"** means the market value of an Asset, as the Calculation Agent shall determine by reference to an appropriate specialist valuation or in accordance with the methodology determined by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

**"Asset Package"** means, in respect of an Asset Package Credit Event, all of the Assets in the proportion received or retained by a Relevant Holder in connection with such relevant Asset Package Credit Event (which may include the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, as the case may be). If the Relevant Holder is offered a choice of Assets or a choice of combinations of Assets, the Asset Package will be the Largest Asset Package. If the Relevant Holder is offered, receives and retains nothing, the Asset Package shall be deemed to be zero.

**"Asset Package Credit Event"** means:

- (a) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) a Governmental Intervention; or
  - (ii) a Restructuring in respect of the Reference Obligation, if "Restructuring" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and such Restructuring does not constitute a Governmental Intervention; and
- (b) if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign and "Restructuring" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Restructuring,

in each case, whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement.

Asset Package Delivery will apply if an Asset Package Credit Event occurs, unless (i) such Asset Package Credit Event occurs prior to the Credit Event Backstop Date determined in respect of the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice or DC Credit Event Announcement applicable to the Event Determination Date, or (ii) if the Reference Entity is a

Sovereign, no Package Observable Bond exists immediately prior to such Asset Package Credit Event.

**"Attachment Point"** in relation to Tranching Portfolio CLNs, has the value given in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Auction"** has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Cancellation Date"** means the date on which an Auction is deemed to be cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms with respect to the relevant Reference Entity, or, if the Issuer has delivered a Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Holders, the date on which a Parallel Auction is deemed to be cancelled pursuant to the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Issuer in such notice.

**"Auction Covered Transaction"** has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Final Price"** has the meaning given to it in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms or the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Issuer in its Notice to Exercise Movement Option (in the latter case, provided that such Notice to Exercise Movement Option has been delivered to the Holders on or prior to the date falling 15 Business Days following the Auction Final Price Determination Date for such Parallel Auction Settlement Terms).

**"Auction Final Price Determination Date"** means the day, if any, on which the Auction Final Price is determined pursuant to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms or, in the case of an M(M)R Restructuring, if the Calculation Agent has delivered a Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Issuer on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Calculation Agent in such notice, in each case with respect to the relevant Reference Entity.

**"Auction Settlement Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no such amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to:

$$(A \times B) - C$$

where:

**"A"** is the Calculation Amount;

**"B"** is the Auction Final Price; and

**"C"** is Unwind Costs,

provided that in no event shall the Auction Settlement Amount be less than zero.

**"Auction Settlement Date"** means the date which is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Auction Final Price Determination Date, or if no such number of Business Days is specified in the applicable Final Terms, eight Business Days after the Auction Final Price Determination Date.

**"Bankruptcy"** means a Reference Entity:

- (a) is dissolved (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger);
- (b) becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing in a judicial, regulatory or administrative proceeding or filing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due;

- (c) makes a general assignment, arrangement, scheme or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors generally, or such a general assignment, arrangement, scheme or composition becomes effective;
- (d) institutes or has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other similar relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and, in the case of any such proceeding or petition instituted or presented against it, such proceeding or petition (i) 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 (ii) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within 30 calendar days of the institution or presentation thereof;
- (e) has a resolution passed for its winding-up or liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger);
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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 30 calendar days thereafter; or
- (h) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has any analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (a) to (g) (inclusive).

**"Cancellation Notice"** means a notice given by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer upon making a determination in respect of a Reference Entity that:

- (a) no Credit Event or (if Grace Period Extension Date is applicable) Potential Failure to Pay or (if Potential Repudiation/Moratorium is applicable) Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date;
- (b) if a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date promptly upon making a determination that no Failure to Pay has occurred with respect to the relevant obligation; or
- (c) if a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date promptly upon making a determination that no Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred with respect to the relevant obligation (such determination being made prior to the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date),

provided that, if a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred in respect of the relevant Reference Entity and the same event, a Cancellation Notice shall be deemed to be given by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and the Conditions shall be construed accordingly (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, no Cancellation Notice shall be deemed to be given unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such DC No Credit Event Announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments).

**"CLN Maturity Date"** means the later of:

- (a) the Scheduled Maturity Date; or
- (b) where the Calculation Agent delivers an Extension Notice to the Issuer on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Date (or, if later, the second Business Day following the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date):



- (i) the date falling 15 Business Days (or such other date as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the Extension Date (and only where an Event Determination Date has not occurred on or prior to the Extension Date);
- (ii) if a Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the expiry of the Notice Delivery Period, (x) the date falling 15 Business Days (or such other date as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the later to occur of: (A) the related DC No Credit Event Announcement; or (B) the related DC Credit Event Question Dismissal; or (y) if a DC Credit Event Announcement occurs, the Auction Settlement Date or Credit Event Redemption Date, as applicable (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, this sub-paragraph (ii) shall not apply to the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such DC Resolution shall apply to the relevant Credit Linked Notes); or
- (iii) three Business Days following the date the Cancellation Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer.

**"Conditionally Transferable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation that is either Transferable, in the case of Bonds, or capable of being assigned or novated to all Modified Eligible Transferees without the consent of any person being required, in the case of any Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date, provided, however, that a Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds will be a Conditionally Transferable Obligation notwithstanding that consent of the Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of a Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds (or the consent of the relevant obligor if the Reference Entity is guaranteeing such Deliverable Obligation) or any agent is required for such novation, assignment or transfer so long as the terms of such Deliverable Obligation provide that such consent may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any requirement that notification of novation, assignment or transfer of a Deliverable Obligation be provided to a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent or paying agent for a Deliverable Obligation shall not be considered to be a requirement for consent for purposes of this definition of "Conditionally Transferable Obligation". In addition:

- (a) where "Physical Settlement" is specified as the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or where Physical Settlement is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method pursuant to a Fallback Settlement Event), Mod Mod R is applicable (or deemed applicable) under the applicable Final Terms and a Deliverable Obligation is a Conditionally Transferable Obligation with respect to which consent is required to novated, assign or transfer, then if the requisite consent is refused (whether or not a reason is given for such refusal and, where a reason is given for such refusal, regardless of that reason), or is not received by the Final Delivery Date (in which case it shall be deemed to have been refused), the Issuer shall promptly notify the Holders of such refusal (or deemed refusal) and may redeem or cancel (as applicable) the Instruments in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 9 as if such obligation were an Undeliverable Obligation; and
- (b) for purposes of determining whether a Deliverable Obligation satisfies the requirements of the definition of Conditionally Transferable Obligation, the final maturity date shall, subject to Credit Linked Note Condition 5, be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the final maturity date shall be deemed to be the date on which such determination is made.

**"Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms"** means in relation to any Reference Entity, the credit derivatives auction settlement terms published by ISDA with respect to the relevant Reference Entity and the relevant Credit Event, which may be amended from time to time.

**"Credit Derivatives Definitions"** means the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions, as published by ISDA.

**"Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees"** means each committee established pursuant to the DC Rules for purposes of reaching certain DC Resolutions.

**"Credit Event"** means the occurrence of any one or more of the Credit Events specified in the applicable Final Terms which may include Bankruptcy, Failure to Pay, Obligation Acceleration, Obligation Default, Repudiation/Moratorium, Restructuring, Governmental Intervention or any additional Credit Event specified in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If an occurrence would otherwise constitute a Credit Event, such occurrence will constitute a Credit Event whether or not such occurrence arises directly or indirectly from, or is subject to a defence based upon:

- (a) any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of the Reference Entity to enter into any Obligation or, as applicable, an Underlying Obligor to enter into any Underlying Obligation;
- (b) any actual or alleged unenforceability, illegality, impossibility or invalidity with respect to any Obligation or, as applicable, any Underlying Obligation, however described;
- (c) any applicable law, order, regulation, decree or notice, however described, or the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, regulatory authority or similar administrative or judicial body with competent or apparent jurisdiction of any applicable law, order, regulation, decree or notice, however described; or
- (d) the imposition of, or any change in, any exchange controls, capital restrictions or any other similar restrictions imposed by any monetary or other authority, however described.

**"Credit Event Backstop Date"** means: (a) for purposes of any event that constitutes a Credit Event (or with respect to a Repudiation/Moratorium, if applicable, the event described in subparagraph (b) of the definition of "Repudiation/Moratorium"), as determined by DC Resolution, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; or (b) otherwise, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the earlier of (i) the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during the Notice Delivery Period; and (ii) the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during the Post Dismissal Additional Period. The Credit Event Backstop Date shall not be subject to adjustment unless otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Credit Event Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that describes a Credit Event that occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date or (where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms) the Credit Observation Start Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if none is so specified, the date falling 60 calendar days prior to the Trade Date) and on or prior to the Extension Date.

Any Credit Event Notice that describes a Credit Event that occurred after the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date must relate to the relevant Potential Failure to Pay, in the case of a Grace Period Extension Date, or the relevant Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, in the case of a Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date.

A Credit Event Notice that describes a Credit Event other than an M(M)R Restructuring must be in respect of the full outstanding principal amount of the Notes in respect of the relevant Reference Entity.

A Credit Event Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination that a Credit Event has occurred. The Credit Event that is the subject of the Credit Event Notice need not be continuing on the date the Credit Event Notice is effective.

**"Credit Event Redemption Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no such amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to:

$$(A \times B) - C$$

where:

"A" is the Calculation Amount;

"B" is the Final Price; and

"C" is Unwind Costs,

provided that in no event shall the Credit Event Redemption Amount be less than zero.

**"Credit Event Redemption Date"** means the day falling the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the calculation of the Final Price, or if no such number of Business Days is specified in the applicable Final Terms, eight Business Days after the Final Price is determined.

**"Credit Event Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a DC Credit Event Question, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which the DC Credit Event Question was effective and on which the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee was in possession of Publicly Available Information with respect to such DC Credit Event Question.

**"Credit Observation Start Date"** means the date described as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no date is so specified, the date falling 60 calendar days prior to the Trade Date.

**"Credit Settlement Date"** means the last day of the longest Physical Settlement Period following the date the Notice of Physical Settlement is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer (the **"Scheduled Credit Settlement Date"**) provided that if in the determination of the Calculation Agent (acting in its sole discretion) a Hedge Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Scheduled Credit Settlement Date, the Credit Settlement Date shall be the earlier of (i) the second Business Day following the date on which the Calculation Agent determines (acting in its sole discretion) that no Hedge Disruption Event subsists and (ii) the day falling 60 Business Days following the Scheduled Credit Settlement Date.

**"Currency Amount"** means with respect to (a) a Deliverable Obligation specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement that is denominated in a currency other than the Settlement Currency, an amount converted to the relevant Settlement Currency using a conversion rate determined by reference to the Currency Rate and (b) a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, an amount converted to the Settlement Currency (or, if applicable, back into the Settlement Currency) using a conversion rate determined by reference to the Currency Rate, if any, and each Revised Currency Rate used to convert the Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount of each Deliverable Obligation so replaced by a NOPS Amendment Notice into the currency of denomination of the relevant Replacement Deliverable Obligation.

**"Currency Rate"** means with respect to (a) a Deliverable Obligation specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, the rate of conversion between the Settlement Currency and the currency in which the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (as applicable) of such Deliverable Obligation is denominated that is either (i) determined by reference to the Currency Rate Source as at the Next Currency Fixing Time or (ii) if such rate is not available at such time, determined by the Calculation Agent and (b) a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, the Revised Currency Rate.

**"Currency Rate Source"** means the mid-point rate of conversion published by WM/Reuters at 4:00 p.m. (London time), or any successor rate source approved by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

**"DC Announcement Coverage Cut-off Date"** means, with respect to a DC Credit Event Announcement, the Auction Final Price Determination Date, the Auction Cancellation Date, or the date that is fourteen calendar days following the No Auction Announcement Date, if any, as applicable.

**"DC Credit Event Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date and on or prior to the Extension Date, provided that (i) if the Credit Event occurred after the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, the DC Credit Event Announcement must relate to the relevant Potential Failure to Pay, in the case of a Grace Period Extension Date, or the relevant Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, in the case of a Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date and (ii) if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms a DC Credit Event Announcement shall be deemed not to have occurred unless the Calculation Agent has notified the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments.

**"DC No Credit Event Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that is the subject of a DC Credit Event Question does not constitute a Credit Event provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a DC No Credit Event Announcement shall be deemed not to have occurred unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments.

**"DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee will be convened to Resolve the matters described in a DC Credit Event Question.

**"DC Credit Event Question"** means a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve whether an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred.

**"DC Credit Event Question Dismissal"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to determine the matters described in a DC Credit Event Question.

**"DC Resolution"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"DC Rules"** means the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees Rules as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) (or any successor website thereto) from time to time and as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

**"DC Secretary"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Default Requirement"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency or, if a Default Requirement is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, U.S.\$10,000,000, or its equivalent as calculated by the Calculation Agent in the relevant Obligation Currency, in either case, as of the occurrence of the relevant Credit Event.

**"Deferred Coupon Adjustment Amount"** means in respect of Tranche Portfolio CLNs and each Interest Period, where one or more preceding Interest Periods is an Unsettled Event Determination Interest Period, an amount equal to:

- (a) the interest that would have been paid in respect of such Unsettled Event Determination Interest Period(s), had the Calculation Agent, in respect of the relevant Undetermined

Reference Entity Date(s), made its determination(s) that no Event Determination Date has occurred or, as the case may be, the Final Price Calculation Date has occurred, in each case, on such Undetermined Reference Entity Date(s); minus

- (b) the interest paid in respect of such Unsettled Event Determination Interest Period(s).

**"Deliver"** means:

- (a) to deliver, novate, transfer (including, in the case of a Guarantee, transfer of the benefit of the Guarantee), assign or sell, as appropriate, in the manner customary for the settlement of the applicable Deliverable Obligations (which shall include executing all necessary documentation and taking any other necessary actions), in order to convey all right, title (or, with respect to Deliverable Obligations where only equitable title is customarily conveyed, all equitable title) and interest in the Entitlement to the relevant Holder free and clear of any and all liens, charges, claims or encumbrances (excluding any liens routinely imposed on all securities in a relevant clearance system, but including, without limitation, any counterclaim, defence (other than a counterclaim or defence based on the factors set out in (a) to (d) in the definition of "Credit Event" above) or right of set-off by or of the Reference Entity or any applicable Underlying Obligor); provided that (i) if all or a portion of the Entitlement consists of Direct Loan Participations, "Deliver" means to create (or procure the creation of) a participation in favour of the relevant Holder and (ii) if a Deliverable Obligation is a Guarantee, "Deliver" means to Deliver both the Underlying Obligation and the Guarantee provided further that if the Guarantee has a Fixed Cap, "Deliver" means to Deliver the Underlying Obligation, the Guarantee and all claims to any amounts which are subject to such Fixed Cap. "Delivery" and "Delivered" will be construed accordingly.

In the case of a Loan, Delivery shall be effected using documentation substantially in the form of the documentation customarily used in the relevant market for Delivery of such Loan at that time provided that the Issuer shall be under no obligation to Deliver such Loan or designate a Replacement Deliverable Obligation to a Holder unless the relevant Holder executes, and/or complies with the provisions of any documentation (which shall include any market advisory that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to approve or the Calculation Agent determines is appropriate for such purpose) that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves or the Calculation Agent determines constitutes documentation customarily used in the relevant market for Delivery of such Loan at that time, as such documentation may be amended to the extent the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves or the Calculation Agent determines is appropriate. If any Holder does not execute and/or do not comply with the provisions of such documentation, the Issuer shall redeem the relevant proportion of the Instruments in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 9.

- (b) If Asset Package Delivery applies, (i) Delivery of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, may be satisfied by Delivery of the related Asset Package, and such Asset Package shall be treated as having the same currency, Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, as the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond to which it corresponds had immediately prior to the Asset Package Credit Event, (ii) sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Deliver" shall be deemed to apply to each Asset in the Asset Package provided that if any such Asset is not a Bond, it shall be treated as if it were a Loan for these purposes, (iii) if the Asset Package is zero, the Outstanding Amount of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond shall be deemed to have been Delivered in full three Business Days following the date on which the Calculation Agent has specified the detailed description of the Asset Package comprising the Entitlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver in accordance with the definition of Notice of Physical Settlement, (iv) the Issuer may satisfy its obligation to make Delivery of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond in part by Delivery of each Asset in the Asset Package in the correct proportion and (v) if the

relevant Asset is a Non-Transferable Instrument or Non-Financial Instrument, the Asset shall be deemed to be an amount of cash equal to the Asset Market Value.

**"Deliverable Obligation"** means, subject as provided in Credit Linked Note Condition 5:

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in "(A) Method for Determining Deliverable Obligations" below;
- (b) the Reference Obligation;
- (c) solely in relation to a Restructuring Credit Event applicable to a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign, and unless Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any Sovereign Restructured Deliverable Obligation; and
- (d) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any Prior Deliverable Obligation (if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or any Package Observable Bond (if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign),

in each case, (i) unless it is an Excluded Deliverable Obligation and (ii) provided that the obligation has an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount that is greater than zero (determined for purposes of sub-paragraph (d) above, immediately prior to the relevant Asset Package Credit Event).

(A) **Method for Determining "Deliverable Obligations"**. For the purposes of this definition of "Deliverable Obligation", the term "Deliverable Obligation" may be defined as each obligation of each Reference Entity described by the Deliverable Obligation Category specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, and, subject to (B)(3) below, having each of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date thereof. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) **"Deliverable Obligation Category"** means one of Payment, Borrowed Money, Reference Obligation Only, Bond, Loan, or Bond or Loan (each as defined in the definition of "Obligation" below, except that, for the purpose of determining Deliverable Obligations, the definition of "Reference Obligation Only" shall be amended to state that no Deliverable Obligation Characteristics shall be applicable to Reference Obligation Only).
- (2) **"Deliverable Obligation Characteristics"** means any one or more of Not Subordinated, Specified Currency, Not Sovereign Lender, Not Domestic Currency, Not Domestic Law, Listed, Not Domestic Issuance (each as defined in the definition of "Obligation" below), Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan, Direct Loan Participation, Transferable, Maximum Maturity, Accelerated or Matured and Not Bearer where:
  - (i) **"Assignable Loan"** means a Loan that is capable of being assigned or novated to, at a minimum, commercial banks or financial institutions (irrespective of their jurisdiction of organisation) that are not then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate, without the consent of the relevant Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of such Loan (or the consent of the applicable borrower if a Reference Entity is guaranteeing such Loan) or any agent;
  - (ii) **"Consent Required Loan"** means a Loan that is capable of being assigned or novated with the consent of the Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of such Loan (or the consent of the relevant

borrower if the Reference Entity is guaranteeing such loan) or any agent;

- (iii) **"Direct Loan Participation"** means a Loan in respect of which, pursuant to a participation agreement, the Issuer is capable of creating, or procuring the creation of, a contractual right in favour of each Holder that provides each Holder with recourse to the participation seller for a specified share in any payments due under the relevant Loan which are received by such participation seller, any such agreement to be entered into between each Holder and either (A) the Issuer or the Guarantor (as applicable) (in either case, to the extent that the Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, is then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate), or (B) a Qualifying Participation Seller (if any) (to the extent such Qualifying Participation Seller is then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate);
- (iv) **"Transferable"** means an obligation that is transferable to institutional investors without any contractual, statutory or regulatory restriction, provided that none of the following shall be considered contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions:
  - (a) contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions that provide for eligibility for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S promulgated under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (and any contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions promulgated under the laws of any jurisdiction having a similar effect in relation to the eligibility for resale of an obligation);
  - (b) restrictions on permitted investments such as statutory or regulatory investment restrictions on insurance companies and pension funds; or
  - (c) restrictions in respect of blocked periods on or around payment dates or voting periods.
- (vi) **"Maximum Maturity"** means an obligation that has a remaining maturity of not greater than (a) the period specified in the applicable Final Terms or (b) if no such period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, 30 years.
- (vii) **"Accelerated or Matured"** means an obligation under which the total amount owed, whether by reason of maturity, acceleration, termination or otherwise is due and payable in full in accordance with the terms of such obligation, or would have been but for, and without regard to, any limitation imposed under any applicable insolvency laws; and
- (viii) **"Not Bearer"** means any obligation that is not a bearer instrument unless interests with respect to such bearer instrument are cleared via Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other internationally recognised clearing system.

## (B) Interpretation of Provisions

- (1) If (i) either of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance" or "Not Bearer" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Bonds and shall only be relevant if Bonds are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation

Category; (ii) the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic "Transferable" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Deliverable Obligations that are not Loans (and shall only be relevant to the extent that obligations other than Loans are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation Category); or (iii) any of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan" or "Direct Loan Participation" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Loans and shall only be relevant if Loans are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation Category.

- (2) If any of Payment, Borrowed Money, Loan or Bond or Loan is specified as the Deliverable Obligation Category and more than one of Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan and Direct Loan Participation are specified as Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, the Deliverable Obligations may include any Loan that satisfies any one of such Deliverable Obligation Characteristics specified and need not satisfy all such Deliverable Obligation Characteristics.
- (3) If a Deliverable Obligation is a Relevant Guarantee, the following will apply:
  - (a) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Category, the Relevant Guarantee shall be deemed to satisfy the same category or categories as those that describe the Underlying Obligation;
  - (b) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, both the Relevant Guarantee and the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Not Subordinated", "Specified Currency", "Not Sovereign Lender", "Not Domestic Currency" and "Not Domestic Law";
  - (c) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, only the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance", "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan", "Direct Loan Participation", "Transferable", "Maximum Maturity", "Accelerated" or "Matured" and "Not Bearer"; and
  - (d) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics to an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor.
- (4) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic "Maximum Maturity", remaining maturity shall be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the remaining maturity shall be zero.
- (5) If "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation



would otherwise satisfy a particular Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any terms in the relevant obligation in effect at the time of making the determination which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, shall not cause such obligation to fail to satisfy such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic;

- (6) For purposes of determining the applicability of Deliverable Obligation Characteristics and the requirements specified in Credit Linked Note Condition 5 to a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, any such determination shall be made by reference to the terms of the relevant obligation in effect immediately prior to the Asset Package Credit Event; and
- (7) If "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation would otherwise satisfy the "Maximum Maturity" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any Solvency Capital Provisions in such obligation shall not cause it to fail to satisfy such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic.

**"Delivery Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation or an Asset Package, the date such Deliverable Obligation is Delivered (or deemed Delivered under sub-paragraph (b)(iii) of the definition of "Deliver").

**"Domestic Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and any successor currency thereto (or, if no such currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency and any successor currency of (a) the Reference Entity, if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, or (b) the jurisdiction in which the Reference Entity is organised, if the Reference Entity is not a Sovereign).

**"Domestic Law"** means each of the laws of (a) the Reference Entity, if such Reference Entity is a Sovereign, or (b) the jurisdiction in which the Reference Entity is organised, if such Reference Entity is not a Sovereign.

**"Downstream Affiliate"** means an entity whose outstanding Voting Shares were, at the date of issuance of the Qualifying Guarantee, more than 50 per cent. owned, directly or indirectly, by the Reference Entity.

**"Due and Payable Amount"** means the amount that is due and payable by the Reference Entity under the obligation whether by reason of maturity, acceleration, termination or otherwise (excluding sums in respect of default interest, indemnities, tax gross-ups and other similar amounts) less all or any portion of such amount which, pursuant to the terms of the obligation (a) is subject to any Prohibited Action, or (b) may otherwise be reduced as a result of the effluxion of time or the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than by way of (i) payment or (ii) a Permitted Contingency), in each case, determined in accordance with the terms of the obligation in effect on either (A) the NOPS Effective Date (or if the terms of the obligation are amended after such date but on or prior to the Delivery Date, the Delivery Date) or (B) the Valuation Date, as applicable.

**"Eligible Information"** means information which is publicly available or which can be made public without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

**"Eligible Transferee"** means each of the following:

- (a) any
  - (i) bank or other financial institution;
  - (ii) insurance or reinsurance company;

- (iii) mutual fund, unit trust or similar collective investment vehicle (other than an entity specified in sub-paragraph (c)(i) of this definition of "Eligible Transferee"); and
  - (iv) registered or licensed broker or dealer (other than a natural person or proprietorship),
- provided, however, in each case that such entity has total assets of at least U.S.\$500 million;
- (b) an Affiliate of an entity specified in the preceding sub-paragraph (a);
  - (c) each of a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, organisation, trust or other entity:
    - (i) that is an investment vehicle (including, without limitation, any hedge fund, issuer of collateralised debt obligations, commercial paper conduit or other special purpose vehicle) that (1) has total assets of at least U.S.\$100 million or (2) is one of a group of investment vehicles under common control or management having, in the aggregate, total assets of at least U.S.\$100 million; or
    - (ii) that has total assets of at least U.S.\$500 million; or
    - (iii) the obligations of which under an agreement, contract or transaction are guaranteed or otherwise supported by a letter of credit or keepwell, support, or other agreement by an entity described in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c)(ii) or (d) of this definition of "Eligible Transferee"; or
  - (d)
    - (i) any Sovereign; or
    - (ii) any entity or organisation established by treaty or other arrangement between two or more Sovereigns including, without limiting the foregoing, the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

All references in this definition to U.S.\$ include equivalent amounts in other currencies, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Entitlement"** means, in respect of each nominal amount of Credit Linked Notes equal to the Calculation Amount, Deliverable Obligations, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, with:

- (a) in the case of Deliverable Obligations that are Borrowed Money, an Outstanding Principal Balance (including accrued but unpaid interest (as determined by the Calculation Agent) if "Include Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, but excluding accrued but unpaid interest if "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, and if neither "Include Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, excluding accrued but unpaid interest); or
- (b) in the case of Deliverable Obligations that are not Borrowed Money, a Due and Payable Amount,

(or, in the case of either (a) or (b), the equivalent Currency Amount of any such amount), in an aggregate amount as of the relevant Delivery Date equal to the Calculation Amount less Deliverable Obligations with a market value determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion on the Business Day selected by the Calculation Agent falling during the period from and including the Event Determination Date to and including the Delivery Date equal to the relevant amount of Unwind Costs, if Unwind Costs are specified as

applicable in the applicable Final Terms, rounded down to the nearest specified denomination or permitted transfer amount of the Deliverable Obligations comprised in such Entitlement.

Where the Entitlement is rounded down as described above, the Holders will also receive, in respect of each nominal amount of Credit Linked Notes equal to the Calculation Amount, the value of the amount of that fraction of the Deliverable Obligations obtained in calculating the Entitlement after rounding down (as determined by the Calculation Agent), as calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion from such source(s) as it may select (converted if necessary into the Specified Currency by reference to such exchange rate as the Calculation Agent deems appropriate).

If an obligation by its terms represents or contemplates an obligation to pay an amount greater than the Outstanding Principal Balance of such obligation as of the Delivery Date as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance, the Outstanding Principal Balance of such obligation shall not include any additional amount that would be payable upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of such event or circumstance.

**"Event Determination Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event and any Instruments with respect to which:

- (a) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method:
  - (i) if (x), subject to (ii) below, "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (y) neither a DC Credit Event Announcement nor a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred (in each case, with respect to the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice), the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during either the Notice Delivery Period or the Post Dismissal Additional Period; or
  - (ii) if (x) (A) "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (B) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms but the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this sub-paragraph (ii) shall apply to the relevant Instruments and (y) a DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date), the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, provided that:
    - (1) (I) the Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (II) the Trade Date occurs on or prior to a DC Announcement Coverage Cut-off Date; or
    - (2) (I) the Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (II) a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and is effective on or prior to the Business Day following the Exercise Cut-off Date,

provided that:

- (x) no Credit Settlement Date has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs;
- (y) if any Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred as of the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs, an Event Determination Date shall be deemed to have occurred only with respect to the portion of the outstanding principal amount, if any, with respect to which no Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred;
- (z) no Credit Event Notice specifying an M(M)R Restructuring as the only Credit Event has been delivered by the Issuer to the Holders (A) unless the

M(M)R Restructuring stated in such Credit Event Notice is also the subject of the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; (B) unless, and to the extent that, the Partial Redemption Amount or the Partial Cancellation Amount (as applicable) specified in any such Credit Event Notice was less than the then outstanding principal amount; or (C) unless the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction is an Auction Covered Transaction and the Deliverable Obligations set out in the Final List are identical to the Permissible Deliverable Obligations for such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction; or

- (b) sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, the Non-Standard Event Determination Date determined in accordance with the definition thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing (unless "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms), no Event Determination Date will occur with respect to an event, and any Event Determination Date previously determined with respect to an event shall be deemed not to have occurred, if, or to the extent that, a DC No Credit Event Announcement in respect of such event occurs prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, a Valuation Date, the Credit Settlement Date (or, if earlier, a Delivery Date), or the CLN Maturity Date, as applicable (and if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms only if the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this paragraph shall apply to the relevant Instruments).

Where the Instruments are Nth-to-Default CLNs and an Event Determination Date has occurred with respect to more than one Reference Entity on the same day, the Calculation Agent shall determine in its sole discretion the order in which such Event Determination Dates were deemed to occur.

**"Excluded Deliverable Obligation"** means

- (a) any obligation of the Reference Entity specified as such or of a type described in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) any principal only component of a Bond from which some or all of the interest components have been stripped; and
- (c) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any obligation issued or incurred on or after the date of the relevant Asset Package Credit Event.

**"Excluded Obligation"** means

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity specified as such or of a type described as such in the applicable Final Terms.
- (b) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Senior Transaction, then for purposes of determining whether a Governmental Intervention or Restructuring has occurred, any Subordinated Obligation; and
- (c) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Subordinated Transaction, then for purposes of determining whether a Governmental Intervention or Restructuring has occurred, any Further Subordinated Obligation.

**"Exercise Cut-Off Date"** means either:

- (a) with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date applies:
  - (i) if the DC Secretary publishes a Final List applicable to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and/or Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, the date that is five

Relevant City Business Days following the date on which such Final List is published; or

- (ii) otherwise, the date that is fourteen calendar days following the relevant No Auction Announcement Date; or
- (b) with respect to a Credit Event to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date does not apply, the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date determined in accordance with the definition of Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date,

or, in each case, such other date as the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves.

**"Exhaustion Point"** in respect of Tranching Portfolio CLNs has the value given in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Exhaustion Threshold Amount"** in respect of Tranching Portfolio CLNs means Implicit Portfolio Size multiplied by Exhaustion Point.

**"Extension Date"** means the latest of:

- (a) the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date;
- (b) the Grace Period Extension Date if (i) "Failure to Pay" and "Grace Period Extension" are specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) the Potential Failure to Pay with respect to the relevant Failure to Pay occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date; and
- (c) the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date (if any) if "Repudiation/Moratorium" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Extension Notice"** means a notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Date (or, if later, the second Business Day following the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date) giving notice of the following in relation to a Reference Entity:

- (a) without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below, that a Credit Event has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date (notwithstanding the fact that a Credit Event Notice may have not yet been delivered); or
- (b) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (c) and (d) below, that a Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred or may occur on or prior to the last day of the longest Notice Delivery Period, but a related DC No Credit Event Announcement, DC Credit Event Question Dismissal or DC Credit Event Announcement has not yet occurred; or
- (c) that a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date; or
- (d) that a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (d), the giving of a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement to give notice under this definition of "Extension Notice". However, the giving of an Extension Notice in accordance with this sub-paragraph (d) shall not in any way preclude the subsequent giving of a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice so long as the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition is satisfied.

**"Failure to Pay"** means after the expiration of any applicable Grace Period (after the satisfaction of any conditions precedent to the commencement of such Grace Period), the failure by a Reference Entity to make, when and where due, any payments in an aggregate amount of not less than the Payment Requirement under one or more Obligations in accordance with the terms of such Obligations at the time of such failure.

If an occurrence that would constitute a Failure to Pay (a) is a result of a redenomination that occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority and (b) a freely available market rate of conversion existed at the time of the redenomination, then such occurrence will be deemed not to constitute a Failure to Pay unless the redenomination itself constituted a reduction in the rate or amount of interest, principal or premium payable (as determined by reference to such freely available market rate of conversion) at the time of such redenomination.

**"Fallback Settlement Event"** means any of the following:

- (a) an Auction Cancellation Date or, in the case of a M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event in respect of which the Movement Option was exercised on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, a Parallel Auction Cancellation Date occurs;
- (b) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs and in circumstances where such No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition of "No Auction Announcement Date", a Notice to Exercise Movement Option has not been delivered by the Issuer to the Holders on or prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date;
- (c) a DC Credit Event Question Dismissal occurs;
- (d) an Event Determination Date has occurred pursuant to either sub-paragraph (a)(i) of the definition of "Event Determination Date" or sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Non-Standard Event Determination Date", and no Credit Event Request Resolution Date has occurred within three Business Days of such Event Determination Date; or

**"Fallback Settlement Method"** means the fallback settlement method specified (or deemed specified) in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Final Delivery Date"** has the meaning given to it in Physical Delivery Note Condition 6.

**"Final List"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Final Price"** means the price of the Reference Obligation, expressed as a percentage, determined in accordance with the Valuation Method specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Calculation Agent shall, upon written request by a Holder to the Issuer and the Calculation Agent, make available for inspection by such Holder at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent (i) a list showing the Quotation that it receives in connection with the calculation of the Final Price and (ii) a written computation showing its calculation of the Final Price as soon as practicable after obtaining all Quotations for a Valuation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer shall not be required to identify the Quotation Dealer, from whom the Quotations have been obtained.

**"Final Price Calculation Date"** means an Auction Final Price Determination Date or, as the case may be, the date on which the Final Price can be determined in respect of a particular Credit Event and the relevant Reference Entity.

**"Final Redemption Date"** means the later of:

- (a) the CLN Maturity Date; and
- (b) if an Event Determination Date has occurred, the last Settlement Date to occur.

**"Fixed Cap"** means, with respect to a Guarantee, a specified numerical limit or cap on the liability of the Reference Entity in respect of some or all payments due under the Underlying Obligation, provided that a Fixed Cap shall exclude a limit or cap determined by reference to a formula with one or more variable inputs (and for these purposes, the outstanding principal or other amounts payable pursuant to the Underlying Obligation shall not be considered to be variable inputs).

**"Full Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method each firm quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, for an amount of the Reference Obligation with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (as applicable) equal to the Quotation Amount.

**"Fully Transferable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation that is either Transferable, in the case of Bonds, or capable of being assigned or novated to all Eligible Transferees without the consent of any person being required in the case of any Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date. Any requirement that notification of novation, assignment or transfer of a Deliverable Obligation be provided to a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent or paying agent for a Deliverable Obligation shall not be considered as a requirement for consent for purposes of this definition of "Fully Transferable Obligation". For purposes of determining whether a Deliverable Obligation satisfies the requirements of this definition of "Fully Transferable Obligation", final maturity date shall, subject to Credit Linked Note Condition 5, be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the final maturity date shall be deemed to be the date on which such determination is made.

**"Further Subordinated Obligation"** means, if the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Subordinated Obligation, any obligation which is Subordinated thereto.

**"Governmental Authority"** means

- (a) any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency, instrumentality, ministry or department thereof);
- (b) any court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental, inter-governmental or supranational body;
- (c) any authority or any other entity (private or public) either designated as a resolution authority or charged with the regulation or supervision of the financial markets (including a central bank) of the Reference Entity or some or all of its obligations; or
- (d) any other authority which is analogous to any of the entities specified in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above.

**"Governmental Intervention"** means that, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, any one or more of the following events occurs as a result of action taken or an announcement made by a Governmental Authority pursuant to, or by means of, a restructuring and resolution law or regulation (or any other similar law or regulation), in each case, applicable to the Reference Entity in a form which is binding, irrespective of whether such event is expressly provided for under the terms of such Obligation:

- (a) any event which would affect creditors' rights so as to cause:
  - (i) a reduction in the rate or amount of interest payable or the amount of scheduled interest accruals (including by way of redenomination);
  - (ii) a reduction in the amount of principal or premium payable at redemption (including by way of redenomination);
  - (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (x) the payment or accrual of interest, or (y) the payment of principal or premium; or
  - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of any Obligation, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation;

- (b) an expropriation, transfer or other event which mandatorily changes the beneficial holder of the Obligation;
- (c) a mandatory cancellation, conversion or exchange; or
- (d) any event which has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above.

For purposes of this definition of Governmental Intervention, the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Underlying Obligations for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Guarantee.

**"Grace Period"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-clause (b) and (c) below, the applicable grace period with respect to payments under and in accordance with the terms of such Obligation in effect as of the date as of which such Obligation is issued or incurred;
- (b) if "Grace Period Extension" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date and the applicable grace period cannot, by its terms, expire on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, the Grace Period will be deemed to be the lesser of such grace period and the period specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if no period is specified, 30 calendar days; and
- (c) if, as of the date as of which an Obligation is issued or incurred, no grace period with respect to payments or a grace period with respect to payments of less than three Grace Period Business Days is applicable under the terms of such Obligation, a Grace Period of three Grace Period Business Days shall be deemed to apply to such Obligation; provided that, unless "Grace Period Extension" is specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, such deemed Grace Period shall expire no later than the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date.

**"Grace Period Business Day"** means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are generally open to settle payments in the place or places and on the days specified for that purpose in the relevant Obligation or, if a place or places are not so specified, (a) if the Obligation Currency is euro, a TARGET Settlement Day, or (b) otherwise a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are generally open to settle payments in the principal financial city in the jurisdiction of the Obligation Currency.

**"Grace Period Extension Date"** means, if (a) "Grace Period Extension" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (b) a Potential Failure to Pay occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, the date that is the number of days in the Grace Period after the date of such Potential Failure to Pay. If "Grace Period Extension" is not specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, Grace Period Extension shall not apply.

**"Guarantee"** means a Relevant Guarantee or a guarantee which is the Reference Obligation.

**"Hedge Disruption Event"** means in the opinion of the Calculation Agent any event as a result of which the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or its agents has not received or is unable to receive (for any reason, including without limitation, due to market conditions) the relevant Deliverable Obligations and/or any cash settlement amount and/or any other amount under the terms of any Hedge Transaction (or any other transaction (including without limitation, has not sourced or not been able to source, or it is not practical to source, Deliverable Obligations in an Auction in relation to the Credit Event and Reference Entity or in the market at a price less than or equal to the Auction Final Price or otherwise at the Auction Final Price) and/or funding arrangement entered into for the purpose of hedging the Issuer's obligations (whether in whole or in part) in respect of the Credit Linked Notes.

**"Hedge Disruption Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation included in the Entitlement which, on the Delivery Date for such Deliverable Obligation, the Calculation Agent



determines in its sole and absolute discretion is impossible, illegal, impracticable or is otherwise unable to or cannot be Delivered as a result of a Hedge Disruption Event.

**"Hedge Transaction"** means any transaction or trading position entered into or held by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates to hedge, directly or indirectly, the Issuer's obligations or positions (whether in whole or in part) in respect of the Credit Linked Notes.

**"Implicit Portfolio Size"** means an amount equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount as at the Issue Date divided by the Tranche Size.

**"Incurred Loss Amount"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity and a Final Price Calculation Date, an amount calculated on such Final Price Calculation Date equal to the lesser of:

- (a) the Loss Amount;
- (b) the Aggregate Loss Amount (including the related Loss Amount for that Reference Entity and Final Price Calculation Date) minus the Loss Threshold Amount on such Final Price Calculation Date (following any adjustments thereto on such date), subject to a minimum of zero; and
- (c) the Outstanding Principal Amount (prior to any reduction thereto in respect of that Reference Entity and Final Price Calculation Date).

**"Interest Calculation Amount"** means in respect of an Interest Payment Date, either:

- (a) the Outstanding Principal Amount as at the relevant Interest Determination Date; or
- (b) if "Weighted Average" is specified as the applicable "Interest Calculation Method" in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the aggregate of the Outstanding Principal Amounts determined with respect to each day during the relevant Interest Period divided by the number of days in such Interest Period.

For such purposes, the Outstanding Principal Amount shall be calculated as though the Undetermined Reference Entity Notional Amount were taken into account as a Loss Amount for the purposes of determining the Aggregate Loss Amount and, accordingly the Writedown Amount.

**"Interest Determination Date"** means, in respect of an Interest Payment Date, the second Business Day preceding such Interest Payment Date.

**"ISDA"** means the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

**"Largest Asset Package"** means, in respect of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, as the case may be, the package of Assets for which the greatest amount of principal has been or will be exchanged or converted (including by way of amendment), as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to Eligible Information. If this cannot be determined, the Largest Asset Package will be the package of Assets with the highest immediately realizable value, determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the methodology, if any, determined by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

**"Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan"** means, in respect of a Reference Entity and a Credit Event that is a Restructuring, the Restructured Bond or Loan with the latest final maturity date.

**"Limitation Date"** means the first of March 20, June 20, September 20 or December 20 in any year to occur on or immediately following the date that is one of the following numbers of years after the Restructuring Date: 2.5 years (the **"2.5-year Limitation Date"**), 5 years, 7.5 years, 10 years (the **"10-year Limitation Date"**), 12.5 years, 15 years, or 20 years, as applicable. Limitation Dates shall not be subject to adjustment unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Linear Basket CLNs"** means any Instrument identified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Loss Amount"** means with respect to Tranching Portfolio CLNs, a Reference Entity and a Final Price Calculation Date, an amount calculated on that Final Price Calculation Date equal to:

- (a) 100 per cent. minus either (i) the Auction Final Price or (ii) if Cash Settlement applies, the Final Price for that Reference Entity as of such Final Price Calculation Date; multiplied by
- (b) the Reference Entity Notional Amount for that Reference Entity, as at the relevant Event Determination Date, subject to a minimum of zero.

**"Loss Threshold Amount"** means, with respect to Tranching Portfolio CLNs, an amount equal to the Implicit Portfolio Size multiplied by the Attachment Point.

**"Market Value"** means, with respect to a Reference Obligation on a Valuation Date:

- (a) if more than three Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations, disregarding the Full Quotations having the highest and lowest values (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded);
- (b) if exactly three Full Quotations are obtained, the Full Quotation remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest Full Quotations (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded);
- (c) if exactly two Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations;
- (d) if fewer than two Full Quotations and a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, such Weighted Average Quotation;
- (e) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, subject as provided in the definition of Quotation, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent on the next Business Day on which two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained; and
- (f) if two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation are not obtained on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the applicable Valuation Date, the Market Value shall be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day, or if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations for the Reference Obligation obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations were not obtained on such day.

**"Merger Event"** means that at any time during the period from (and including) the Trade Date to (but excluding) the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, the Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or a Reference Entity (any such entity, the "**Mergor**") consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges into, or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to (i) where the Mergor is the Issuer or the Guarantor, a Reference Entity or (ii) where the Mergor is a Reference Entity, the Issuer or the Guarantor, or, the Guarantor and a Reference Entity or the Issuer and a Reference Entity become Affiliates.

**"Minimum Quotation Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency) or, if no amount is so specified, the lower of (a) U.S.\$1,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency) and (b) the Quotation Amount.

**"M(M)R Restructuring"** means a Credit Event that is a Restructuring and in respect of which either "Mod R" or "Mod Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Modified Eligible Transferee"** means any bank, financial institution or other entity which is regularly engaged in and established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities and other financial assets.

**"Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation, the Limitation Date occurring on or immediately following the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date.

Subject to the foregoing, in the event that the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date is later than the 10-year Limitation Date, the Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date will be the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date.

**"Movement Option"** means, with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring to which a No Auction Announcement Date has occurred pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, the option of the Calculation Agent to apply to the Instruments, for the purposes of determining the Auction Final Price, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, if any, for purposes of which the Permissible Deliverable Obligations are more limited than the Deliverable Obligations that could be specified in any Notice of Physical Settlement (provided that if more than one such set of Parallel Auction Settlement Terms are published, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms specifying the greatest number of such Permissible Deliverable Obligations shall apply). The Calculation Agent shall be deemed to have exercised such option if the Calculation Agent delivers an effective Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Issuer on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date. If the Calculation Agent does not deliver an effective Notice to Exercise Movement Option on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, the Fallback Settlement Method shall apply.

**"Movement Option Cut-off Date"** means the date that is one Relevant City Business Day following the Exercise Cut-off Date, or such other date as the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved.

**"N" or "Nth"** means, where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Nth-to-Default CLNs" is applicable, such number as may be specified in such Final Terms.

**"Nth-to-Default CLNs"** means any nth-to-default Credit Linked Notes (where applicable) where the Issuer purchases credit protection from the Holders in respect of two or more Reference Entities on the basis that the Instruments will be redeemed in whole following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date in respect of the Nth Reference Entity.

**"Next Currency Fixing Time"** means 4.00 p.m. (London time) on the London Business Day immediately following the date on which the Notice of Physical Settlement or relevant NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, is effective.

**"No Auction Announcement Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event, the date on which the DC Secretary first publicly announces that:

- (a) no Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and, if applicable, no Parallel Auction Settlement Terms will be published;
- (b) following the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring, no Transaction Auction Settlement Terms will be published, but Parallel Auction Settlement Terms will be published; or
- (c) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that no Auction will be held following a prior public announcement by the DC Secretary to the contrary, in circumstances where either (i) no Parallel Auction will be held, or (ii) one or more Parallel Auctions will be held.

**"Non-Conforming Reference Obligation"** means a Reference Obligation which is not a Conforming Reference Obligation.

**"Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation"** means an obligation which would be a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation on the Substitution Date but for one or more of the same reasons which resulted in the Reference Obligation constituting a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation on the date it was issued or incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date (as applicable).

**"Non-Financial Instrument"** means any Asset which is not of the type typically traded in, or suitable for being traded in, financial markets.

**"Non-Standard Event Determination Date"** means with respect to a Credit Event and any Instruments with respect to which to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date does not apply:

- (a) if (i) subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (ii) neither a DC Credit Event Announcement nor a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred (in each case, with respect to the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice), the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during either the Notice Delivery Period or the Post Dismissal Additional Period; or
- (b) if (i) (x) "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (y) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms but the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this sub-paragraph (b) shall apply to the relevant Instruments and (ii) a DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred and the Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date) either:
  - (A) the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if:
    - (1) either:
      - (I) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method; or
      - (II) the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (2) a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and is effective on or prior to the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date; or
  - (B) the first date on which a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and is effective during either the Notice Delivery Period or the period from and including the date of the DC Credit Event Announcement to and including the date that is fourteen calendar days thereafter (provided, in each case, that the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date)), if either:
    - (1) "Auction Settlement" is not the applicable Settlement Method; or
    - (2) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method and a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and is effective on a date that is later than the relevant Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date;

provided that:

- (I) subject to Credit Linked Note Condition 5, no Delivery Date, if applicable, or the CLN Maturity Date has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs;

- (II) if any Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs, a Non-Standard Event Determination Date shall be deemed to have occurred only with respect to the portion of the outstanding principal amount, if any, with respect to which no Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred; and
- (III) no Credit Event Notice specifying an M(M)R Restructuring as the only Credit Event has previously been delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer: (aa) unless the M(M)R Restructuring specified in such Credit Event Notice is also the subject of the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; (bb) unless, and to the extent that, the Partial Redemption Amount specified in any such Credit Event Notice was less than the outstanding principal amount of the Instruments in respect of the relevant Reference Entity; or (cc) unless the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction is an Auction Covered Transaction and the Deliverable Obligations set out on the Final List are identical to the Permissible Deliverable Obligations for such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction.

**"Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Event Determination Date" does not apply:

- (a) if such Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring, either:
  - (i) the Relevant City Business Day prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, if any;
  - (ii) the Relevant City Business Day prior to the Auction Cancellation Date, if any; or
  - (iii) the date that is fourteen calendar days following the No Auction Announcement Date, if any, as applicable; or
- (b) if such Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring and:
  - (i) the DC Secretary publishes a Final List applicable to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and/or Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, the date that is five Relevant City Business Days following the date on which such Final List is published; or
  - (ii) otherwise, the date that is fourteen calendar days following the relevant No Auction Announcement Date.

**"Non-Standard Reference Obligation"** means the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation or if a Substitute Reference Obligation has been determined, the Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Non-Transferable Instrument"** means any Asset which is not capable of being transferred to institutional investors, excluding due to market conditions.

**"NOPS Amendment Notice"** has the meaning given to it in Credit Linked Note Condition 5.

**"NOPS Cut-off Date"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, the later of:
  - (i) the thirtieth calendar day after the Event Determination Date; and
  - (ii) the tenth calendar day after either the date of the relevant DC Credit Event Announcement or of the relevant DC Credit Event Question Dismissal, if any

- (or, if the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, the tenth calendar day after the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date); or
- (b) if applicable Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement") and:
- (i) the relevant Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring, the later of: (A) the date determined pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(i) above; and (B) the thirtieth calendar day after the Auction Cancellation Date or the No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraphs (a) or (c)(i) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, as applicable; or
  - (ii) the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, either:
    - (A) the later of:
      - (I) the date determined pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(i) above; and
      - (II) the thirtieth calendar day after:
        - (x) a No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, if any;
        - (y) a No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, if any; or
        - (z) the Auction Cancellation Date, if any, as applicable; or
    - (B) the later of the Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date (or, if more than one should occur, the last Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date), and the Relevant City Business Day immediately following the Parallel Auction Cancellation Date, if any (or, if more than one should occur, the last Parallel Auction Cancellation Date), as applicable, in circumstances where either:
      - (I) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date and the Movement Option has not been exercised; or
      - (II) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date and the Movement Option has not been exercised,
- provided that in the case of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (b) above, the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if any, occurred on or prior to the date described in sub-paragraph (a)(i) above.

**"NOPS Effective Date"** means the date on which an effective Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as the case may be, is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer.

**"Notice Delivery Date"** means the first date on which both an effective Credit Event Notice and, unless "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, an effective Notice of Publicly Available Information, have been delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer.

**"Notice Delivery Period"** means the period from and including the Issue Date to and including the date that is 15 Business Days (or such other number of days as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the Extension Date.

**"Notice of Physical Settlement"** has the meaning given to it in Credit Linked Note Condition 5.

**"Notice of Publicly Available Information"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that cites Publicly Available Information confirming the occurrence of the Credit Event or Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, as applicable, described in the Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice. The notice given must contain a copy or description in reasonable detail, of the relevant Publicly Available Information. If Notice of Publicly Available Information is specified (or deemed to be specified) as applying in the applicable Final Terms and a Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice, as applicable, contains Publicly Available Information, such Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice will also be deemed to be a Notice of Publicly Available Information.

**"Notice to Exercise Movement Option"** means, with respect to any Instruments for which (a) an M(M)R Restructuring is applicable and (b) the Fallback Settlement Method would otherwise be applicable following the occurrence of a No Auction Announcement Date (and, in circumstances where such No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to subparagraphs (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition thereof, the Calculation Agent has not exercised the Movement Option), an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that (i) specifies the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms applicable with respect to the Instruments in accordance with the definition of "Movement Option" and (ii) is effective on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date.

**"Notional Credit Derivative Transaction"** means, with respect to any Credit Linked Note, a hypothetical market standard credit default swap transaction entered into by the Issuer, as Buyer (as defined in the Credit Derivatives Definitions), incorporating the terms of the Credit Derivatives Definitions and under the terms of which (a) the "Trade Date" is the Trade Date; (b) the "Scheduled Termination Date" is the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date; (c) the "Reference Entity" thereunder is the Reference Entity for the purposes of such Instrument; (d) the "Reference Obligation" thereunder is the Reference Obligation for the purposes of such Instrument; and (e) the "Transaction Type" thereunder is the Transaction Type for the purposes of such Instrument.

**"Obligation"** means:

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly, as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in "Method for Determining Obligations" below (but excluding any Excluded Obligation);
- (b) each Reference Obligation specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, unless specified as an Excluded Obligation; and
- (c) any Additional Obligation of a Reference Entity specified as such (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms;

(A) **Method for Determining Obligations.** For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this definition of "Obligation", the term "Obligation" may be defined as each obligation of each Reference Entity described by the Obligation Category specified in the applicable Final Terms, and having each of the Obligation Characteristics (if any) specified in the applicable Final Terms, in each case, immediately prior to the Credit Event which is the subject of either the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, as applicable. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"Obligation Category"** means Payment, Borrowed Money, Reference Obligation Only, Bond, Loan, or Bond or Loan, only one of which shall be specified in the applicable Final Terms, where:

- (i) **"Payment"** means any obligation (whether present or future, contingent or otherwise) for the payment or repayment of money, including, without limitation, Borrowed Money;
  - (ii) **"Borrowed Money"** means any obligation (excluding an obligation under a revolving credit arrangement for which there are no outstanding unpaid drawings in respect of principal) for the payment or repayment of borrowed money (which term shall include, without limitation, deposits and reimbursement obligations arising from drawings pursuant to letters of credit);
  - (iii) **"Reference Obligation Only"** means any obligation that is a Reference Obligation and no Obligation Characteristics shall be applicable to Reference Obligation Only;
  - (iv) **"Bond"** means any obligation of a type included in the "Borrowed Money" Obligation Category that is in the form of, or represented by, a bond, note (other than notes delivered pursuant to Loans), certificated debt security or other debt security and shall not include any other type of Borrowed Money;
  - (v) **"Loan"** means any obligation of a type included in the "Borrowed Money" Obligation Category that is documented by a term loan agreement, revolving loan agreement or other similar credit agreement and shall not include any other type of Borrowed Money; and
  - (vi) **"Bond or Loan"** means any obligation that is either a Bond or a Loan;
- (b) **"Obligation Characteristics"** means any one or more of Not Subordinated, Specified Currency, Not Sovereign Lender, Not Domestic Currency, Not Domestic Law, Listed and Not Domestic Issuance as specified in the applicable Final Terms, where:
- (i) **"Not Subordinated"** means an obligation that is not Subordinated to (I) the Reference Obligation or (II) the Prior Reference Obligation, if applicable.
  - (ii) **"Subordination"** means, with respect to an obligation (the **"Second Obligation"**) and another obligation of the Reference Entity to which such obligation is being compared (the **"First Obligation"**), a contractual, trust or other similar arrangement providing that (I) upon the liquidation, dissolution, reorganisation or winding-up of the Reference Entity, claims of the holders of the First Obligation are required to be satisfied prior to the claims of the holders of the Second Obligation or (II) the holders of the Second Obligation will not be entitled to receive or retain principal payments in respect of their claims against the Reference Entity at any time that the Reference Entity is in payment arrears or is otherwise in default under the First Obligation. "Subordinated" will be construed accordingly. For purposes of determining whether Subordination exists or whether an obligation is Subordinated with respect to another obligation to which it is being compared, (x) the existence of preferred creditors arising by operation of law or of collateral, credit support or other credit enhancement or security arrangements shall not be taken into account, except that, notwithstanding the foregoing, priorities arising by operation of law shall be taken into account where the Reference Entity is a Sovereign and (y) in the case of the Reference Obligation or the Prior Reference Obligation, as



applicable, the ranking in priority of payment shall be determined as of the date as of which it was issued or incurred (or in circumstances where the Reference Obligation or a Prior Reference Obligation is the Standard Reference Obligation and "Standard Reference Obligation" is applicable, then the priority of payment of the Reference Obligation or the Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, shall be determined as of the date of selection) and, in each case, shall not reflect any change to such ranking in priority of payment after such date.

- (iii) **"Specified Currency"** means an obligation that is payable in the currency or currencies specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if Specified Currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms and no currency is so specified, any Standard Specified Currency), provided that if the euro is a Specified Currency, "Specified Currency" shall also include an obligation that was previously payable in the euro, regardless of any redenomination thereafter if such redenomination occurred as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority.
- (iv) **"Not Sovereign Lender"** means any obligation that is not primarily owed to (A) a Sovereign (B) any entity or organisation established by treaty or other arrangement between two or more Sovereigns including, without limitation to the foregoing, the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which shall include, without limitation, obligations generally referred to as "Paris Club debt".
- (v) **"Not Domestic Currency"** means any obligation that is **payable** in any currency other than the Domestic Currency, provided that a Standard Specified Currency shall not constitute a Domestic Currency.
- (vi) **"Not Domestic Law"** means any obligation that is not governed by the applicable Domestic Law, provided that the laws of England and the laws of the State of New York shall not constitute a Domestic Law.
- (vii) **"Listed"** means an obligation that is quoted, listed or ordinarily purchased and sold on an exchange.
- (viii) **"Not Domestic Issuance"** means any obligation other than an obligation that was issued (or reissued, as the case may be) or intended to be offered for sale primarily in the domestic market of the Reference Entity. Any obligation that is registered or, as a result of some other action having been taken for such purpose, is qualified for sale outside the domestic market of the Reference Entity (regardless of whether such obligation is also registered or qualified for sale within the domestic market of the Reference Entity) shall be deemed not to be issued (or reissued, as the case may be), or intended to be offered for sale primarily in the domestic market of the Reference Entity.

**(B) Interpretation of Provisions**

- (1) if either of the Obligation Characteristics "Listed" or "Not Domestic Issuance" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final

Terms shall be construed as though such Obligation Characteristic had been specified as an Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Bonds and shall only be relevant if Bonds are covered by the selected Obligation Category.

- (2) if an Obligation is a Relevant Guarantee, the following will apply:
  - (a) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Category, the Relevant Guarantee shall be deemed to satisfy the same category or categories as those that describe the Underlying Obligation;
  - (b) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics, both the Relevant Guarantee and the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Not Subordinated", "Specified Currency", "Not Sovereign Lender", "Not Domestic Currency" and "Not Domestic Law";
  - (c) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics, only the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance", "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan", "Direct Loan Participation", "Transferable", "Maximum Maturity", "Accelerated" or "Matured" and "Not Bearer"; and
  - (d) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics to an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor.
- (3) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation would otherwise satisfy a particular Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any terms in the relevant obligation in effect at the time of making the determination which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, shall not cause such obligation to fail to satisfy such Obligation Characteristic.

**"Obligation Acceleration"** means one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement have become due and payable before they would otherwise have been due and payable as a result of, or on the basis of, the occurrence of a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (however described), other than a failure to make any required payment, in respect of a Reference Entity under one or more Obligations.

**"Obligation Currency"** means the currency or currencies in which the Obligation is denominated.

**"Obligation Default"** means one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement have become capable of being declared due and payable before they would otherwise have been due and payable as a result of, or on the basis of, the occurrence of a default, event of default, or other similar condition or event (however described), other than a failure to make any required payment, in respect of a Reference Entity under one or more Obligations.

**"Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation"** means the obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee) which is specified as the Reference Obligation with respect to the Reference Entity (if any is so specified) provided that if an obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity, such obligation will not constitute a valid Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation (other than for the purposes of determining

the Seniority Level and for the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic) unless: (a) specified otherwise in the applicable Final Terms; or (b) the relevant Instruments constitute a Reference Obligation Only Trade.

**"Outstanding Principal Amount"** means with respect to Tranch Portfolio CLNs on any day, the Aggregate Nominal Amount as at the Issue Date minus the sum of all Writedown Amounts determined up to and including such day.

**"Outstanding Principal Balance"** of an obligation will be calculated as follows:

- (a) first, by determining, in respect of the obligation, the amount of the Reference Entity's principal payment obligations and, where "Include Accrued Interest" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms (or where neither "Include Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Calculation Agent determines that the then current market practice is to include accrued interest), the Reference Entity's accrued but unpaid interest payment obligations (which, in the case of a Guarantee will be the lower of (A) the Outstanding Principal Balance (including accrued but unpaid interest, where applicable) of the Underlying Obligation (determined as if references to the Reference Entity were references to the Underlying Obligor) and (B) the amount of the Fixed Cap, if any);
- (b) second, by subtracting all or any portion of such amount which, pursuant to the terms of the obligation, (A) is subject to any Prohibited Action, or (B) may otherwise be reduced as a result of the effluxion of time or the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than by way of (I) payment or (II) a Permitted Contingency) (the amount determined in sub-paragraph (a) less any amounts subtracted in accordance with this sub-paragraph (b), the **"Non-Contingent Amount"**); and
- (c) third, by determining the Quantum of the Claim, which shall then constitute the Outstanding Principal Balance,

in each case, determined:

- (A) unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the terms of the obligation in effect on either (I) the NOPS Effective Date (or if the terms of the obligation are amended after such date but on or prior to the Delivery Date, the Delivery Date), or (II) the Valuation Date, as applicable; and
- (B) with respect to the Quantum of the Claim only, in accordance with any applicable laws (insofar as such laws reduce or discount the size of the claim to reflect the original issue price or accrued value of the obligation).

Where: **"Quantum of the Claim"** means the lowest amount of the claim which could be validly asserted against the Reference Entity in respect of the Non-Contingent Amount if the obligation had become redeemable, been accelerated, terminated or had otherwise become due and payable at the time of the relevant determination, provided that the Quantum of the Claim cannot exceed the Non-Contingent Amount.

**"Package Observable Bond"** means, in respect of a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign, any obligation (a) which is identified as such and published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) from time to time (or any successor website thereto) or by a third party designated by ISDA on its website from time to time and (b) which fell within the definition of Deliverable Obligation set out in sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of the definition thereof, in each case, immediately preceding the date on which the relevant Asset Package Credit Event was legally effective.

**"Parallel Auction"** means "Auction" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Parallel Auction Cancellation Date"** means "Auction Cancellation Date" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Parallel Auction Settlement Terms"** means following the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring, any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms published by ISDA with respect to such M(M)R Restructuring, and for which the Deliverable Obligation Terms for the purposes of such Auction are the same as the Deliverable Obligation Provisions applicable to the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction and for which such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction would not be an Auction Covered Transaction.

**"Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date"** means "Notice of Physical Settlement Date" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Payment Requirement"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency or, if a Payment Requirement is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, U.S.\$1,000,000, or its equivalent as calculated by the Calculation Agent in the relevant Obligation Currency, in either case, as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay or Potential Failure to Pay, as applicable.

**"Permissible Deliverable Obligations"** has the meaning set forth in the relevant Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, being either all or the portion of the Deliverable Obligations included on the Final List pursuant to the Deliverable Obligation Terms that are applicable to the relevant Auction.

**"Permitted Contingency"** means, with respect to an obligation, any reduction to the Reference Entity's payment obligations:

- (a) as a result of the application of:
  - (i) any provisions allowing a transfer, pursuant to which another party may assume all of the payment obligations of the Reference Entity;
  - (ii) provisions implementing the Subordination of the obligation;
  - (iii) provisions allowing for a Permitted Transfer in the case of a Qualifying Guarantee (or provisions allowing for the release of the Reference Entity from its payment obligations in the case of any other Guarantee);
  - (iv) any Solvency Capital Provisions, if "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; or
  - (v) provisions which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) which is within the control of the holders of the obligation or a third party acting on their behalf such as an agent or trustee) in exercising their rights under or in respect of such obligation.

**"Permitted Transfer"** means, with respect to a Qualifying Guarantee, a transfer to and the assumption by any single transferee of such Qualifying Guarantee (including by way of cancellation and execution of a new guarantee) on the same or substantially the same terms, in circumstances where there is also a transfer of all (or substantially all) of the assets of the Reference Entity to the same single transferee.

**"Physical Settlement Matrix"** means the version of the ISDA Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix, as most recently amended or supplemented as at the Trade Date (unless otherwise specified in relation to a Reference Entity) and as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) (or any successor website thereto), provided that any reference therein to (a) "Confirmation" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Credit Linked Note Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; (b) "Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Specified Currency, (c) "Section 1.32 of the Definitions" shall be deemed to be a reference to "Credit Event Notice", (d) "Section 1.33" shall be deemed to be a

reference to Credit Linked Note Condition 11 and (e) "Section 8.19" shall be deemed to be a reference to "Physical Settlement Period".

**"Physical Settlement Period"** means the number of Business Days specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if a number of Business Days is not so specified, then, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation comprising the Entitlement, the longest number of Business Days for settlement in accordance with then current market practice of such Deliverable Obligation, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion provided that the Physical Settlement Period shall not be less than ten Business Days (unless otherwise notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer). If the Calculation Agent has notified the Issuer that the Issuer will endeavour to Deliver an Asset Package in lieu of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, the Physical Settlement Period shall be thirty Business Days

**"Post Dismissal Additional Period"** means the period from and including the date of the DC Credit Event Question Dismissal to and including the date that is fourteen calendar days thereafter (provided that the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date)).

**"Potential Failure to Pay"** means the failure by a Reference Entity to make, when and where due, any payments in an aggregate amount of not less than the Payment Requirement under one or more Obligations in accordance with the terms of such Obligations at the time of such failure, without regard to any grace period or any conditions precedent to the commencement of any grace period applicable to such Obligations.

**"Potential Repudiation/Moratorium"** means the occurrence of an event described in paragraph (a) of the definition of Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Prior Deliverable Obligation"** means:

- (a) if a Governmental Intervention has occurred (whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement), any obligation of the Reference Entity which (i) existed immediately prior to such Governmental Intervention, (ii) was the subject of such Governmental Intervention and (iii) fell within the definition of Deliverable Obligation set out in sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of the definition thereof, in each case, immediately preceding the date on which such Governmental Intervention was legally effective; or
- (b) if a Restructuring which does not constitute a Governmental Intervention has occurred in respect of the Reference Obligation (whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement), such Reference Obligation, if any.

**"Prior Reference Obligation"** means, in circumstances where there is no Reference Obligation applicable to the Instruments, (I) the Reference Obligation most recently applicable thereto, if any, and otherwise, (II) the obligation specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Reference Obligation, if any, if such Reference Obligation was redeemed on or prior to the Trade Date and otherwise, (III) any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity.

**"Private-side Loan"** means a Loan in respect of which the documentation governing its terms is not publicly available or capable of being made public without violating a law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

**"Prohibited Action"** means any counterclaim, defence (other than a counterclaim or defence based on the factors set forth in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of Credit Event) or right of set-off by or of the Reference Entity or any applicable Underlying Obligor.

**"Public Source"** means each source of Publicly Available Information specified (or deemed specified) as such in the applicable Final Terms (or if no such source is specified in the applicable Final Terms, each of Bloomberg, Reuters, Dow Jones Newswires, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun,

Financial Times, La Tribune, Les Echos, The Australian Financial Review and Debtwire (and successor publications), the main source(s) of business news in the country in which the Reference Entity is organised and any other internationally recognised published or electronically displayed news sources).

**"Publicly Available Information"** means information that reasonably confirms any of the facts relevant to the determination that the Credit Event or a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, as applicable, described in a Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice has occurred and which:

- (a) has been published in or on not less than the Specified Number of Public Sources (regardless of whether the reader or user thereof pays a fee to obtain such information);
- (b) is information received from or published by (i) a Reference Entity (or, if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, any agency, instrumentality, ministry, department or other authority thereof acting in a governmental capacity (including, without limiting the foregoing, the central bank) of such Sovereign), or (ii) a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent, paying agent, facility agent or agent bank for an Obligation; or
- (c) is information contained in any order, decree, notice, petition or filing, however described, of or filed with a court, tribunal, exchange, regulatory authority or similar administrative, regulatory or judicial body,

provided that where any information of the type described in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) is not publicly available, it can only constitute Publicly Available Information if it can be made public without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

In relation to any information of the type described in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c), the party receiving such information may assume that such information has been disclosed to it without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information and that the party delivering such information has not taken any action or entered into any agreement or understanding with the Reference Entity or any Affiliate of the Reference Entity that would be breached by, or would prevent, the disclosure of such information to the party receiving such information.

Without limitation, Publicly Available Information need not state:

- (i) in relation to the definition of "Downstream Affiliate", the percentage of Voting Shares owned, directly or indirectly, by the Reference Entity; and
- (ii) that such occurrence:
  - (A) has met the Payment Requirement or Default Requirement;
  - (B) is the result of exceeding any applicable Grace Period; or
  - (C) has met the subjective criteria specified in certain Credit Events;

In relation to a Repudiation/Moratorium Credit Event, Publicly Available Information must relate to the events described in both sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee"** means a Qualifying Guarantee provided by a Reference Entity in respect of an Underlying Obligation of a Downstream Affiliate of that Reference Entity.

**"Qualifying Guarantee"** means a guarantee evidenced by a written instrument (which may include a statute or regulation), pursuant to which the Reference Entity irrevocably agrees, undertakes, or is otherwise obliged to pay all amounts of principal and interest (except for amounts which are not covered due to the existence of a Fixed Cap) due under an Underlying

Obligation for which the Underlying Obligor is the obligor, by guarantee of payment and not by guarantee of collection (or, in either case, any legal arrangement which is equivalent thereto in form under the relevant governing law).

A Qualifying Guarantee shall not include any guarantee:

- (a) which is structured as a surety bond, financial guarantee insurance policy or letter of credit (or any legal arrangement which is equivalent thereto in form); or
- (b) pursuant to the terms applicable thereto, the principal payment obligations of the Reference Entity can be discharged, released, reduced, assigned or otherwise altered as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance, in each case, other than:
  - (i) by payment;
  - (ii) by way of Permitted Transfer;
  - (iii) by operation of law;
  - (iv) due to the existence of a Fixed Cap; or
  - (v) due to:
    - (A) provisions permitting or anticipating a Governmental Intervention, if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms; or
    - (B) any Solvency Capital Provisions, if "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

If the guarantee or Underlying Obligation contains provisions relating to the discharge, release, reduction, assignment or other alteration of the principal payment obligations of the Reference Entity and such provisions have ceased to apply or are suspended at the time of the relevant determination, in accordance with the terms of such guarantee or Underlying Obligation, due to or following the occurrence of (I) a non-payment in respect of the guarantee or the Underlying Obligation, or (II) an event of the type described in the definition of "Bankruptcy" in respect of the Reference Entity or the Underlying Obligor, then it shall be deemed for these purposes that such cessation or suspension is permanent, notwithstanding the terms of the guarantee or Underlying Obligation.

In order for a guarantee to constitute a Qualifying Guarantee:

- (x) the benefit of such guarantee must be capable of being Delivered together with the Delivery of the Underlying Obligation; and
- (y) if a guarantee contains a Fixed Cap, all claims to any amounts which are subject to such Fixed Cap must be capable of being Delivered together with the Delivery of such guarantee.

**"Qualifying Participation Seller"** means any participation seller that meets the requirements specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no such requirements are specified, there shall be no Qualifying Participation Seller.

**"Quotation"** means each Full Quotation and the Weighted Average Quotation obtained and expressed as a percentage with respect to a Valuation Date in the manner that follows:

- (a) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations with respect to each Valuation Date from five or more Quotation Dealers. If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more such Full Quotations on the same Business Day within three Business Days of a Valuation Date, then on the next following Business Day (and, if necessary, on each Business Day thereafter until the tenth Business Day

following the relevant Valuation Date) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers and, if two or more Full Quotations are not available, a Weighted Average Quotation.

- (b) If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the applicable Valuation Date, the Quotations shall be deemed to be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day. If no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations for the Reference Obligation obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations were not obtained on such day.
- (c)
  - (i) if "Include Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, such Quotations shall include accrued but unpaid interest;
  - (ii) if "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, such Quotations shall not include accrued but unpaid interest; and
  - (iii) if neither "Include Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, the Calculation Agent shall determine, based on the then current market practice in the market of the Reference Obligation, whether such Quotations shall include or exclude accrued but unpaid interest. All Quotations shall be obtained in accordance with this specification or determination.

**"Quotation Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (which may be specified by reference to an amount in a currency or by reference to a Representative Amount) or, if no amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Aggregate Nominal Amount (or, in either case, its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency converted by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner by reference to exchange rates in effect at the time that the relevant Quotation is being obtained).

**"Quotation Dealer"** means a dealer in obligations of the type of Obligation(s) for which Quotations are to be obtained including each Quotation Dealer specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Quotation Dealers are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall select the Quotation Dealers in its sole and absolute discretion. Upon a Quotation Dealer no longer being in existence (with no successors), or not being an active dealer in the obligations of the type for which Quotations are to be obtained, the Calculation Agent may substitute any other Quotation Dealer(s) for such Quotation Dealer(s). For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Agent and/or any of its affiliates may be selected as a Quotation Dealer.

**"Quotation Method"** means the applicable Quotation Method specified in the applicable Final Terms by reference to one of the following terms:

- (a) **"Bid"** means that only bid quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers;
- (b) **"Offer"** means that only offer quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers; or
- (c) **"Mid-market"** means that bid and offer quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers and shall be averaged for the purposes of determining a relevant Quotation Dealer's quotation.

If a Quotation Method is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, Bid shall apply.

**"Reference Entity"** or **"Reference Entities"** means the reference entity or entities described as such in the applicable Final Terms or Reference Portfolio (as applicable). Any Successor to a Reference Entity either (a) identified by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the definition of



"Successor" on or following the Trade Date or (b) identified pursuant to a DC Resolution in respect of a Successor Resolution Request Date and publicly announced by the DC Secretary on or following the Trade Date shall, in each case, with effect from the Succession Date, be the Reference Entity for the purposes of the relevant Instruments (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Successor identified pursuant to a DC Resolution in respect of a Successor Resolution Request Date and publicly announced by the DC Secretary shall not be the Reference Entity for the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to such Instruments).

**"Reference Entity Notional Amount"** means, in respect of any Reference Entity:

- (a) with respect to Linear Basket CLNs, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Notes divided by the number of Reference Entities; or
- (b) with respect to Tranching Portfolio CLNs, the Implicit Portfolio Size multiplied by the Reference Entity Weighting for such Reference Entity, subject to the Successor Provisions.

**"Reference Entity Weighting"** means, in respect of a Reference Entity, the weighting as set out in the Reference Portfolio for such Reference Entity.

**"Reference Portfolio"** means either:

- (a) the portfolio of Reference Entities and related Reference Obligations as specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) if a Relevant Annex is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the portfolio of Reference Entities and related Reference Obligations referred to in that annex.

**"Reference Obligation"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity, the Standard Reference Obligation, if any, unless:

- (a) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as not applicable with respect to the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, in which case the Reference Obligation will be the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, if any; or
- (b) (i) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as applicable with respect to the Reference Entity (or no election is specified with respect to the Reference Entity), (ii) there is no Standard Reference Obligation and (iii) a Non-Standard Reference Obligation is specified with respect to the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, in which case the Reference Obligation will be (A) the Non-Standard Reference Obligation to but excluding the first date of publication of the Standard Reference Obligation and (B) the Standard Reference Obligation from such date onwards, provided that the Standard Reference Obligation that is published would have been eligible to be selected as a Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Reference Obligation Only Redemption Date"** means any day from and including the Substitution Event Date in respect of the event set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Substitution Event as specified in a Reference Obligation Only Redemption Notice.

**"Reference Obligation Only Trade"** will be applicable with respect to the Instruments if (a) "Reference Obligation Only" is specified as the Obligation Category and the Deliverable Obligation Category in the applicable Final Terms and (b) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

Notwithstanding the definition of Substitute Reference Obligation: (i) no Substitute Reference Obligation shall be determined in respect of a Reference Obligation Only Trade and (ii) if the events set out in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) of the definition of Substitution Event occur with respect to the Reference Obligation in a Reference Obligation Only Trade, such Reference Obligation shall continue to be the Reference Obligation.

**"Relevant City Business Days"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Relevant Guarantee"** means a Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee or, if "All Guarantees" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Qualifying Guarantee.

**"Relevant Holder"** means a holder of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, as the case may be, with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, immediately prior to the relevant Asset Package Credit Event, equal to the Outstanding Amount specified in respect of such Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond in the Notice of Physical Settlement, or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable.

**"Relevant Obligations"** means the Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan" and which are outstanding immediately prior to the Succession Date (or, if there is a Steps Plan, immediately prior to the legally effective date of the first succession), provided that:

- (a) any Bonds or Loans outstanding between the Reference Entity and any of its Affiliates, or held by the Reference Entity, shall be excluded;
- (b) if there is a Steps Plan, the Calculation Agent shall, for purposes of the determination required to be made pursuant to the definition of Successor and Credit Linked Note Condition 13 (*Successors*), make the appropriate adjustments required to take account of any Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan" that are issued, incurred, redeemed, repurchased or cancelled from and including the legally effective date of the first succession to and including the Succession Date;
- (c) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Senior Transaction, the Relevant Obligations shall only include the Senior Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan"; and
- (d) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and the Instruments are deemed to be a Subordinated Transaction, Relevant Obligations shall exclude Senior Obligations and any Further Subordinated Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan", provided that if no such Relevant Obligations exist, "Relevant Obligations" shall have the same meaning as it would if the Instruments were a Senior Transaction.

**"Replacement Deliverable Obligation"** has the meaning set out in Credit Linked Note Condition 5.

**"Replacement Reference Entity"** means an entity identified by the Calculation Agent which is the "Replacement Reference Entity" under the relevant Hedge Transaction and/or:

- (a) that is in the same industry classification group as the Surviving Reference Entity as determined by the Calculation Agent with reference to the industry classification groups as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC or any successors thereto or any other rating agency as the Calculation Agent shall determine;
- (b) that has a bid-side credit spread (at the time the Calculation Agent identifies such entity) no greater than 110 per cent. or (as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the relevant Surviving Reference Entity at the same time (the **"Credit Spread Requirement"**), in each case based on a credit default swap:
  - (i) on market standard terms for the relevant entity as at the time of such determination;
  - (ii) in respect of a floating rate payer calculation amount equal to at least 50 per cent but not more than 100 per cent. of the Calculation Amount; and

- (iii) with a term equal to the period from and including the date of determination to and including the Scheduled Termination Date (the "**Remaining Term**"), provided that the Calculation Agent, having used reasonable endeavours, cannot obtain quotations from at least three Quotation Dealers, in respect of the Remaining Term, the term for the purposes of this paragraph (iii) shall be five years,

The bid-side credit spreads for the purpose of the Credit Spread Requirement shall be the unweighted arithmetic mean of the spread quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent from at least three Quotation Dealers, as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner;

- (c) that is principally traded in the credit derivative market in respect of the same geographical region as the relevant Surviving Reference Entity, as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner; and
- (d) that is not an Affiliate of any other Reference Entity under the Instruments, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent both immediately prior to and following the relevant Succession Event.

**"Representative Amount"** means an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market and at the relevant time, such amount to be determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium"** means the occurrence of both of the following events:

- (a) an authorised officer of the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority:
  - (i) disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement; or
  - (ii) declares or imposes a moratorium, standstill, roll-over or deferral, whether *de facto* or *de jure*, with respect to one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement; and
- (b) a Failure to Pay, determined without regard to the Payment Requirement, or a Restructuring, determined without regard to the Default Requirement, with respect to any such Obligation occurs on or prior to the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date"** means, if a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date:

- (a) if the Obligations to which such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium relates include Bonds, the date that is the later of:
  - (i) the date that is 60 days after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium; and
  - (ii) the first payment date under any such Bond after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium (or, if later, the expiration date of any applicable Grace Period in respect of such payment date); and
- (b) if the Obligations to which such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium relates do not include Bonds, the date that is 60 days after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition"** is satisfied (a) if the DC Secretary publicly announces, pursuant to a valid request that was delivered and effectively received on or prior to the date that is 15 Business Days after the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that

constitutes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium for the purposes of the Instruments has occurred with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity and that such event occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date (and provided that, if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition shall not be satisfied unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the Instruments) or (b) otherwise, by the delivery by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer of (x) a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice and, unless "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Notice of Publicly Available Information that are each effective on or prior to the date that is 15 Business Days after the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date; or (y) an Extension Notice giving notice of the circumstances set out in sub-paragraph (d) of the definition thereof on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Date (or, if later, the second Business Day following the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date).

In all cases, the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition will be deemed either not to have been satisfied, or not capable of being satisfied, if, or to the extent that, the DC Secretary publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that either (A) an event does not constitute a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity or (B) an event that constitutes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity but that such event occurred after the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date, provided that, if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, such announcement by the DC Secretary shall be deemed not to have been made (and the Instruments shall be construed accordingly) unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the Instruments.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that describes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium that occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date. A Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination that a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred and indicate the date of the occurrence. The Potential Repudiation/Moratorium that is the subject of the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice need not be continuing on the date the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice is effective.

**"Resolve"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules, and "Resolved" and "Resolves" shall be construed accordingly.

**"Restructured Bond or Loan"** means an Obligation which is a Bond or Loan and in respect of which the relevant Restructuring has occurred.

**"Restructuring"**

- (a) "Restructuring" means that, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, any one or more of the following events occurs in a form that binds all holders of such Obligation, is agreed between the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority and a sufficient number of holders of the Obligation to bind all the holders of such Obligation or is announced (or otherwise decreed) by the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority in a form that binds all holders of such Obligation (including, in each case, in respect of Bonds only, by way of an exchange), and such event is not expressly provided for under the terms of such Obligation in effect as of the later of the Credit Event Backstop Date and the date as of which such Obligation is issued or incurred:
  - (i) a reduction in the rate or amount of interest payable or the amount of scheduled interest accruals (including by way of redenomination);
  - (ii) a reduction in the amount of principal or premium payable at redemption (including by way of redenomination);

- (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (A) the payment or accrual of interest or (B) the payment of principal or premium;
  - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of any Obligation, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation; or
  - (v) any change in the currency of any payment of interest, principal or premium to any currency other than the lawful currency of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole).
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above, none of the following shall constitute a Restructuring:
- (i) the payment in euros of interest, principal or premium in relation to an Obligation denominated in a currency of a Member State of the European Union that adopts or has adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time;
  - (ii) the redenomination from euros into another currency, if (A) the redenomination occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority and (B) a freely available market rate of conversion between euros and such other currency existed at the time of such redenomination and there is no reduction in the rate or amount of interest, principal or premium payable, as determined by reference to such freely available market rate of conversion;
  - (iii) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) above due to an administrative adjustment, accounting adjustment or tax adjustment or other technical adjustment occurring in the ordinary course of business; and
  - (iv) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) above in circumstances where such event does not directly or indirectly result from a deterioration in the creditworthiness or financial condition of the Reference Entity, provided that in respect of sub-paragraph (a)(v) above only, no such deterioration in the creditworthiness or financial condition of the Reference Entity is required where the redenomination is from euros into another currency and occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority.
- (c) For the purposes of the definition of Restructuring and Credit Linked Note Condition 15, the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Underlying Obligations for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Guarantee. In the case of a Guarantee and an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity in the sub-paragraph (a) above shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor and the reference to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (b) above shall continue to refer to the Reference Entity.
- (d) If an exchange has occurred, the determination as to whether one of the events described under sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) has occurred will be based on a comparison of the terms of the Bond immediately prior to such exchange and the terms of the resulting obligations immediately following such exchange.

**"Restructuring Date"** means, with respect to a Restructured Bond or Loan, the date on which a Restructuring is legally effective in accordance with the terms of the documentation governing such Restructuring.

**"Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation, the Limitation Date occurring on or immediately following the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the final maturity date of the Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan occurs prior to the 2.5-year Limitation Date and the Scheduled Maturity Notice Date occurs prior to the final maturity date of such Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan, then the Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date will be the final maturity date of such Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan.

**"Revised Currency Rate"** means, with respect to a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, the rate of conversion between the currency in which the Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount is denominated and the currency in which the Outstanding Amount of such Replacement Deliverable Obligation is denominated that is determined either (a) by reference to the Currency Rate Source as at the Next Currency Fixing Time, or (b) if such rate is not available at such time, as the Calculation Agent shall determine in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Scheduled Maturity Notice Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no date is so specified, the Scheduled Maturity Date.

**"Senior Obligation"** means any obligation which is not Subordinated to any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity.

**"Senior Transaction"** means a series of Instruments for which (a) the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Senior Obligation, or (b) there is no Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation.

**"Seniority Level"** means, with respect to an obligation of the Reference Entity, (a) "Senior Level" or "Subordinated Level" as specified in the applicable Final Terms, or (b) if no such seniority level is specified in the applicable Final Terms, "Senior Level" if the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation is a Senior Obligation or "Subordinated Level" if the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation is a Subordinated Obligation, failing which (c) "Senior Level".

**"Settlement Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if no currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Specified Currency of the Credit Linked Notes.

**"Settlement Date"** means, in relation to Tranche Portfolio CLNs, the date that is five Business Days after each relevant Final Price Calculation Date.

**"Settlement Method"** means the settlement method specified (or deemed specified) in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Solvency Capital Provisions"** means any terms in an obligation which permit the Reference Entity's payment obligations thereunder to be deferred, suspended, cancelled, converted, reduced or otherwise varied and which are necessary in order for the obligation to constitute capital resources of a particular tier.

**"Sovereign"** means any state, political subdivision or government, or any agency, instrumentality, ministry, department or other authority acting in a governmental capacity (including without limiting the foregoing, the central bank) thereof.

**"Sovereign Restructured Deliverable Obligation"** means an Obligation of a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign (either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee) (a) in respect of which a Restructuring that is the subject of the relevant Credit Event Notice or DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred and (b) which fell within the definition of a Deliverable Obligation set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition thereof immediately preceding the date on which such Restructuring is legally effective in accordance with the terms of the documentation governing such Restructuring.

**"Sovereign Succession Event"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, an annexation, unification, secession, partition, dissolution, consolidation, reconstitution or other similar event.

**"Specified Number"** means the number of Public Source(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if no number is specified in the applicable Final Terms, two, provided that where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the "Specified Number" shall be one.

**"SRO List"** means the list of Standard Reference Obligations as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) from time to time (or any successor website thereto) or by a third party designated by ISDA on its website from time to time.

**"Standard Reference Obligation"** means the obligation of the Reference Entity with the relevant Seniority Level which is specified from time to time on the SRO List.

If the Standard Reference Obligation is removed from the SRO List, such obligation shall cease to be the Reference Obligation (other than for purposes of the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic) and there shall be no Reference Obligation unless and until such obligation is subsequently replaced on the SRO List, in which case, the new Standard Reference Obligation in respect of the Reference Entity shall constitute the Reference Obligation.

**"Standard Specified Currencies"** means each of the lawful currencies of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole).

**"Subordinated Obligation"** means any obligation which is Subordinated to any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity or which would be so Subordinated if any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity existed.

**"Subordinated Transaction"** means a series of Instruments for which the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Subordinated Obligation.

**"Substitute Reference Obligation"** means, with respect to a Non-Standard Reference Obligation to which a Substitution Event has occurred, the obligation that will replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (a) The Calculation Agent shall identify the Substitute Reference Obligation in accordance with sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) below to replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation; provided that the Calculation Agent will not identify an obligation as the Substitute Reference Obligation if, at the time of the determination, such obligation has already been rejected as the Substitute Reference Obligation by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee and such obligation has not changed materially since the date of the relevant DC Resolution.
- (b) If any of the events set forth under sub-paragraphs (a) or (c) of the definition of Substitution Event have occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation will cease to be the Reference Obligation (other than for purposes of the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic and sub-paragraph (c)(ii) below). If the event set forth in sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of Substitution Event has occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation and no Substitute Reference Obligation is available, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation will continue to be the Reference Obligation until the Substitute Reference Obligation is identified or, if earlier, until any of the events set forth under sub-paragraphs (i) or (iii) of the definition of Substitution Event occur with respect to such Non-Standard Reference Obligation.

- (c) The Substitute Reference Obligation shall be an obligation that on the Substitution Date:
  - (i) is a Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee);
  - (ii) satisfies the Not Subordinated Deliverable Obligation Characteristic as of the date it was issued or incurred (without reflecting any change to the priority of payment after such date) and on the Substitution Date; and
  - (iii)
    - (A) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Conforming Reference Obligation when issued or incurred and immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
      - (I) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
      - (II) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation;
    - (B) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Bond (or any other Borrowed Money obligation other than a Loan) which was a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation when issued or incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
      - (I) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation (other than a Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
      - (II) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
      - (III) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation which is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
      - (IV) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or
    - (C) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Loan which was a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation when incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
      - (I) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation which is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
      - (II) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation (other than a Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
      - (III) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
      - (IV) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation.



- (d) If more than one potential Substitute Reference Obligation is identified pursuant to the process described in sub-paragraph (c) above, the Substitute Reference Obligation will be the potential Substitute Reference Obligation that most closely preserves the economic equivalent of the delivery and payment obligations of the Issuer under the Instruments, as determined by the Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent will notify the Issuer of the Substitute Reference Obligation as soon as reasonably practicable after it has been identified in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above and the Substitute Reference Obligation shall replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation immediately upon such notification.
- (e) If a Substitution Event has occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation and the Calculation Agent determines that no Substitute Reference Obligation is available for the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, then, subject to sub-paragraph (a) above and notwithstanding the fact that the Non-Standard Reference Obligation may have ceased to be the Reference Obligation in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above, the Calculation Agent shall continue to attempt to identify the Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Substitute Reference Obligation Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve a Substitute Reference Obligation to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which such notice is effective.

**"Substitution Date"** means, with respect to a Substitute Reference Obligation, the date on which the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer of the Substitute Reference Obligation that it has identified in accordance with the definition of Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Substitution Event"** means, with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation:

- (a) the Non-Standard Reference Obligation is redeemed in whole;
- (b) the aggregate amounts due under the Non-Standard Reference Obligation have been reduced by redemption or otherwise below USD 10,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent); or
- (c) for any reason, other than due to the existence or occurrence of a Credit Event, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation is no longer an obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee).

**"Successor"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (c) below, the entity or entities, if any, determined as follows:
  - (i) subject to sub-paragraph (a)(vii), if one entity succeeds, either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to 75 per cent. or more of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, that entity will be the sole Successor;
  - (ii) if only one entity succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. (but less than 75 per cent.) of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and not more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, the entity that succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations will be the sole Successor;
  - (iii) if more than one entity each succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and not more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, the entities that succeed to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations will each be a Successor,

and the Credit Linked Notes will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 13;

- (iv) if one or more entities each succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, each such entity and the Reference Entity will each be a Successor, and the Credit Linked Notes will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 13;
  - (v) if one or more entities succeed, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to a portion of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, but no entity succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity and the Reference Entity continues to exist, there will be no Successor and the Reference Entity and the Credit Linked Notes will not be changed in any way as a result of the such succession;
  - (vi) if one or more entities succeed, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to a portion of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, but no entity succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity and the Reference Entity ceases to exist, the entity which succeeds to the greatest percentage of Relevant Obligations will be the Successor (provided that if two or more entities succeed to an equal percentage of Relevant Obligations, each such entity will be a Successor and the Credit Linked Notes will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 13); and
  - (vii) in respect of a Reference Entity which is not a Sovereign, if one entity assumes all of the obligations (including at least one Relevant Obligation) of the Reference Entity, and at the time of the determination either (A) the Reference Entity has ceased to exist, or (B) the Reference Entity is in the process of being dissolved (howsoever described) and the Reference Entity has not issued or incurred any Borrowed Money obligation at any time since the legally effective date of the assumption, such entity (the "**Universal Successor**") will be the sole Successor.
- (b) The Calculation Agent will be responsible for determining, as soon as reasonably practicable it becomes aware thereof and, in each case, with effect from the Succession Date, any Successor or Successors under sub-paragraph (a) above; provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent will not make such determination if, at the time of determination, the DC Secretary has publicly announced that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that there is no Successor based on the relevant succession to Relevant Obligations.

Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (a) above, where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Successor shall be either (as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion) (A) the current obligor in respect of the Reference Obligation, (B) the successor(s) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above, as applicable, or (C) any successor(s) identified by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee pursuant to a DC Resolution if the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that a DC Resolution in relation to a Reference Entity and a succession shall apply.

The Calculation Agent will make all calculations and determinations required to be made under this provision on the basis of Eligible Information and will notify the Issuer of any such calculation or determination as soon as practicable.

In calculating the percentages used to determine whether an entity qualifies as a Successor, if there is a Steps Plan, the Calculation Agent shall consider all related

successions in respect of such Steps Plan in aggregate as if forming part of a single succession.

- (c) An entity may only be a Successor if:
  - (i) either (A) the related Succession Date occurs on or after the Successor Backstop Date, or (B) such entity is a Universal Successor in respect of which the Succession Date occurred on or after January 1, 2014;
  - (ii) the Reference Entity had at least one Relevant Obligation outstanding immediately prior to the Succession Date and such entity succeeds to all or part of at least one Relevant Obligation of the Reference Entity; and
  - (iii) where the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, such entity succeeded to the Relevant Obligations by way of a Sovereign Succession Event.
- (d) For the purposes of this definition of Successor, "**succeed**" means, with respect to a Reference Entity and its Relevant Obligations, that an entity other than such Reference Entity: (i) assumes or becomes liable for such Relevant Obligations whether by operation of law or pursuant to any agreement (including, with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, any protocol, treaty, convention, accord, concord, entente, pact or other agreement); or (ii) issues Bonds or incurs Loans (the "**Exchange Bonds or Loans**") that are exchanged for Relevant Obligations, and in either case the Reference Entity is not thereafter a direct obligor or a provider of a Relevant Guarantee with respect to such Relevant Obligations or such Exchange Bonds or Loans, as applicable. For purposes of this definition of Successor, "succeeded" and "succession" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) In the case of an exchange offer, the determination required pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above shall be made on the basis of the outstanding principal balance of Relevant Obligations exchanged and not on the basis of the outstanding principal balance of the Exchange Bonds or Loans.
- (f) If two or more entities (each, a "**Joint Potential Successor**") jointly succeed to a Relevant Obligation (the "**Joint Relevant Obligation**") either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, then (i) if the Joint Relevant Obligation was a direct obligation of the Reference Entity, it shall be treated as having been succeeded to by the Joint Potential Successor (or Joint Potential Successors, in equal parts) which succeeded to such Joint Relevant Obligation as direct obligor or obligors, or (ii) if the Joint Relevant Obligation was a Relevant Guarantee, it shall be treated as having been succeeded to by the Joint Potential Successor (or Joint Potential Successors, in equal parts) which succeeded to such Joint Relevant Obligation as guarantor or guarantors, if any, or otherwise by each Joint Potential Successor in equal parts.
- (g) Where:
  - (A) a Reference Obligation with respect to a Reference Entity is specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (B) one or more Successors to the Reference Entity have been identified; and
  - (C) any one or more such Successors have not assumed the Reference Obligation,
 a Substitute Reference Obligation will be determined in accordance with the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation".

"**Successor Backstop Date**" means for purposes of any Successor determination determined by DC Resolution, the date that is ninety calendar days prior to the Successor Resolution Request Date or otherwise, the date that is ninety calendar days prior to the earlier of (i) the date on which the Successor Notice is effective and (ii) in circumstances where (A) a Successor Resolution Request Date has occurred, (B) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to make a Successor determination and (C) the

Successor Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer not more than fourteen calendar days after the day on which the DC Secretary publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to make a Successor determination, the Successor Resolution Request Date. The Successor Backstop Date shall not be subject to adjustment in accordance with any Business Day Convention.

**"Successor Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that describes a succession (or, in relation to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, a Sovereign Succession Event) in respect of which a Succession Date has occurred and pursuant to which one or more Successors to the Reference Entity has been determined by the Calculation Agent. A Successor Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination to be made pursuant to the definition of Successor.

**"Successor Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve one or more Successors to the Reference Entity, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which such notice is effective.

**"Steps Plan"** means a plan evidenced by Eligible Information contemplating that there will be a series of successions to some or all of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, by one or more entities.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Tranche Size"** means in respect of Tranche Portfolio CLNs, the Exhaustion Point minus the Attachment Point.

**"Tranche Portfolio CLNs"** means any Instrument identified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Transaction Auction Settlement Terms"** means either:

- (a) (if the relevant Credit Event is not a Restructuring) the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms; and
- (b) (if the relevant Credit Event is a Restructuring), the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms for which the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction would be an Auction Covered Transaction.

If multiple Transaction Auction Settlement Terms are published in relation to Senior Obligations and Subordinated Obligations of the Reference Entity, the Calculation Agent shall select the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms which are relevant for the purposes of the Notes.

**"Transaction Type"** means in respect of a Reference Entity, the transaction type specified in respect of such Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms corresponding to the "Transaction Type" specified as such in the Physical Settlement Matrix.

**"Undeliverable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation included in the Entitlement which, on the Final Delivery Date for such Deliverable Obligation, the Calculation Agent determines (in its sole discretion) for any reason (including without limitation, failure of the relevant clearance system or due to any law, regulation, court order, contractual restrictions, statutory restrictions, a Hedge Disruption Event or market conditions or the non-receipt of any requisite consents with respect to the Delivery of Loans) it is either:

- (a) impossible, illegal, impracticable or is otherwise unable to Deliver for any reason on the Final Delivery Date; or
- (b) unable or impracticable to Deliver on the Final Delivery Date because (i) the relevant Holder(s) has not taken any action that is deemed necessary by the Calculation Agent (acting in its sole discretion) to enable the Issuer to Deliver and/or for the Holder(s) to

take delivery of all or a portion of the Deliverable Obligations; or (ii) the Holder(s) has failed to provide know-your-customer information, sign and deliver relevant transfer documentation and/or confidentiality agreement, pay a fee to the agent to effect the transfer and/or provide any other information or documentation or make any other payment (including any taxes) as is specified under the terms of the relevant Deliverable Obligations or as is customary to provide in respect of such Deliverable Obligations, each as may be required pursuant to the definition of "Deliver" herein.

Where Asset Package Delivery applies the Issuer may (but is not obliged to) Deliver any Asset comprising the Asset Package and any Asset which is not Delivered shall constitute an "Undeliverable Obligation" for the purposes of this definition.

**"Underlying Obligation"** means, with respect to a guarantee, the obligation which is the subject of the guarantee.

**"Underlying Obligor"** means with respect to an Underlying Obligation, the issuer in the case of a Bond, the borrower in the case of a Loan, or the principal obligor in the case of any other Underlying Obligation.

**"Undetermined Reference Entity"** means in respect of Tranche Portfolio CLNs each Reference Entity in respect of which:

- (a) an Event Determination Date has occurred but in respect of which the Final Price Calculation Date has not occurred; or
- (b) the Calculation Agent has determined that a Potential Failure to Pay, Potential Repudiation/Moratorium or a potential Credit Event (including without limitation, a Credit Event Resolution Request Date in respect of which a DC Announcement (as defined in Credit Linked Note Condition 7) has not occurred) as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion, has occurred or may occur on or prior to the next Interest Payment Date,

(any such Event Determination Date or date of such determination by the Calculation Agent, the **"Undetermined Reference Entity Date"**).

**"Undetermined Reference Entity Notional Amount"** means on any day, the aggregate of the Reference Entity Notional Amounts for all Undetermined Reference Entities on such day.

**"Unsettled Event Determination Interest Period"** means an Interest Period during which one or more Undetermined Reference Entity Date(s) have occurred, where after such Interest Period, the Calculation Agent determines in respect of such Undetermined Reference Entity Date(s) that no Event Determination Date has occurred or, as the case may be, the Final Price Calculation Date has occurred.

**"Unwind Costs"** means the amount specified in the applicable Final Terms or if "Standard Unwind Costs" are specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion equal to the sum of (without duplication) all costs, expenses (including, without limitation, loss of funding and break funding charges and fees), tax and duties incurred by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or agents in connection with the redemption or cancellation, as applicable, of the Instruments and the related termination, settlement or re-establishment of any hedge or related trading position (and any cost incurred by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or agents in sourcing the Deliverable Obligations delivered if the Issuer is unable to do so by way of a transaction entered into pursuant to the relevant Auction and to the extent that the same exceeds the Auction Final Price (if any) determined in relation to the relevant Reference Entity) (or which would have been so incurred had the Issuer and/or its Affiliates entered into and/or elected to unwind one or more such transactions, positions or arrangements), such amount to be apportioned pro rata amongst each nominal amount of Credit Linked Notes equal to the Calculation Amount set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Valuation Date"** means (i) where Physical Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the day falling five Business Days after the Final Delivery Date, or (ii)

where Cash Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, if "Single Valuation Date" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Event Determination Date or, if the number of Business Days is not so specified, any day falling on or before the 122nd Business Day after the Event Determination Date or (following any Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date) after such Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date (in each case, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion), and if "Multiple Valuation Dates" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following dates:

- (a) the date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Event Determination Date, Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date (or, if the number of Business Days is not specified, five Business Days); and
- (b) each successive date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if the number of Business Days is not so specified, five Business Days) after the date on which the Calculation Agent obtains a Market Value with respect to the immediately preceding Valuation Date.

When "Multiple Valuation Dates" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the total number of Valuation Dates shall be equal to the number of Valuation Dates specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if the number of Valuation Dates is not so specified, five Valuation Dates).

If neither Single Valuation Date nor Multiple Valuation Dates is specified in the applicable Final Terms, Single Valuation Date shall apply.

**"Valuation Method":**

- (a) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with only one Reference Obligation and only one Valuation Date:

**"Market"** means the Market Value determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date; or

**"Highest"** means the highest Quotation obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date.

- (b) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Highest.

- (c) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with only one Reference Obligation and more than one Valuation Date:

**"Average Market"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the Market Values determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to each Valuation Date; or

**"Highest"** means the highest Quotation obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to any Valuation Date; or

**"Average Highest"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the highest Quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to each Valuation Date.

- (d) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Average Highest.

- (e) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with more than one Reference Obligation and only one Valuation Date:

**"Blended Market"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the Market Value for each Reference Obligation determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date; or

**"Blended Highest"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the highest Quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent for each Reference Obligation with respect to the Valuation Date.

- (f) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Blended Highest.
- (g) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with more than one Reference Obligation and more than one Valuation Date:

**"Average Blended Market"** means, using values with respect to each Valuation Date determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Blended Market Valuation Method, the unweighted arithmetic mean of the values so determined with respect to each Valuation Date; or

**"Average Blended Highest"** means, using values with respect to each Valuation Date determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Blended Highest Valuation Method, the unweighted arithmetic mean of the values so determined with respect to each Valuation Date.

- (h) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Average Blended Highest.
- (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (h) above, if Quotations include Weighted Average Quotations or fewer than two Full Quotations, the Valuation Method shall be Market, Average Market, Blended Market or Average Blended Market, as the case may be.

**"Valuation Time"** means the time specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if no time is so specified, 11.00 a.m. in the principal trading market for the Reference Obligation.

**"Voting Shares"** means the shares or other interests that have the power to elect the board of directors or similar governing body of an entity.

**"Weighted Average Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, the weighted average of firm quotations obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, each for an amount of the Reference Obligation with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, of as large a size as available but less than the Quotation Amount (but, if a Minimum Quotation Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, of a size equal to the Minimum Quotation Amount or, if quotations of a size equal to the Minimum Quotation Amount are not available, quotations as near in size as practicable to the Minimum Quotation Amount) that in aggregate are approximately equal to the Quotation Amount.

**"Writedown Amount"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity, the aggregate of the Incurred Loss Amounts (if any) for the related Final Price Calculation Date and any related Unwind Costs.

### 3. **Final Redemption of Credit Linked Notes**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, and subject to the immediately following paragraph and Credit Linked Note Conditions 4 to 6 below, each Credit Linked Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the CLN Maturity Date (or if no such provision is made in the applicable Final Terms at the outstanding principal amount thereof).

If Reference Obligation Only Trade is applicable with respect to the Instruments and the event set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Substitution Event occurs with respect to the Reference Obligation, the Calculation Agent may give notice (such notice a **"Reference Obligation Only Redemption Notice"**) to the Issuer on any day from and including the applicable Substitution Event Date and the Issuer shall redeem each Credit Linked Note at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the

applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency (or if no such provision is made in the applicable Final Terms at the outstanding principal amount thereof) on the Reference Obligation Only Redemption Date.

#### 4. **Cash Settlement**

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default CLNs, in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement"), the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a "**Settlement Notice**") to the Issuer and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as applicable, all of the Instruments and pay in respect of each Instrument the Credit Event Redemption Amount on the Credit Event Redemption Date.

*If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Notes are redeemed in accordance with this Credit Linked Note Condition 4, upon payment of the Credit Event Redemption Amount the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The Credit Event Redemption Amount may be less than the Issue Price or nominal amount of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.*

#### 5. **Physical Settlement**

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default CLNs, in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement"), the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a "**Notice of Physical Settlement**") to the Issuer on or before the NOPS Cut-off Date and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as applicable, all of the Instruments, by Delivering (or procuring the Delivery) in respect of each Instrument the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement, subject to and in accordance with the Note Conditions and the Credit Linked Note Conditions (and in particular, Credit Linked Note Condition 9).

In the Notice of Physical Settlement, the Calculation Agent shall:

- (a) specify the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver including, if available and applicable, the CUSIP or ISIN number (or, if such identifying number is not available or applicable, the rate and tenor) of each such Deliverable Obligation; and
- (b) specify the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, or the equivalent amount in the Settlement Currency (in each case, the "**Outstanding Amount**") and, if different, the face amount, of each such Deliverable Obligation and the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Deliverable Obligations specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver (the "**Aggregate Outstanding Amount**").

The Calculation Agent may at any time prior to any Delivery Date by delivery of a notice to the Issuer (the "**NOPS Amendment Notice**") amend the Notice of Physical Settlement and the Issuer shall endeavour to, pursuant to such NOPS Amendment Notice, Deliver to the Holders replacement Deliverable Obligations that are different from the Deliverable Obligations originally specified (each, a "**Replacement Deliverable Obligation**"). A NOPS Amendment Notice shall contain a revised detailed description of each Replacement Deliverable Obligation and shall also specify the Outstanding Amount of each Deliverable Obligation identified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or a prior NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, that is being replaced (with respect to each such Deliverable Obligation, the "**Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount**"). The Outstanding Amount of the Replacement Deliverable Obligations specified in any NOPS Amendment Notice in aggregate



with the Outstanding Amount of the Deliverable Obligations specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any earlier NOPS Amendment Notice which, in each case, are not being replaced must not be greater than the Aggregate Outstanding Amount. Each such NOPS Amendment Notice must be effective on or prior to the Delivery Date (determined without reference to any change resulting from such NOPS Amendment Notice).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Calculation Agent may correct any errors or inconsistencies in the detailed description of each Deliverable Obligation contained in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, by notice to Issuer prior to the relevant Delivery Date; and (ii) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, the Calculation Agent shall on the NOPS Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (but in any case, prior to the Delivery Date), notify the Issuer of the detailed description of the Asset Package, if any, that the Issuer shall endeavour to deliver in lieu of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, if any, specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, it being understood in each case that such notice of correction shall not constitute a NOPS Amendment Notice.

If (i) "Physical Settlement" is specified to be the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method), (ii) "Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (iii) Restructuring is the only Credit Event specified in a Credit Event Notice, then unless the Deliverable Obligation is a Prior Deliverable Obligation and Asset Package Delivery applies due to a Governmental Intervention, a Deliverable Obligation may only be specified (or deemed specified) in the Notice of Physical Settlement or in any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, if such Deliverable Obligation (A) is a Fully Transferable Obligation and (B) has a final maturity date not later than the applicable Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date.

If (i) "Physical Settlement" is specified to be the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method), (ii) "Mod Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (iii) Restructuring is the only Credit Event specified in a Credit Event Notice, then unless the Deliverable Obligation is a Prior Deliverable Obligation and Asset Package Delivery applies due to a Governmental Intervention, a Deliverable Obligation may only be specified (or deemed specified) in the Notice of Physical Settlement or in any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, if it (A) is a Conditionally Transferable Obligation and (B) has a final maturity date not later than the applicable Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of this sub-paragraph, in the case of a Restructured Bond or Loan with a final maturity date on or prior to the 10-year Limitation Date, the final maturity date of such Bond or Loan shall be deemed to be the earlier of such final maturity date or the final maturity date of such Bond or Loan immediately prior to the relevant Restructuring.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount in respect of each Credit Linked Note shall be an amount calculated in accordance with the definition of "Partial Cash Settlement Amount", provided that the Guarantor shall designate in its sole and absolute discretion which portion of the Entitlement shall be an Undeliverable Obligation, and provided that the Valuation Date, shall be the date notified as such by the Guarantor to the Issuer and the Calculation Agent.

***If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Instruments are redeemed or are cancelled in accordance with this Credit Linked Note Condition 5, upon Delivery of the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement and/or payment of the Partial Cash Settlement Amount, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The value of such Deliverable Obligations and/or the Partial Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Instruments to be redeemed may be less than the Issue Price, nominal amount or notional amount, as applicable, of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.***

## 6. Auction Settlement

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default CLNs, in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Auction Settlement", the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a **"Settlement Notice"**) to the Issuer and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel as applicable, all of the Instruments and pay in respect of each Instrument the Auction Settlement Amount on the Auction Settlement Date unless a Fallback Settlement Event occurs (for the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the same Credit Event), in which case the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as the case may be, the Instruments in accordance with the applicable Fallback Settlement Method.

*If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Notes are redeemed or are cancelled in accordance with this Credit Linked Note Condition 6, upon payment of the Auction Settlement Amount the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The Auction Settlement Amount may be less than the Issue Price or nominal amount of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.*

## 7. Suspension of Obligations

If a Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurs in relation to any Reference Entity, then, unless the Issuer otherwise elects by notice to the Holders, any obligation of the Issuer to redeem or cancel (as the case may be) or otherwise settle any Credit Linked Note or pay any amount of interest or Additional Amount (as the case may be) which would otherwise be due thereon shall, to the extent that it relates to such Reference Entity, be and remain suspended until (a) the occurrence of a DC Credit Event Announcement; (b) the occurrence of a DC No Credit Event Announcement; or (c) the occurrence of a DC Credit Event Question Dismissal (each of the events set out in (a), (b) or (c), a **"DC Announcement"**).

Following a DC Announcement, any obligations so suspended shall resume on the second Business Day immediately following the date of such DC Announcement (with benefit being given of the full day notwithstanding when the tolling or suspension began). Any amount of interest or any Additional Amount so suspended shall, subject to Note Condition 5(E) become due and payable on the date determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion provided that such date shall not be later than 20 Business Days after the date of such DC Announcement.

No interest shall accrue on any amount of interest, any Final Redemption Amount or any other payment obligation of the Issuer so suspended.

Where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Calculation Agent Determination" is applicable, this Credit Linked Note Condition 7 shall not apply to the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this Credit Linked Note Condition 7 shall apply.

## 8. Interest and Additional Amounts

Following the delivery of an Extension Notice, in the case of interest bearing Credit Linked Notes and provided that an Event Determination Date has not occurred, the Issuer shall be obliged to pay interest calculated as provided in Note Condition 5 accruing from (and including) the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding the Scheduled Maturity Date (or, if none the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the Scheduled Maturity Date but shall only be obliged to make such payment of interest on the CLN Maturity Date and no further or other amount in respect of interest shall be payable and no additional amount shall be payable in respect of such delay.

Without prejudice to Credit Linked Note Condition 7, if "Accrual of Interest upon Credit Event" or, as the case may be, "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Calculation Agent

determines that a Credit Event, a Potential Failure to Pay or a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred or may occur on or prior to an Interest Payment Date, the Calculation Agent may notify the Issuer and where the Calculation Agent delivers any such notice (a "**Postponement Notice**") to the Issuer on or prior to such Interest Payment Date (in either case, the "**Postponed Payment Date**"), any obligation of the Issuer to pay any interest amount shall be suspended for a period of 15 Business Days following such Postponed Payment Date (or, in respect of any Postponed Payment Date scheduled to fall on the Scheduled Maturity Date, up to the CLN Maturity Date (or such shorter period as the Calculation Agent may notify the Issuer) to enable the Calculation Agent to determine whether a Credit Event has occurred.

Where the Calculation Agent delivers a Postponement Notice to the Issuer, the Issuer shall give notice thereof as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any postponement of an Interest Payment Date.

If an Event Determination Date has not occurred on or prior to such 15th Business Day or CLN Maturity Date, the interest amount shall be payable on such 15th Business Day or CLN Maturity Date (for the avoidance of doubt, no interest shall accrue on any amount of interest so suspended). If an Event Determination Date has occurred on or prior to such 15th Business Day or CLN Maturity Date, then notwithstanding Note Condition 5(E)(a), each Note shall cease to bear interest from the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding the Postponed Payment Date or, if the Postponed Payment Date falls on the first Interest Payment Date, no interest shall accrue on the Notes (and Note Condition 5(E) shall be deemed to be amended accordingly).

#### 9. **Partial Cash Settlement**

If all or a portion of the Undeliverable Obligations or Hedge Disruption Obligations comprising the Entitlement are not Delivered for whatever reason by the Final Delivery Date, the Calculation Agent shall give notice (a "**Partial Cash Settlement Notice**") to the Issuer, as applicable, and the Issuer shall pay in respect of each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, the Partial Cash Settlement Amount on the Partial Cash Settlement Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the failure by the Issuer to Deliver all or such portion of the Undeliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement on or prior to the Final Delivery Date shall not constitute an Event of Default.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of this Credit Linked Note Condition 9 the following terms are deemed to have the following meanings:

**"Indicative Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, each quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time for (to the extent reasonably practicable) an amount of the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, equal to the Quotation Amount, which reflects such Quotation Dealer's reasonable assessment of the price of such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, based on such factors as such Quotation Dealer may consider relevant, which may include historical prices and recovery rates.

**"Market Value"** means, with respect to an Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, on a Valuation Date, (a) if more than three Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations, disregarding the Full Quotations having the same highest and lowest values (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded); (b) if exactly three Full Quotations are obtained, the Full Quotations remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest Full Quotations (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded); (c) if exactly two Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations; (d) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, such Weighted Average Quotation; (e) if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms and exactly three Indicative Quotations are obtained, the Indicative Quotation remaining after disregarding the

highest and lowest Indicative Quotations (and, if more than one such Indicative Quotations have the same highest or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Indicative Quotations shall be disregarded); (f) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained (and, if Indicative Quotations are applicable, fewer than three Indicative Quotations are obtained) then, subject to paragraph (b) of the definition of "Quotation" below, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent on the next Business Day on which two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation or, if applicable, three Indicative Quotations are obtained; and (vii) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained (and, if Indicative Quotations are applicable, fewer than three Indicative Quotations are obtained) on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Market Value shall be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day or, if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) for the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) were not obtained on such day.

**"Partial Cash Settlement Amount"** is deemed to be, for each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to the greater of (a) (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Due and Payable Amount or the Currency Amount, as applicable, of each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, multiplied by (ii) either (A) if one or more Auctions are held by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee in respect of the Reference Entity, the Auction Final Price or (B) if the Calculation Agent decides (in its sole and absolute discretion), the Final Price with respect to such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, less (iii) Unwind Costs, if any (but excluding any Unwind Costs already taken into account in calculating the relevant Entitlement), and (b) zero.

**"Partial Cash Settlement Date"** is deemed to be the date falling three Business Days after the calculation of the Final Price or, as applicable, the date falling fifteen Business Days after the later of (a) the Final Delivery Date and (b) the Auction Final Price Determination Date.

**"Quotation"** means each Full Quotation, the Weighted Average Quotation and, if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, each Indicative Quotation obtained and expressed as a percentage with respect to a Valuation Date in the manner that follows:

- (a) The Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations with respect to each Valuation Date from five or more Quotation Dealers. If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more such Full Quotations on the same Business Day within three Business Days of a Valuation Date, then on the next following Business Day (and, if necessary, on each Business Day thereafter until the tenth Business Day following the relevant Valuation Date) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers, and, if two or more Full Quotations are not available, a Weighted Average Quotation. If two or more such Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation are not available on any such Business Day and Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain three Indicative Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers.
- (b) If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation (or, if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, three Indicative Quotations) on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Quotations shall be deemed to be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day or, if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) for the

Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) were not obtained on such day.

- (c) The Calculation Agent shall determine, based on the then current market practice in the market of the relevant Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, whether such Quotations shall include or exclude accrued but unpaid interest. All Quotations shall be obtained in accordance with this specification or determination.
- (d) If any Quotation obtained with respect to an Accreting Obligation is expressed as a percentage of the amount payable in respect of such obligation at maturity, such Quotation will instead be expressed as a percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance for the purposes of determining the Final Price.

**"Quotation Amount"** is deemed to be, with respect to each type or issue of Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, an amount equal to the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (or, in either case, its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency converted by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner by reference to exchange rates in effect at the time that the relevant Quotation is being obtained), as applicable, of such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be. The Calculation Agent may in its sole discretion round up or down the Quotation Amount for the purposes of seeking a Quotation.

**"Quotation Method"** is deemed to be Bid.

**"Reference Obligation"** is deemed to be each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be.

**"Valuation Method"** is deemed to be Highest unless fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained or a Weighted Average Quotation applies (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations), in which case "Valuation Method" is deemed to be Market Value.

**"Valuation Time"** is the time specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or, if no time is so specified, 11:00 a.m. in the principal trading market for the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be.

**"Weighted Average Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, the weighted average of firm quotations obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, each for an amount of the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, with an Outstanding Principal Balance of as large a size as available but less than the Quotation Amount that in aggregate are approximately equal to the Quotation Amount.

#### 10. **Redemption following a Merger Event**

If this Credit Linked Note Condition 10 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, in the event that in the determination of the Calculation Agent a Merger Event has occurred, the Issuer may give notice to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14, and redeem or cancel, as applicable, all but not less than all of the Instruments on a date selected by the Issuer and not later than 30 calendar days following the effective date of such notice at the Early Redemption Amount.

#### 11. **Credit Event Notice after M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event**

If this Credit Linked Note Condition 11 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions, upon the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring:

- (a) the Calculation Agent may deliver a Credit Event Notice in respect of an amount (the "**Partial Redemption Amount**") that is less than the principal amount outstanding of each Note immediately prior to the delivery of such Credit Event Notice. In such circumstances the Credit Linked Note Conditions and related provisions shall be deemed to apply to the Partial Redemption Amount only and each such Note shall be redeemed in part (such redeemed part being equal to the Partial Redemption Amount).
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt (A) the principal amount of each such Note not so redeemed in part shall remain outstanding and interest shall accrue on the principal amount outstanding of such Note as provided in Note Condition 5 (adjusted in such manner as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines to be appropriate), (B) the Credit Linked Note Conditions and related provisions shall apply to such principal amount outstanding of such Note in the event that subsequent Credit Event Notices are delivered in respect of the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event and (C) once a Credit Event Notice with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event has been delivered in respect of a Reference Entity, no further Credit Event Notices may be delivered in respect of any Reference Entity other than the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event.
- (c) If the provisions of this Credit Linked Note Condition 11 apply in respect of the Credit Linked Notes, on redemption of part of each such Credit Linked Note the relevant Credit Linked Note or, if the Credit Linked Notes are represented by a Global Note, such Global Note, shall be endorsed to reflect such part redemption.

## 12. **Multiple Holder Obligation**

If this Credit Linked Note Condition 12 is specified as applicable (or deemed to be applicable) in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the definition of Restructuring and related provisions, the occurrence of, agreement to, or announcement of, any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 shall not be a Restructuring unless the Obligation in respect of any such events is a Multiple Holder Obligation.

"**Multiple Holder Obligation**" means an Obligation that (a) at the time of the event which constitutes a Restructuring Credit Event, is held by more than three holders that are not Affiliates of each other and (b) with respect to which a percentage of holders (determined pursuant to the terms of the Obligation as in effect on the date of such event) at least equal to sixty-six and two-thirds is required to consent to the event which constitutes a Restructuring Credit Event, provided that any Obligation that is a Bond shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement in (b).

## 13. **Successors**

- (a) Where pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(iii), (iv) or (vi) of the definition of Successor, more than one Successor has been identified, the Credit Linked Notes will be equally divided into such number of notional Credit Linked Notes as there are Successors and each Successor will be the Reference Entity for the purposes of one of such Credit Linked Notes. These Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be deemed to apply to such Credit Linked Notes and shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) Where a Credit Event occurs in respect of a Reference Entity after more than one Successor has been identified, the provisions of these Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be deemed to apply to the nominal amount represented by that Reference Entity only (the "**Partial Principal Amount**") and all the provisions shall be construed accordingly. Each Instrument shall thereafter be redeemed in part (such redeemed part being equal to its pro rata share of the Partial Principal Amount).
- (c) The Instruments shall remain outstanding in an amount equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Credit Linked Notes minus the Partial Principal Amount (such amount, the "**Remaining Amount**") and interest shall accrue on the Remaining

Amount as provided for in Note Condition 5 (adjusted in such manner as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines to be appropriate).

- (d) Any determinations (including (without limitation) as to the division of the Credit Linked Notes) and any adjustment to the applicable Final Terms relating to, connected with or as a result of the identification of more than one Successor shall be made by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion (provided that if such determinations have been made by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, then the Calculation Agent shall, unless (x) otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms or (y) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, be bound by such determinations) and, in the absence of manifest error, shall be conclusive and binding on all Holders. The applicable Final Terms may be amended and restated from time to time to reflect the effect of such determinations without the consent of the Holders and the Holders are deemed to agree to this provision by the purchase of the Instruments.
- (e) In respect of Linear Basket CLNs and Tranche Portfolio CLNs, where more than one Successor has been identified in respect of a Reference Entity pursuant to subparagraph (a) of the definition of Successor, the Reference Entity Notional Amount of the relevant Reference Entity will be equally divided by reference to the number of Successors and each Successor will be a Reference Entity for the purposes of the Notes.

14. **Provisions taken from the ISDA supplement titled "Additional Provisions for Physically Settled Default Swaps – Monoline Insurer as Reference Entity (January 2005)"**

If Credit Linked Note Condition 14 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) **Obligation and Deliverable Obligation.** Paragraph (a) of the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 and paragraph (a) of the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after "or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee".
- (b) **Interpretation of Provisions.** In the event that an Obligation or a Deliverable Obligation is a Qualifying Policy, paragraph (B) (*Interpretation of Provisions*) of the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" and paragraph (B) (*Interpretation of Provisions*) of the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 will apply, with references to the "Relevant Guarantee", the "Underlying Obligation" and the "Underlying Obligor" deemed to include the "Qualifying Policy", the "Insured Instrument" and the "Insured Obligor", respectively, except that:
  - (i) the Obligation Category Borrowed Money and the Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Category Bond shall be deemed to include distributions payable under an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the Deliverable Obligation Category Bond shall be deemed to include such an Insured Instrument, and the terms "obligation" and "obligors" as used in the Credit Linked Note Conditions in respect of such an Insured Instrument shall be construed accordingly;
  - (ii) references in the definitions of "Assignable Loan" and "Consent Required Loan" to "the guarantor" and "guaranteeing" shall be deemed to include "the insurer" and "insuring", respectively;
  - (iii) neither the Qualifying Policy nor the Insured Instrument must satisfy on the relevant date the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic of Accelerated or Matured, whether or not that characteristic is otherwise specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms;
  - (iv) if the Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan, Direct Loan Participation or Transferable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics are specified in the applicable Final Terms and if the benefit of the Qualifying Policy is not

- transferred as part of any transfer of the Insured Instrument, the Qualifying Policy must be transferable at least to the same extent as the Insured Instrument;
- (v) with respect to an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the term "maturity", as such term is used in the Maximum Maturity Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, shall mean the specified date by which the Qualifying Policy guarantees or insures, as applicable, that the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance will occur; and
  - (vi) with respect to a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, only the Qualifying Policy must satisfy on the relevant date or dates the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, if applicable.
- (c) **Outstanding Principal Balance.** References in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Outstanding Principal Balance" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 to a Guarantee, the Underlying Obligation and the Underlying Obligor shall be deemed to include a Qualifying Policy, the Insured Instrument and the Insured Obligor respectively. Any provisions of an Insured Instrument limiting recourse in respect of such Insured Instrument to the proceeds of specified assets (including proceeds subject to a priority of payments) or reducing the amount of any Instrument Payments owing under such Insured Instrument shall be disregarded for the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of "Outstanding Principal Balance" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 provided that such provisions are not applicable to the Qualifying Policy by the terms thereof and the Qualifying Policy continues to guarantee or insure, as applicable, the Instrument Payments that would have been required to be made absent any such limitation or reduction.
- (d) **Deliver.** For the purposes of the definition of "Deliver" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2, "Deliver" with respect to an obligation that is a Qualifying Policy means to Deliver both the Insured Instrument and the benefit of the Qualifying Policy (or a custodial receipt issued by an internationally recognised custodian representing an interest in such an Insured Instrument and the related Qualifying Policy), and "Delivery" and "Delivered" will be construed accordingly.
- (e) **Provisions for Determining a Successor.** Sub-paragraphs (a), (d) and (f) of the definition of "Successor" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after each occurrence of "a Relevant Guarantee". Sub-paragraph (f) of the definition of "Successor" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 is hereby amended by adding "or provider of a Qualifying Policy" after "as guarantor or guarantors".
- (f) **Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation, Substitute Reference Obligation and Substitution Event.** The definition of "Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation", sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" and sub-paragraph (c) of the definition of "Substitution Event" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after "a guarantee".
- (g) **Restructuring**
- (i) With respect to an Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest or a Qualifying Policy with respect thereto, sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) inclusive of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 are hereby amended to read as follows:
    - "(i) a reduction in the rate or amount or the Instrument Payments in clause (A)(x) of the definition thereof that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy (including by way of redenomination);



- (ii) a reduction in the amount of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(y) of the definition thereof that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy (including by way of redenomination);
  - (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (x) the payment or accrual of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(x) of the definition thereof or (y) the payment of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(y) of the definition thereof, in each case that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy;
  - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of (x) any Obligation under a Qualifying Policy in respect of Instrument Payments, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation or (y) any Instrument Payments, causing the Subordination of such Insured Instrument to any other instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest issued by the Insured Obligor, it being understood that, for this purpose, Subordination will be deemed to include any such change that results in a lower ranking under a priority of payments provision applicable to the relevant Instrument Payments; or
  - (v) any change in the currency of any payment of Instrument Payments that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy to any currency other than the lawful currency of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole)."
- (ii) Sub-paragraph (b)(iv) of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 is hereby amended by adding "or, in the case of a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, where (A) the Qualifying Policy continues to guarantee or insure, as applicable, that the same Instrument Payments will be made on the same dates on which the Qualifying Policy guaranteed or insured that such Instrument Payments would be made prior to such event and (B) such event is not a change in the ranking in the priority of payment of the Qualifying Policy" at the end thereof.
- (iii) The definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 is hereby amended by the insertion of the following paragraph after the final paragraph thereof:
- "For purposes of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 and if Credit Linked Note Condition 14 is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of the Credit Linked Note Conditions the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Insured Instruments for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Qualifying Policy. In the case of a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, references to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (a) above shall be deemed to refer to the Insured Obligor and the reference to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (b) above shall continue to refer to the Reference Entity."
- (h) **Fully Transferable Obligation and Conditionally Transferable Obligation.** In the event that a Fully Transferable Obligation or Conditionally Transferable Obligation is a Qualifying Policy, the Insured Instrument must meet the requirements of the relevant definition. References in the definition of "Conditionally Transferable Obligation" to the "guarantor" and "guaranteeing" shall be deemed to include "the "insurer" and "insuring" respectively. With respect to an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the term "final maturity date", as such term is used in Credit Linked Note Condition 5 and the definition of "Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date", shall mean the specified date by which the

Qualifying Policy guarantees or insures, as applicable, that the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance will occur.

- (i) **Other Provisions.** For purposes of the definitions of "Credit Event" and "Deliver" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2, references to the "Underlying Obligation" and the "Underlying Obligor" shall be deemed to include "Insured Instruments" and the "Insured Obligor" respectively.

- (j) **Additional Definitions.**

**"Qualifying Policy"** means a financial guaranty insurance policy or similar financial guarantee pursuant to which a Reference Entity irrevocably guarantees or insures all Instrument Payments of an instrument that constitutes Borrowed Money (modified as set forth in this Credit Linked Note Condition 14) (the **"Insured Instrument"**) for which another party (including a special purpose entity or trust) is the obligor (the **"Insured Obligor"**). Qualifying Policies shall exclude any arrangement (i) structured as a surety bond, letter of credit or equivalent legal arrangement or (ii) pursuant to the express contractual terms of which the payment obligations of the Reference Entity can be discharged or reduced as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than the payment of Instrument Payments);

**"Instrument Payments"** means (i) in the case of any Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, (x) the specified periodic distributions in respect of interest or other return on the Certificate Balance on or prior to the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance and (y) the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance on or prior to a specified date and (ii) in the case of any other Insured Instrument, the scheduled payments of principal and interest, in the case of both (i) and (ii) (A) determined without regard to limited recourse or reduction provisions of the type described in Credit Linked Note Condition 14(c) above and (B) excluding sums in respect of default interest, indemnities, tax gross-ups, make-whole amounts, early redemption premiums and other similar amounts (whether or not guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy).

**"Certificate Balance"** means, in the case of an Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the unit principal balance, certificate balance or similar measure of unreimbursed principal investment.

15. **Provisions taken from the ISDA supplement titled Additional Provisions for LPN Reference Entities (published on 3rd October, 2006)**

If Credit Linked Note Condition 15 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Note Conditions, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) provisions relating to Multiple Holder Obligation will be deemed to be Not Applicable with respect to any Reference Obligation (and any Underlying Loan);
- (b) each Reference Obligation will be an Obligation, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Note Conditions and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity;
- (c) each Reference Obligation will be a Deliverable Obligation notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Note Conditions including and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity.

For the avoidance of doubt with respect to any LPN Reference Obligation that specifies an Underlying Loan or an Underlying Finance Instrument, the Outstanding Principal Balance shall be determined by reference to the Underlying Loan or Underlying Finance Instrument (as applicable) relating to such LPN Reference Obligation.

The Not Subordinated Obligation Characteristic and Deliverable Obligation Characteristic shall be construed as if no Reference Obligation was specified in respect of the Reference Entity;

- (d) the definition of "Reference Obligation" shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

**"Reference Obligation"** means, as of the Trade Date, each of the obligations listed as a Reference Obligation of the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms and set forth on the relevant LPN Reference Obligations List (each a **"Markit Published LPN Reference Obligation"**), as published by Markit Group Limited, or any successor thereto, which list is as of the Trade Date available at <http://www.markit.com/marketing/services.php>, any Additional LPN determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) below, and each Additional Obligation. Each Reference Obligation determined in accordance with the foregoing will be a Reference Obligation notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Notes Conditions, and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity. Standard Reference Obligation shall be Not Applicable. The proviso in the definition of "Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation" shall not apply.

It is intended that there may be more than one Reference Obligation, as a result of which all applicable references in the Credit Linked Notes Conditions to "the Reference Obligation" shall be construed as a reference to "a Reference Obligation", and all other provisions of the Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

The provisions set forth in the definitions of "Substitute Reference Obligation" and "Substitution Event" shall not be applicable to LPN Reference Obligations; and

- (e) the following additional definitions shall apply:

**"Additional LPN"** means any bond issued in the form of a loan participation note (a "LPN") by an entity (the **"LPN Issuer"**) for the sole purpose of providing funds for the LPN Issuer to (a) finance a loan to the Reference Entity (the **"Underlying Loan"**) or (b) provide finance to the Reference Entity by way of a deposit, loan or other Borrowed Money instrument (the **"Underlying Finance Instrument"**), provided that (i) either (x) in the event that there is an Underlying Loan with respect to such LPN the Underlying Loan satisfies the Obligation Characteristics specified in respect of the Reference Entity or (y) in the event that there is an Underlying Finance Instrument with respect to such LPN the Underlying Finance Instrument satisfies the Not Subordinated, Not Domestic Law and Not Domestic Currency Obligation Characteristics; (ii) the LPN satisfies the following Deliverable Obligation Characteristics: Transferable, Not Bearer, Specified Currency – Standard Specified Currencies, Not Domestic Law, Not Domestic Issuance; and (iii) the LPN Issuer has, as of the issue date of such obligation, granted a First Ranking Interest over or in respect of certain of its rights in relation to the relevant Underlying Loan or Underlying Finance Instrument (as applicable) for the benefit of the holders of the LPNs.

**"Additional Obligation"** means each of the obligations listed as an Additional Obligation of the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms or set forth on the relevant LPN Reference Obligations List, as published by Markit Group Limited, or any successor thereto, as of the Trade Date, which list is currently available at <http://www.markit.com/marketing/services.php>.

**"First Ranking Interest"** means a charge, security interest (or other type of interest having similar effect) (an **"Interest"**), which is expressed as being "first ranking", "first priority", or similar (**"First Ranking"**) in the document creating such Interest (notwithstanding that such Interest may not be First Ranking under any insolvency laws of any related insolvency jurisdiction of the LPN Issuer).

**"LPN Reference Obligation"** means each Reference Obligation other than any Additional Obligation.

For the avoidance of doubt, any change to the issuer of an LPN Reference Obligation in accordance with its terms shall not prevent such LPN Reference Obligation constituting a Reference Obligation.

Each LPN Reference Obligation is issued for the sole purpose of providing funds for the Issuer to finance a loan to the Reference Entity. For the purposes of the Credit Linked Note Conditions each such loan shall be an Underlying Loan.

#### 16. **Deliverable Obligations Portfolio Valuation**

If Credit Linked Note Condition 16 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms:

- (a) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Note Conditions, "Reference Obligation" shall mean:
  - (i) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in sub-paragraph (A) (Method for Determining "Deliverable Obligations") in the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" above;
  - (ii) each Benchmark Obligation specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (iii) any Substitute Benchmark Obligation,

as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Issuer (a **"Reference Obligation Notification"**) on or prior to the relevant Valuation Date.

In each case the Reference Obligation Notification shall describe the selected Reference Obligation in reasonable detail and shall specify the title or designation, maturity date and coupon rate. The Calculation Agent may at any time after delivering a Reference Obligation Notification but prior to the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date deliver a further Reference Obligation Notification which shall replace all prior Reference Obligation Notifications in relation to any additional or replacement Reference Obligation specified therein.

For the avoidance of doubt the Calculation Agent shall be entitled to select any of the Reference Obligations for the purposes of calculating the Final Price irrespective of their market value and, provided that (in the case of Credit Linked Note Condition 16(a)(i) only) the selected obligation(s) satisfy the Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics on the date of selection, such obligation(s) may constitute the Reference Obligation for the purposes hereof notwithstanding that this is not the case subsequent to such date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics shall not apply in respect of any Benchmark Obligation or Substitute Benchmark Obligation.

- (b) The definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 shall be amended so that each reference to "Substitute Reference Obligation" and "Non-Standard Reference Obligation" is replaced by reference to a "Substitute Benchmark Obligation" and a "Benchmark Obligation" respectively, provided that once a Benchmark Obligation has been specified as a Reference Obligation the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" shall not apply with respect to such Benchmark Obligation.
- (c) Sub-paragraph (b)(i) of "Method for Determining Obligations" in the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked Note Condition 2 shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

**"Not Subordinated"** means an obligation that is not Subordinated to (i) the most senior Benchmark Obligation in priority of payment or (ii) if no Benchmark Obligation is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity. For purposes of determining whether an obligation satisfies the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the ranking in priority of payment of each Benchmark Obligation shall be determined as of the later of (A) the Trade Date specified in the applicable Final Terms and (B) the date on which such Benchmark Obligation was issued or incurred and shall not reflect any change to such ranking in priority of payment after such later date.

- (d) For purposes of the Credit Linked Note Conditions:
  - (i) each reference in the Credit Linked Note Conditions to "a Deliverable Obligation" and "the Deliverable Obligation" shall be deemed to be a reference to "a Reference Obligation" and "the Reference Obligation" respectively; and
  - (ii) each reference in the Credit Linked Note Conditions to "a Delivery Date" and "the Delivery Date" shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of selection of the relevant Reference Obligation.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, if Credit Linked Note Condition 16 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms Credit Linked Note Condition 5 is not applicable and the Instruments shall, following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date, be settled in accordance with Credit Linked Note Condition 4, and these Credit Linked Notes Conditions shall be construed accordingly.
- (f) If the Calculation Agent selects more than one Reference Obligation, such Reference Obligations shall have an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (or the equivalent Currency Amount of any such amount) that, in aggregate, shall not exceed the Reference Entity Notional Amount in respect of the relevant Reference Entity.
- (g) With respect to a Reference Entity and the related Final Price Calculation Date, the "Final Price" shall be the weighted average of the Final Prices determined for each Reference Obligation in respect of the relevant Reference Entity, weighted by reference to the Reference Portfolio of each such Reference Obligation.
- (h) For the purposes of Credit Linked Note Condition 16(a)(ii), Benchmark Obligation means each Reference Obligation specified in respect of the relevant Reference Entity, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### 17. Nth-to-Default CLNs

Where the Instruments are Nth-to-Default CLNs:

- (a) where a succession has occurred in respect of a Reference Entity (other than a Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date has occurred) and more than one Successor has been identified, the applicable Instruments will be equally divided into a number of notional Credit Linked Notes as there are Successors. Each such notional Credit Linked Notes shall include a Successor and each and every one of the Reference Entities unaffected by such succession shall apply thereto;
- (b) if "Substitution" is specified as not being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where any Reference Entity (the "**Surviving Reference Entity**") (other than a Reference Entity that is subject to a succession) would be a Successor to any other Reference Entity (the "**Legacy Reference Entity**") pursuant to a succession, such Surviving Reference Entity shall be deemed to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity; and
- (c) if "Substitution" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where any Reference Entity (the "**Surviving Reference Entity**") (other than a Reference

Entity that is subject to a succession) would be a Successor to any other Reference Entity (the "**Legacy Reference Entity**") pursuant to a succession:

- (i) such Surviving Reference Entity shall be deemed not to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity; and
- (ii) the Replacement Reference Entity shall be deemed to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity.

#### 18. **Linear Basket CLNs**

Where the Notes are Linear Basket CLNs, then the provisions of these Credit Linked Note Conditions relating to redemption of Credit Linked Notes following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date, extension of maturity of Credit Linked Notes on delivery of an Extension Notice, cessation or suspension of accrual of interest or accrual and payment of interest following the Scheduled Maturity Date shall apply separately with respect to each Reference Entity and a principal amount of each Credit Linked Note corresponding to its pro rata proportion of the related Reference Entity Notional Amount. The remaining provisions of these Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

Accordingly:

- (a) the Calculation Amount of each Note shall be reduced with effect from the occurrence of an Event Determination Date by a pro rata proportion of the Reference Entity Notional Amount or, as applicable, the Partial Redemption Amount;
- (b) following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date in respect of any Reference Entity, the Notes shall be partially redeemed and the Noteholders shall receive an amount equal to a Credit Event Redemption Amount (if Credit Linked Note Condition 4 applies) or an Auction Settlement Amount (if Credit Linked Note Condition 6 applies) or shall be entitled to receive an Entitlement, or, as appropriate, Partial Cash Settlement Amount (if Credit Linked Note Condition 5 applies), in each case calculated in respect of the Reference Entity as though references to the Calculation Amount in such definitions were references to such amount divided by the number of Reference Entities as at the relevant Event Determination Date;
- (c) the definition of "**CLN Maturity Date**" shall operate separately in respect of each Reference Entity and a portion of the Calculation Amount of each Note corresponding to a pro rata proportion of the related Reference Entity Notional Amount, or, as applicable, the Partial Redemption Amount; and
- (d) the provisions of Credit Linked Note Condition 8 shall apply separately in respect of each Reference Entity and a portion of the Calculation Amount of each Note corresponding to a pro rata proportion of the related Reference Entity Notional Amount or, as applicable, the related Reference Entity Notional Amount.

#### 19. **Tranched Portfolio CLNs**

Where the Instruments are Tranched Portfolio CLNs:

- (a) The interest amount payable per Calculation Amount on each Interest Payment Date in respect of each Note and each Interest Period shall be a pro rata proportion per Calculation Amount of an amount determined on the relevant Interest Determination Date, equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the product of: (A) the Interest Calculation Amount, (B) the Rate of Interest, and (C) the 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); and
  - (ii) the Deferred Coupon Adjustment Amount, if any.

- (b) If the Calculation Agent determines at any time that the Undetermined Reference Entity Notional Amount on any Interest Payment Date is greater than the Undetermined Reference Entity Notional Amount on the corresponding Interest Determination Date, the Calculation Agent may in its sole discretion make any adjustment: (i) if the determination is made on or prior to such Interest Payment Date and to the extent operationally practicable, to the interest amount payable on such Interest Payment Date, or otherwise (ii) to the interest amount payable on any subsequent Interest Payment Date or, if the relevant interest amount is less than such shortfall, the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Notes, to account for such shortfall.
- (c) In the event that a Credit Event occurs in respect of one of the Reference Entities within the Reference Portfolio, the amount of the Aggregate Principal Amount remaining will be reduced by the Writedown Amount (itself calculated with reference to the Loss Amount), all as set out in the definitions of the Outstanding Principal Amount, Incurred Loss Amount, Loss Amount, Writedown Amount and any other relevant definitions.
- (d) Unless the Notes have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, each Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount on the Final Redemption Date. Credit Linked Note Conditions 4 and 6 shall not apply.
- (e) If the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Notes is reduced to zero, the Notes will thereupon be deemed to have been redeemed in full and, without prejudice to any obligations incurred due and payable on or prior to such date, the Issuer shall have no further obligations in relation to the Notes.
- (f) Paragraph (b) of the definition of "CLN Maturity Date" shall apply if an Extension Notice is given in respect of any Reference Entity.
- (g) If any day is a Final Price Calculation Date with respect to more than one Reference Entity, the Loss Amount, the Recovery Amount, the Incurred Loss Amount and the Incurred Recovery Amount (if applicable) with respect to each Reference Entity shall be calculated in the order of delivery of the relevant Credit Event Notices or (if applicable) the order of the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Dates or, if any of the relevant Credit Event Notices are delivered at the same time or the Credit Event Resolution Request Dates occur at the same time, in a sequential order determined by the Calculation Agent.
- (h) In relation to Tranche Portfolio CLNs where the Reference Portfolio is determined by reference to a Relevant Annex, then notwithstanding Credit Linked Note Condition 13, the Reference Portfolio from time to time (together with, in respect of each relevant Reference Entity, the elected Reference Entity weighting) shall be as determined and published from time to time by the relevant Index Sponsor, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

20. **Provisions taken from the CoCo Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on 15 September 2014)**

If Credit Linked Note Condition 20 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked Note Conditions, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) The following additional definitions shall apply:

**"CoCo Provision"** means, with respect to an Obligation, a provision which requires (i) a permanent or temporary reduction of the amount of principal payable at redemption or (ii) a conversion of principal into shares or another instrument, in each case, if the Capital Ratio is at or below the Trigger Percentage.

**"CoCo Supplement"** means the CoCo Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on 15 September 2014).

**"Trigger Percentage"** means the trigger percentage specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if no such trigger percentage is specified, 5.25 per cent.).

**"Capital Ratio"** means the ratio of capital to risk weighted assets applicable to the Obligation, as described in the terms thereof in effect from time to time.

- (b) A CoCo Provision shall be deemed to be a provision which permits a Governmental Intervention for all purposes under the Credit Linked Notes Conditions.
- (c) If, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, the operation of one or more CoCo Provisions results in (i) a permanent or temporary reduction of the amount of principal payable at redemption or (ii) a conversion of principal into shares or another instrument, such event shall be deemed to constitute a Governmental Intervention falling within subparagraph (a) of the definition thereof.

**21. Provisions taken from the 2014 Sovereign No Asset Package Delivery Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on September 15 2014)**

If Credit Linked Note Condition 21 is specified as applicable in respect of a Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, the following provision shall apply in respect of such Reference Entity for purposes of the Instruments and the Credit Linked Note Conditions:

The last paragraph of the definition of "Asset Package Credit Event" is hereby amended by the addition of the following at the end thereof: "Notwithstanding the above, it shall be deemed that no Package Observable Bond exists with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign (even if such a Package Observable Bond has been published by ISDA and accordingly, Asset Package Delivery shall not apply thereto)."

**22. Physical Settlement Matrix**

Where a Transaction Type is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of any Reference Entity, then the provisions of such Final Terms shall apply with respect to such Reference Entity in accordance with the Physical Settlement Matrix as it applies to such Transaction Type, as though such Physical Settlement Matrix were set out in full in such Final Terms. Certain additional provisions or supplements may be deemed to apply to the Credit Linked Note Conditions in respect of a Reference Entity if those provisions or supplements are specified as being applicable for the relevant Reference Entity in the Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix and the provisions of the Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be construed as if those additional provisions or supplements had been included in the Credit Linked Note Conditions with such amendments as the Calculation Agent deems necessary to give effect to those provisions.

**23. Notices to Holders**

The Issuer shall, upon receiving any of the following notices from the Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable forward a copy of such notice(s) to the Holders of the relevant Instruments:

- (a) an Extension Notice;
- (b) a Cancellation Notice;
- (c) a Credit Event Notice;
- (d) a Notice of Publicly Available Information;
- (e) a Settlement Notice;
- (f) a Reference Obligation Only Redemption Notice;



- (g) a determination by the Calculation Agent of a Successor or a Sovereign Succession Event (including any Successor Notice);
- (h) a Notice of Physical Settlement;
- (i) a NOPS Amendment Notice;
- (j) a Partial Cash Settlement Notice;
- (k) any notification by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that the Physical Settlement Period shall be less than ten Business Days;
- (l) any notification by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer following the determination of any Loss Amount or Incurred Loss Amount;
- (m) a Notice to Exercise Movement Option;
- (n) a Postponement Notice;
- (o) a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice; and
- (p) (where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms) any notification from the Calculation Agent that it will apply a DC Resolution for the purposes of the relevant Instruments.

#### 24. **Calculation Agent**

Any determination by the Calculation Agent of any amount or of any state of affairs, circumstance, event or other matter, or the formation of any opinion or the exercise of any discretion required or permitted to be determined, formed or exercised by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Credit Linked Note Conditions and related provisions shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Holders and shall be without liability on the part of the Calculation Agent and without the Calculation Agent being obliged to consider the interests of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Holders. In performing its duties pursuant to the Credit Linked Note Conditions, the Calculation Agent shall act in its sole and absolute discretion. Any delay, deferral or forbearance by the Calculation Agent in the performance or exercise of any of its obligations or its discretion under the Credit Linked Note Conditions including, without limitation, the giving of any notice by it to any person, shall not affect the validity or binding nature of any later performance or exercise of such obligation or discretion, and none of the Calculation Agent, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall, in the absence of wilful misconduct and gross negligence, bear any liability in respect of, or consequent upon, any such delay, deferral or forbearance.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the applicable Final Terms specify that "Calculation Agent Determination" is applicable, then notwithstanding any provision in these Credit Linked Note Conditions, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall not be bound to (although they may in their sole discretion) apply any DC Resolution to the Instruments and unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that any DC Resolution shall apply to the Instruments, the Credit Linked Note Conditions and the relevant Instruments shall be construed as if the relevant DC Resolution and the relevant DC Question was not made. If the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that any DC Resolution shall apply to the Instruments, the Calculation Agent shall have the power to amend or otherwise adjust any provision of these Credit Linked Notes Conditions (including, without limitation any provision relating to the timing of notices hereunder) to account for the application of such DC Resolution.

#### 25. **Change in Market Convention**

The Calculation Agent may (but shall not be obliged to), without obtaining the consent of or consulting with the Holders or any other person, from time to time and at any time in its sole and absolute discretion and in good faith, amend any provision of these Credit Linked Note Conditions or the Instruments:

- (a) (including but not limited to the applicable Transaction Type, Credit Events, Deliverable Obligation Category, and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics and deliverability, Reference Obligation, Successor and other provisions) to correspond with the most recently published ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions, ISDA Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix version, SRO List and/or prevailing trading standards applicable to a Reference Entity;
- (b) to incorporate and/or reflect further or alternative documents from time to time published by ISDA with respect to credit derivative transactions and/or the operation or application of determinations by the ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees which the Calculation Agent determines in a commercially reasonable manner are necessary to reflect market practice for credit derivative transactions; and/or
- (c) in circumstances where a Reference Entity has proposed an exchange of all or substantially all of the obligations of such Reference Entity into cash, securities and/or other assets, to reflect or account for such exchange, regardless of the credit derivatives definitions or trading standards applicable to such Reference Entity.

The applicable Final Terms may be amended and/or restated from time to time to reflect any such amendments without the consent of the Holders, and the Holders are deemed to agree to this provision by the purchase or acquisition of the Instruments.

## 26. **Additional Provisions**

- (a) If one or more amendments or adjustments to these Credit Linked Note Conditions are required for one or more Series of credit linked Instruments, including any issue of Nth-to-Default CLNs or leveraged credit linked instruments, the applicable Final Terms shall set out such amendments or adjustments to these Credit Linked Note Conditions that are necessary in order to take account of the nature of such instruments and these Credit Linked Note Conditions shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) Any term defined or described in these Credit Linked Note Conditions or the applicable Final Terms includes where that term is incorporated or included by reference to another document including (without limitation) where the applicability or otherwise of any particular provision is determined by reference to the Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix.
- (c) Subject to sub-paragraph (d) below, in order to determine the day on which an event occurs for purposes of these Credit Linked Note Conditions, the demarcation of days shall be made by reference to Greenwich Mean Time (or, if the Transaction Type of the Reference Entity relates to Japan, Tokyo time), irrespective of the time zone in which such event occurred. Any event occurring at midnight shall be deemed to have occurred immediately prior to midnight.
- (d) Notwithstanding the definition of "Credit Event Notice" and sub-paragraph (c) above, if a payment is not made by the Reference Entity on its due date or, as the case may be, on the final day of the relevant Grace Period, then such failure to make a payment shall be deemed to have occurred on such day prior to midnight Greenwich Mean Time (or, if the Transaction Type of the Reference Entity relates to Japan, Tokyo time), irrespective of the time zone of its place of payment.

## 27. **Additional Disruption Events**

- (a) Following the determination by the Calculation Agent that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred, 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 of the other terms of the 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) give notice to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 and redeem all, but not less than all, of the Notes, each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount (as specified in Part A).
- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.
- (c) For these purposes:

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, and/or Increased Cost of Hedging, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant asset, hedge or related trading position or (B) the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents will incur a materially increased cost in performing the obligations of the Issuer in relation to the Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity, price, credit or other risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity, price, credit or other risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

## ANNEX 9B

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CREDIT LINKED W&amp;C INSTRUMENTS

## 1. Interpretation

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Credit Linked Warrants and Certificates set out below (the "**Credit Linked W&C Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments".

Each Credit Linked Warrant may be designated in the applicable Final Terms as (a) a "**Short Credit Linked Warrant**" or (b) a "**Long Credit Linked Warrant**". Any Credit Linked Certificate may be designated in the applicable Final Terms as (a) a "**Short Credit Linked Certificate**" or (b) a "**Long Credit Linked Certificate**". Each Short Credit Linked Warrant and Short Credit Linked Certificate is a W&C Instrument in respect of which the Holder purchases credit protection on each Reference Entity and/or Reference Obligation from the Issuer and is referred to in these Credit Linked W&C Conditions as a "**Short Credit Linked W&C Instrument**". Each Long Credit Linked Warrant and Long Credit Linked Certificate is a W&C Instrument in respect of which the Issuer purchases credit protection on each Reference Entity and/or Reference Obligation from the Holders and is referred to in these Credit Linked W&C Conditions as a "**Long Credit Linked W&C Instrument**".

## 2. Definitions

"**Aggregate Notional Amount**" means, in respect of each Series of Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, the Aggregate Notional Amount of the W&C Instruments specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if such amount is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the aggregate of the Notional Amount per W&C Instrument of all W&C Instruments in such Series).

"**Asset**" means each obligation, equity, amount of cash, security, fee (including any "early-bird" or other consent fee), right and/or other asset, whether tangible or otherwise and whether issued, incurred, paid or provided by the Reference Entity or a third party (or any value which was realised or capable of being realised in circumstances where the right and/or other asset no longer exists).

"**Asset Market Value**" means the market value of an Asset, as the Calculation Agent shall determine by reference to an appropriate specialist valuation or in accordance with the methodology determined by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

"**Asset Package**" means, in respect of an Asset Package Credit Event, all of the Assets in the proportion received or retained by a Relevant Holder in connection with such relevant Asset Package Credit Event (which may include the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, as the case may be). If the Relevant Holder is offered a choice of Assets or a choice of combinations of Assets, the Asset Package will be the Largest Asset Package. If the Relevant Holder is offered, receives and retains nothing, the Asset Package shall be deemed to be zero.

"**Asset Package Credit Event**" means:

- (a) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) a Governmental Intervention; or

- (ii) a Restructuring in respect of the Reference Obligation, if "Restructuring" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and such Restructuring does not constitute a Governmental Intervention; and
- (b) if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign and "Restructuring" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Restructuring,

in each case, whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement.

Asset Package Delivery will apply if an Asset Package Credit Event occurs, unless (i) such Asset Package Credit Event occurs prior to the Credit Event Backstop Date determined in respect of the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice or DC Credit Event Announcement applicable to the Event Determination Date, or (ii) if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, no Package Observable Bond exists immediately prior to such Asset Package Credit Event.

**"Auction"** has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Cancellation Date"** means the date on which an Auction is deemed to be cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms with respect to the relevant Reference Entity, or (a) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, if the Issuer has delivered a Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Holders, the date on which a Parallel Auction is deemed to be cancelled pursuant to the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Issuer in such notice or (b) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, where the Short Movement Option Condition is satisfied, the date on which a Parallel Auction is deemed to be cancelled pursuant to the Short Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Covered Transaction"** has the meaning set forth in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Final Price"** has the meaning given to it in the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms or (a) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Calculation Agent in its Notice to Exercise Movement Option (in the latter case, provided that such Notice to Exercise Movement Option has been delivered to the Issuer on or prior to the date falling 15 Business Days following the Auction Final Price Determination Date for such Parallel Auction Settlement Terms) or (b) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the Short Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Auction Final Price Determination Date"** means the day, if any, on which the Auction Final Price is determined pursuant to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms or (a) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, in the case of an M(M)R Restructuring, if the Calculation Agent has delivered a Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Issuer on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms identified by the Calculation Agent in such notice or (b) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the Short Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, in each case with respect to the relevant Reference Entity.

**"Auction Settlement Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no such amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to:

- (a) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments:

$$(A \times B) - C$$

where:

"A" is the Notional Amount of each Certificate or Warrant;

"B" is the Auction Final Price; and

"C" is Unwind Costs; and

- (b) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments:

$$A \times (100\% - B) - C$$

where:

"A" is the Notional Amount of each Certificate or Warrant;

"B" is the Auction Final Price; and

"C" is Unwind Costs;

provided that in no event shall the Auction Settlement Amount be less than zero.

**"Auction Settlement Date"** means the date which is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Auction Final Price Determination Date, or if no such number of Business Days is specified in the applicable Final Terms, eight Business Days after the Auction Final Price Determination Date.

**"Bankruptcy"** means a Reference Entity:

- (a) is dissolved (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger);
- (b) becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts or fails or admits in writing in a judicial, regulatory or administrative proceeding or filing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due;
- (c) makes a general assignment, arrangement, scheme or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors generally, or such a general assignment, arrangement, scheme or composition becomes effective;
- (d) institutes or has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other similar relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and, in the case of any such proceeding or petition instituted or presented against it, such proceeding or petition (i) 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 (ii) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within 30 calendar days of the institution or presentation thereof;
- (e) has a resolution passed for its winding-up or liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger);
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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 30 calendar days thereafter; or
- (h) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has any analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (a) to (g) (inclusive).

**"Cancellation Notice"** means a notice given by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer upon making a determination in respect of a Reference Entity that:

- (a) no Credit Event or (if Grace Period Extension Date is applicable) Potential Failure to Pay or (if Potential Repudiation/Moratorium is applicable) Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date;
- (b) if a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date promptly upon making a determination that no Failure to Pay has occurred with respect to the relevant obligation; or
- (c) if a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date promptly upon making a determination that no Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred with respect to the relevant obligation (such determination being made prior to the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date),

provided that, if a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred in respect of the relevant Reference Entity and the same event, a Cancellation Notice shall be deemed to be given by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and the Conditions shall be construed accordingly (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, no Cancellation Notice shall be deemed to be given unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such DC No Credit Event Announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments).

**"Conditionally Transferable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation that is either Transferable, in the case of Bonds, or capable of being assigned or novated to all Modified Eligible Transferees without the consent of any person being required, in the case of any Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date, provided, however, that a Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds will be a Conditionally Transferable Obligation notwithstanding that consent of the Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of a Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds (or the consent of the relevant obligor if the Reference Entity is guaranteeing such Deliverable Obligation) or any agent is required for such novation, assignment or transfer so long as the terms of such Deliverable Obligation provide that such consent may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any requirement that notification of novation, assignment or transfer of a Deliverable Obligation be provided to a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent or paying agent for a Deliverable Obligation shall not be considered to be a requirement for consent for purposes of this definition of "Conditionally Transferable Obligation". In addition, in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments:

- (a) where "Physical Settlement" is specified as the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or where Physical Settlement is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method pursuant to a Fallback Settlement Event), Mod Mod R is applicable (or deemed applicable) under the applicable Final Terms and a Deliverable Obligation is a Conditionally Transferable Obligation with respect to which consent is required to novated, assign or transfer, then if the requisite consent is refused (whether or not a reason is given for such refusal and, where a reason is given for such refusal, regardless of that reason), or is not received by the Final Delivery Date (in which case it shall be deemed to have been refused), the Issuer shall promptly notify the Holders of such refusal (or deemed refusal) and may redeem or cancel (as applicable) the Instruments in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 9 as if such obligation were an Undeliverable Obligation; and
- (b) for purposes of determining whether a Deliverable Obligation satisfies the requirements of the definition of Conditionally Transferable Obligation, the final maturity date shall, subject to Credit Linked W&C Condition 5, be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the final maturity date shall be deemed to be the date on which such determination is made.

**"Credit Cut-Off Date"** means, in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the day falling 10 Business Days following the delivery to the Holders of the relevant Notice of Physical Settlement or such other Credit Cut-Off Date as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms"** means in relation to any Reference Entity, the credit derivatives auction settlement terms published by ISDA with respect to the relevant Reference Entity and the relevant Credit Event, which may be amended from time to time.

**"Credit Derivatives Definitions"** means the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions, as published by ISDA.

**"Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees"** means each committee established pursuant to the DC Rules for purposes of reaching certain DC Resolutions.

**"Credit Event"** means the occurrence of any one or more of the Credit Events specified in the applicable Final Terms which may include Bankruptcy, Failure to Pay, Obligation Acceleration, Obligation Default, Repudiation/Moratorium, Restructuring, Governmental Intervention or any additional Credit Event specified in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If an occurrence would otherwise constitute a Credit Event, such occurrence will constitute a Credit Event whether or not such occurrence arises directly or indirectly from, or is subject to a defence based upon:

- (a) any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of the Reference Entity to enter into any Obligation or, as applicable, an Underlying Obligor to enter into any Underlying Obligation;
- (b) any actual or alleged unenforceability, illegality, impossibility or invalidity with respect to any Obligation or, as applicable, any Underlying Obligation, however described;
- (c) any applicable law, order, regulation, decree or notice, however described, or the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, regulatory authority or similar administrative or judicial body with competent or apparent jurisdiction of any applicable law, order, regulation, decree or notice, however described; or
- (d) the imposition of, or any change in, any exchange controls, capital restrictions or any other similar restrictions imposed by any monetary or other authority, however described.

**"Credit Event Backstop Date"** means: (a) for purposes of any event that constitutes a Credit Event (or with respect to a Repudiation/Moratorium, if applicable, the event described in subparagraph (b) of the definition of "Repudiation/Moratorium"), as determined by DC Resolution, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; or (b) otherwise, in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments only, the date that is 60 calendar days prior to the earlier of (i) the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during the Notice Delivery Period; and (ii) the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during the Post Dismissal Additional Period. The Credit Event Backstop Date shall not be subject to adjustment unless otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Credit Event Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Notifying Party to the Issuer that describes a Credit Event that occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date or (where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms) the Credit Observation Start Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if none is so specified, the date falling 60 calendar days prior to the Trade Date) and on or prior to the Extension Date.

Any Credit Event Notice that describes a Credit Event that occurred after the Scheduled Exercise Date must relate to the relevant Potential Failure to Pay, in the case of a Grace Period Extension Date, or the relevant Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, in the case of a Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date.



A Credit Event Notice that describes a Credit Event other than an M(M)R Restructuring must be in respect of the full Notional Amount of the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, in respect of the relevant Reference Entity.

A Credit Event Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination that a Credit Event has occurred. The Credit Event that is the subject of the Credit Event Notice need not be continuing on the date the Credit Event Notice is effective.

**"Credit Event Redemption Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no such amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to:

- (a) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments:

$$(A \times B) - C$$

where:

"A" is the Notional Amount of each Certificate or Warrant;

"B" is the Final Price;

"C" is Unwind Costs; and

- (b) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments:

$$A \times (100\% - B) - C$$

where:

"A" is the Notional Amount of each Certificate or Warrant;

"B" is the Final Price; and

"C" is Unwind Costs;

provided that in no event shall the Credit Event Redemption Amount be less than zero.

**"Credit Event Redemption Date"** means the day falling the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the calculation of the Final Price, or if no such number of Business Days is specified in the applicable Final Terms, eight Business Days after the Final Price is determined.

**"Credit Event Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a DC Credit Event Question, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which the DC Credit Event Question was effective and on which the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee was in possession of Publicly Available Information with respect to such DC Credit Event Question.

**"Credit Observation Start Date"** means the date described as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no date is so specified, the date falling 60 calendar days prior to the Trade Date.

**"Credit Settlement Date"** means the last day of the longest Physical Settlement Period following the date the Notice of Physical Settlement is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer (the **"Scheduled Credit Settlement Date"**) provided that if in the determination of the Calculation Agent (acting in its sole discretion) a Hedge Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Scheduled Credit Settlement Date, the Credit Settlement Date shall be the earlier of (i) the second Business Day following the date on which the Calculation Agent determines (acting in its sole discretion) that no Hedge Disruption Event subsists and (ii) the day falling 60 Business Days following the Scheduled Credit Settlement Date.

**"Currency Amount"** means with respect to (a) a Deliverable Obligation specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement that is denominated in a currency other than the Settlement Currency, an amount converted to the relevant Settlement Currency using a conversion rate determined by reference to the Currency Rate and (b) a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, an amount converted to the Settlement Currency (or, if applicable, back into the Settlement Currency) using a conversion rate determined by reference to the Currency Rate, if any, and each Revised Currency Rate used to convert the Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount of each Deliverable Obligation so replaced by a NOPS Amendment Notice into the currency of denomination of the relevant Replacement Deliverable Obligation.

**"Currency Rate"** means with respect to (a) a Deliverable Obligation specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, the rate of conversion between the Settlement Currency and the currency in which the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (as applicable) of such Deliverable Obligation is denominated that is either (i) determined by reference to the Currency Rate Source as at the Next Currency Fixing Time or (ii) if such rate is not available at such time, determined by the Calculation Agent and (b) a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, the Revised Currency Rate.

**"Currency Rate Source"** means the mid-point rate of conversion published by WM/Reuters at 4:00 p.m. (London time), or any successor rate source approved by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

**"DC Announcement Coverage Cut-off Date"** means, with respect to a DC Credit Event Announcement, the Auction Final Price Determination Date, the Auction Cancellation Date, or the date that is fourteen calendar days following the No Auction Announcement Date, if any, as applicable.

**"DC Credit Event Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred on or after the Credit Event Backstop Date and on or prior to the Extension Date, provided that (i) if the Credit Event occurred after the Scheduled Exercise Date, the DC Credit Event Announcement must relate to the relevant Potential Failure to Pay, in the case of a Grace Period Extension Date, or the relevant Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, in the case of a Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date and (ii) if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms a DC Credit Event Announcement shall be deemed not to have occurred unless the Calculation Agent has notified the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments.

**"DC No Credit Event Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that is the subject of a DC Credit Event Question does not constitute a Credit Event provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a DC No Credit Event Announcement shall be deemed not to have occurred unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the relevant Instruments.

**"DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee will be convened to Resolve the matters described in a DC Credit Event Question.

**"DC Credit Event Question"** means a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve whether an event that constitutes a Credit Event has occurred.

**"DC Credit Event Question Dismissal"** means, with respect to the Reference Entity, a public announcement by the DC Secretary that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to determine the matters described in a DC Credit Event Question.

**"DC Resolution"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"DC Rules"** means the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees Rules as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) (or any successor website thereto) from time to time and as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

**"DC Secretary"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Default Requirement"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency or, if a Default Requirement is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, U.S.\$10,000,000, or its equivalent as calculated by the Calculation Agent in the relevant Obligation Currency, in either case, as of the occurrence of the relevant Credit Event.

**"Deliver"** means:

- (a) to deliver, novate, transfer (including, in the case of a Guarantee, transfer of the benefit of the Guarantee), assign or sell, as appropriate, in the manner customary for the settlement of the applicable Deliverable Obligations (which shall include executing all necessary documentation and taking any other necessary actions), in order to convey all right, title (or, with respect to Deliverable Obligations where only equitable title is customarily conveyed, all equitable title) and interest in the Entitlement to the relevant Holder free and clear of any and all liens, charges, claims or encumbrances (excluding any liens routinely imposed on all securities in a relevant clearance system, but including, without limitation, any counterclaim, defence (other than a counterclaim or defence based on the factors set out in (a) to (d) in the definition of "Credit Event" above) or right of set-off by or of the Reference Entity or any applicable Underlying Obligor); provided that (i) if all or a portion of the Entitlement consists of Direct Loan Participations, "Deliver" means to create (or procure the creation of) a participation in favour of the relevant Holder and (ii) if a Deliverable Obligation is a Guarantee, "Deliver" means to Deliver both the Underlying Obligation and the Guarantee provided further that if the Guarantee has a Fixed Cap, "Deliver" means to Deliver the Underlying Obligation, the Guarantee and all claims to any amounts which are subject to such Fixed Cap. "Delivery" and "Delivered" will be construed accordingly.

In the case of a Loan, Delivery shall be effected using documentation substantially in the form of the documentation customarily used in the relevant market for Delivery of such Loan at that time provided that the Issuer shall be under no obligation to Deliver such Loan or designate a Replacement Deliverable Obligation to a Holder unless the relevant Holder executes, and/or complies with the provisions of any documentation (which shall include any market advisory that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to approve or the Calculation Agent determines is appropriate for such purpose) that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves or the Calculation Agent determines constitutes documentation customarily used in the relevant market for Delivery of such Loan at that time, as such documentation may be amended to the extent the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves or the Calculation Agent determines is appropriate. If any Holder does not execute and/or do not comply with the provisions of such documentation, the Issuer shall redeem the relevant proportion of the Instruments in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 9.

- (b) If Asset Package Delivery applies, (i) Delivery of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, may be satisfied by Delivery of the related Asset Package, and such Asset Package shall be treated as having the same currency, Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, as the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond to which it corresponds had immediately prior to the Asset Package Credit Event, (ii) sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Deliver" shall be deemed to apply to each Asset in the Asset Package provided that if any such Asset is not a Bond, it shall be treated as if it were a Loan for these purposes, (iii) if the Asset Package is zero, the Outstanding Amount of the Prior

Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond shall be deemed to have been Delivered in full three Business Days following the date on which the Calculation Agent has specified the detailed description of the Asset Package comprising the Entitlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver in accordance with the definition of Notice of Physical Settlement, (iv) the Issuer may satisfy its obligation to make Delivery of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond in part by Delivery of each Asset in the Asset Package in the correct proportion and (v) if the relevant Asset is a Non-Transferable Instrument or Non-Financial Instrument, the Asset shall be deemed to be an amount of cash equal to the Asset Market Value.

**"Deliverable Obligation"** means, subject as provided in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5:

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in "(A) Method for Determining Deliverable Obligations" below;
- (b) the Reference Obligation;
- (c) solely in relation to a Restructuring Credit Event applicable to a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign, and unless Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any Sovereign Restructured Deliverable Obligation; and
- (d) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any Prior Deliverable Obligation (if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or any Package Observable Bond (if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign),

in each case, (i) unless it is an Excluded Deliverable Obligation and (ii) provided that the obligation has an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount that is greater than zero (determined for purposes of sub-paragraph (d) above, immediately prior to the relevant Asset Package Credit Event).

(A) **Method for Determining "Deliverable Obligations"**. For the purposes of this definition of "Deliverable Obligation", the term "Deliverable Obligation" may be defined as each obligation of each Reference Entity described by the Deliverable Obligation Category specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, and, subject to (B)(3) below, having each of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date thereof. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) **"Deliverable Obligation Category"** means one of Payment, Borrowed Money, Reference Obligation Only, Bond, Loan, or Bond or Loan (each as defined in the definition of "Obligation" below, except that, for the purpose of determining Deliverable Obligations, the definition of "Reference Obligation Only" shall be amended to state that no Deliverable Obligation Characteristics shall be applicable to Reference Obligation Only).
- (2) **"Deliverable Obligation Characteristics"** means any one or more of Not Subordinated, Specified Currency, Not Sovereign Lender, Not Domestic Currency, Not Domestic Law, Listed, Not Domestic Issuance (each as defined in the definition of "Obligation" below), Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan, Direct Loan Participation, Transferable, Maximum Maturity, Accelerated or Matured and Not Bearer where:
  - (i) **"Assignable Loan"** means a Loan that is capable of being assigned or novated to, at a minimum, commercial banks or financial institutions (irrespective of their jurisdiction of organisation) that are not then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate, without the consent of the relevant Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of such Loan (or the

consent of the applicable borrower if a Reference Entity is guaranteeing such Loan) or any agent;

- (ii) **"Consent Required Loan"** means a Loan that is capable of being assigned or novated with the consent of the Reference Entity or the guarantor, if any, of such Loan (or the consent of the relevant borrower if the Reference Entity is guaranteeing such loan) or any agent;
- (iii) **"Direct Loan Participation"** means a Loan in respect of which, pursuant to a participation agreement, the Issuer is capable of creating, or procuring the creation of, a contractual right in favour of each Holder that provides each Holder with recourse to the participation seller for a specified share in any payments due under the relevant Loan which are received by such participation seller, any such agreement to be entered into between each Holder and either (A) the Issuer or the Guarantor (as applicable) (in either case, to the extent that the Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, is then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate), or (B) a Qualifying Participation Seller (if any) (to the extent such Qualifying Participation Seller is then a lender or a member of the relevant lending syndicate);
- (iv) **"Transferable"** means an obligation that is transferable to institutional investors without any contractual, statutory or regulatory restriction, provided that none of the following shall be considered contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions:
  - (a) contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions that provide for eligibility for resale pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S promulgated under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (and any contractual, statutory or regulatory restrictions promulgated under the laws of any jurisdiction having a similar effect in relation to the eligibility for resale of an obligation);
  - (b) restrictions on permitted investments such as statutory or regulatory investment restrictions on insurance companies and pension funds; or
  - (c) restrictions in respect of blocked periods on or around payment dates or voting periods.
- (vi) **"Maximum Maturity"** means an obligation that has a remaining maturity of not greater than (a) the period specified in the applicable Final Terms or (b) if no such period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, 30 years.
- (vii) **"Accelerated or Matured"** means an obligation under which the total amount owed, whether by reason of maturity, acceleration, termination or otherwise is due and payable in full in accordance with the terms of such obligation, or would have been but for, and without regard to, any limitation imposed under any applicable insolvency laws; and
- (viii) **"Not Bearer"** means any obligation that is not a bearer instrument unless interests with respect to such bearer instrument are cleared via Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other internationally recognised clearing system.

**(B) Interpretation of Provisions**

- (1) If (i) either of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance" or "Not Bearer" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Bonds and shall only be relevant if Bonds are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation Category; (ii) the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic "Transferable" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Deliverable Obligations that are not Loans (and shall only be relevant to the extent that obligations other than Loans are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation Category); or (iii) any of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan" or "Direct Loan Participation" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic had been specified as a Deliverable Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Loans and shall only be relevant if Loans are covered by the selected Deliverable Obligation Category.
- (2) If any of Payment, Borrowed Money, Loan or Bond or Loan is specified as the Deliverable Obligation Category and more than one of Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan and Direct Loan Participation are specified as Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, the Deliverable Obligations may include any Loan that satisfies any one of such Deliverable Obligation Characteristics specified and need not satisfy all such Deliverable Obligation Characteristics.
- (3) If a Deliverable Obligation is a Relevant Guarantee, the following will apply:
  - (a) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Category, the Relevant Guarantee shall be deemed to satisfy the same category or categories as those that describe the Underlying Obligation;
  - (b) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, both the Relevant Guarantee and the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Not Subordinated", "Specified Currency", "Not Sovereign Lender", "Not Domestic Currency" and "Not Domestic Law";
  - (c) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, only the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance", "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan", "Direct Loan Participation", "Transferable", "Maximum Maturity", "Accelerated" or "Matured" and "Not Bearer"; and
  - (d) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristics to an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor.

- (4) For purposes of the application of the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic "Maximum Maturity", remaining maturity shall be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the remaining maturity shall be zero.
- (5) If "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation would otherwise satisfy a particular Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any terms in the relevant obligation in effect at the time of making the determination which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, shall not cause such obligation to fail to satisfy such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic;
- (6) For purposes of determining the applicability of Deliverable Obligation Characteristics and the requirements specified in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5 to a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, any such determination shall be made by reference to the terms of the relevant obligation in effect immediately prior to the Asset Package Credit Event; and
- (7) If "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation would otherwise satisfy the "Maximum Maturity" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any Solvency Capital Provisions in such obligation shall not cause it to fail to satisfy such Deliverable Obligation Characteristic.

**"Delivery Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation or an Asset Package, the date such Deliverable Obligation is Delivered (or deemed Delivered under sub-paragraph (b)(iii) of the definition of "Deliver").

**"Domestic Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and any successor currency thereto (or, if no such currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency and any successor currency of (a) the Reference Entity, if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, or (b) the jurisdiction in which the Reference Entity is organised, if the Reference Entity is not a Sovereign).

**"Domestic Law"** means each of the laws of (a) the Reference Entity, if such Reference Entity is a Sovereign, or (b) the jurisdiction in which the Reference Entity is organised, if such Reference Entity is not a Sovereign.

**"Downstream Affiliate"** means an entity whose outstanding Voting Shares were, at the date of issuance of the Qualifying Guarantee, more than 50 per cent. owned, directly or indirectly, by the Reference Entity.

**"Due and Payable Amount"** means the amount that is due and payable by the Reference Entity under the obligation whether by reason of maturity, acceleration, termination or otherwise (excluding sums in respect of default interest, indemnities, tax gross-ups and other similar amounts) less all or any portion of such amount which, pursuant to the terms of the obligation (a) is subject to any Prohibited Action, or (b) may otherwise be reduced as a result of the effluxion of time or the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than by way of (i) payment or (ii) a Permitted Contingency), in each case, determined in accordance with the terms of the obligation in effect on either (A) the NOPS Effective Date (or if the terms of the obligation are amended after such date but on or prior to the Delivery Date, the Delivery Date) or (B) the Valuation Date, as applicable.

**"Eligible Information"** means information which is publicly available or which can be made public without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

**"Eligible Transferee"** means each of the following:

- (a) any
  - (i) bank or other financial institution;
  - (ii) insurance or reinsurance company;
  - (iii) mutual fund, unit trust or similar collective investment vehicle (other than an entity specified in sub-paragraph (c)(i) of this definition of "Eligible Transferee"); and
  - (iv) registered or licensed broker or dealer (other than a natural person or proprietorship),

provided, however, in each case that such entity has total assets of at least U.S.\$500 million;
- (b) an Affiliate of an entity specified in the preceding sub-paragraph (a);
- (c) each of a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, organisation, trust or other entity:
  - (i) that is an investment vehicle (including, without limitation, any hedge fund, issuer of collateralised debt obligations, commercial paper conduit or other special purpose vehicle) that (1) has total assets of at least U.S.\$100 million or (2) is one of a group of investment vehicles under common control or management having, in the aggregate, total assets of at least U.S.\$100 million; or
  - (ii) that has total assets of at least U.S.\$500 million; or
  - (iii) the obligations of which under an agreement, contract or transaction are guaranteed or otherwise supported by a letter of credit or keepwell, support, or other agreement by an entity described in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c)(ii) or (d) of this definition of "Eligible Transferee"; or
- (d)
  - (i) any Sovereign; or
  - (ii) any entity or organisation established by treaty or other arrangement between two or more Sovereigns including, without limiting the foregoing, the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

All references in this definition to U.S.\$ include equivalent amounts in other currencies, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Entitlement"** means, in respect of each notional amount of Long Credit Linked Certificates equal to the Notional Amount, Deliverable Obligations, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, with:

- (a) in the case of Deliverable Obligations that are Borrowed Money, an Outstanding Principal Balance (including accrued but unpaid interest (as determined by the Calculation Agent) if "Include Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, but excluding accrued but unpaid interest if "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, and if neither "Include



Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, excluding accrued but unpaid interest); or

- (b) in the case of Deliverable Obligations that are not Borrowed Money, a Due and Payable Amount,

(or, in the case of either (a) or (b), the equivalent Currency Amount of any such amount), in an aggregate amount as of the relevant Delivery Date equal to the Notional Amount of such Certificate less Deliverable Obligations with a market value determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion on the Business Day selected by the Calculation Agent falling during the period from and including the Event Determination Date to and including the Delivery Date equal to the relevant amount of Unwind Costs, if Unwind Costs are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, rounded down to the nearest specified denomination or permitted transfer amount of the Deliverable Obligations comprised in such Entitlement.

Where the Entitlement is rounded down as described above, the Holders will also receive, in respect of each notional amount of Credit Linked Certificates equal to the Notional Amount, the value of the amount of that fraction of the Deliverable Obligations obtained in calculating the Entitlement after rounding down (as determined by the Calculation Agent), as calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion from such source(s) as it may select (converted if necessary into the Specified Currency by reference to such exchange rate as the Calculation Agent deems appropriate).

If an obligation by its terms represents or contemplates an obligation to pay an amount greater than the Outstanding Principal Balance of such obligation as of the Delivery Date as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance, the Outstanding Principal Balance of such obligation shall not include any additional amount that would be payable upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of such event or circumstance.

**"Event Determination Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event and any Instruments with respect to which:

- (a) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method:
  - (i) if (x), subject to (ii) below, "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (y) neither a DC Credit Event Announcement nor a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred (in each case, with respect to the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice), the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during either the Notice Delivery Period or the Post Dismissal Additional Period; or
  - (ii) if (x) (A) "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (B) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms but the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this sub-paragraph (ii) shall apply to the relevant Instruments and (y) a DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date), the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, provided that:
    - (1) (I) the Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (II) the Trade Date occurs on or prior to a DC Announcement Coverage Cut-off Date; or
    - (2) (I) the Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (II) (A) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer or
    - (B) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered either by the Holder to the Issuer or by the

Calculation Agent to the Issuer and, in each case, is effective on or prior to the Business Day following the Exercise Cut-off Date,

provided that:

- (x) no Credit Settlement Date has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs;
  - (y) if any Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred as of the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs, an Event Determination Date shall be deemed to have occurred only with respect to the portion of the Notional Amount, if any, with respect to which no Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred;
  - (z) no Credit Event Notice specifying an M(M)R Restructuring as the only Credit Event has been delivered by the Issuer to the Holders (A) unless the M(M)R Restructuring stated in such Credit Event Notice is also the subject of the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; (B) unless, and to the extent that, the Partial Redemption Amount or the Partial Cancellation Amount (as applicable) specified in any such Credit Event Notice was less than the then outstanding notional amount; or (C) unless the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction is an Auction Covered Transaction and the Deliverable Obligations set out in the Final List are identical to the Permissible Deliverable Obligations for such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction; or
- (b) sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, the Non-Standard Event Determination Date determined in accordance with the definition thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing (unless "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms), no Event Determination Date will occur with respect to an event, and any Event Determination Date previously determined with respect to an event shall be deemed not to have occurred, if, or to the extent that, a DC No Credit Event Announcement in respect of such event occurs prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, a Valuation Date, the Credit Settlement Date (or, if earlier, a Delivery Date), or the Short Exercise Date or Long Exercise Date, as applicable (and if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms only if the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this paragraph shall apply to the relevant Instruments).

Where the Instruments are Nth-to-Default Instruments and an Event Determination Date has occurred with respect to more than one Reference Entity on the same day, the Calculation Agent shall determine in its sole discretion the order in which such Event Determination Dates were deemed to occur.

**"Excluded Deliverable Obligation"** means

- (a) any obligation of the Reference Entity specified as such or of a type described in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) any principal only component of a Bond from which some or all of the interest components have been stripped; and
- (c) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, any obligation issued or incurred on or after the date of the relevant Asset Package Credit Event.

**"Excluded Obligation"** means

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity specified as such or of a type described as such in the applicable Final Terms.

- (b) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Senior Transaction, then for purposes of determining whether a Governmental Intervention or Restructuring has occurred, any Subordinated Obligation; and
- (c) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Subordinated Transaction, then for purposes of determining whether a Governmental Intervention or Restructuring has occurred, any Further Subordinated Obligation.

**"Exercise Cut-Off Date"** means either:

- (a) with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date applies:
  - (i) if the DC Secretary publishes a Final List applicable to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and/or Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, the date that is (A) two Relevant City Business Days (in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by a Holder) or (B) five Relevant City Business Days (in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by the Calculation Agent), in each case following the date on which such Final List is published, provided that if the Calculation Agent delivers a Credit Event Notice on or prior to the Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to Holders and the Holder delivers a Credit Event Notice on or prior to the Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to the Calculation Agent, the Credit Event Notice delivered by the Calculation Agent on or prior to the Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to the Holders shall prevail; or
  - (ii) otherwise, the date that is fourteen calendar days following the relevant No Auction Announcement Date; or
- (b) with respect to a Credit Event to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date does not apply, the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date determined in accordance with the definition of Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date,

or, in each case, such other date as the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves.

**"Extension Date"** means the latest of:

- (a) the Actual Exercise Date;
- (b) the Grace Period Extension Date if (i) "Failure to Pay" and "Grace Period Extension" are specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) the Potential Failure to Pay with respect to the relevant Failure to Pay occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date; and
- (c) the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date (if any) if "Repudiation/Moratorium" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Extension Notice"** means a notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer on or prior to the Actual Exercise Date giving notice of the following in relation to a Reference Entity:

- (a) without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below, that a Credit Event has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date (notwithstanding the fact that a Credit Event Notice may have not yet been delivered); or
- (b) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (c) and (d) below, that a Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred or may occur on or prior to the last day of the longest Notice Delivery Period, but a related DC No Credit Event Announcement, DC Credit Event Question Dismissal or DC Credit Event Announcement has not yet occurred; or

- (c) that a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date; or
- (d) that a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred or may occur on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (d), the giving of a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement to give notice under this definition of "Extension Notice". However, the giving of an Extension Notice in accordance with this sub-paragraph (d) shall not in any way preclude the subsequent giving of a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice so long as the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition is satisfied.

**"Failure to Pay"** means after the expiration of any applicable Grace Period (after the satisfaction of any conditions precedent to the commencement of such Grace Period), the failure by a Reference Entity to make, when and where due, any payments in an aggregate amount of not less than the Payment Requirement under one or more Obligations in accordance with the terms of such Obligations at the time of such failure.

If an occurrence that would constitute a Failure to Pay (a) is a result of a redenomination that occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority and (b) a freely available market rate of conversion existed at the time of the redenomination, then such occurrence will be deemed not to constitute a Failure to Pay unless the redenomination itself constituted a reduction in the rate or amount of interest, principal or premium payable (as determined by reference to such freely available market rate of conversion) at the time of such redenomination.

**"Fallback Settlement Event"** means any of the following:

- (a) an Auction Cancellation Date or, in the case of a M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event in respect of which the Movement Option was exercised on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, a Parallel Auction Cancellation Date occurs;
- (b) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs and in circumstances where such No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition of "No Auction Announcement Date", (i) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Notice to Exercise Movement Option has not been delivered by the Issuer to the Holders on or prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date or (ii) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, the Short Movement Option Condition is not satisfied or no Short Parallel Auction Settlement Terms exist;
- (c) a DC Credit Event Question Dismissal occurs;
- (d) an Event Determination Date has occurred pursuant to either sub-paragraph (a)(i) of the definition of "Event Determination Date" or sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Non-Standard Event Determination Date", and no Credit Event Request Resolution Date has occurred within three Business Days of such Event Determination Date; or

**"Fallback Settlement Method"** means the fallback settlement method specified (or deemed specified) in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Final Delivery Date"** has the meaning given to it in W&C Instruments Condition 31(C)(b).

**"Final List"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Final Price"** means the price of the Reference Obligation, expressed as a percentage, determined in accordance with the Valuation Method specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Calculation Agent shall, upon written request by a Holder to the Issuer and the Calculation Agent, make available for inspection by such Holder at the specified office of the Principal Certificate Agent (in the case of Credit Linked Certificates) or Principal Warrant Agent (in the case of Credit Linked Warrants) (i) a list showing the Quotation that it receives in connection with the calculation of the Final Price and (ii) a written computation showing its calculation of the Final Price as soon as practicable after obtaining all Quotations for a

Valuation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer shall not be required to identify the Quotation Dealer, from whom the Quotations have been obtained.

**"Final Price Calculation Date"** means an Auction Final Price Determination Date or, as the case may be, the date on which the Final Price can be determined in respect of a particular Credit Event and the relevant Reference Entity.

**"Fixed Cap"** means, with respect to a Guarantee, a specified numerical limit or cap on the liability of the Reference Entity in respect of some or all payments due under the Underlying Obligation, provided that a Fixed Cap shall exclude a limit or cap determined by reference to a formula with one or more variable inputs (and for these purposes, the outstanding principal or other amounts payable pursuant to the Underlying Obligation shall not be considered to be variable inputs).

**"Full Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method each firm quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, for an amount of the Reference Obligation with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (as applicable) equal to the Quotation Amount.

**"Fully Transferable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation that is either Transferable, in the case of Bonds, or capable of being assigned or novated to all Eligible Transferees without the consent of any person being required in the case of any Deliverable Obligation other than Bonds, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date. Any requirement that notification of novation, assignment or transfer of a Deliverable Obligation be provided to a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent or paying agent for a Deliverable Obligation shall not be considered as a requirement for consent for purposes of this definition of "Fully Transferable Obligation". For purposes of determining whether a Deliverable Obligation satisfies the requirements of this definition of "Fully Transferable Obligation", final maturity date shall, subject to Credit Linked W&C Condition 5, be determined on the basis of the terms of the Deliverable Obligation in effect at the time of making such determination and, in the case of a Deliverable Obligation that is due and payable, the final maturity date shall be deemed to be the date on which such determination is made.

**"Further Subordinated Obligation"** means, if the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Subordinated Obligation, any obligation which is Subordinated thereto.

**"Governmental Authority"** means

- (a) any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency, instrumentality, ministry or department thereof);
- (b) any court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental, inter-governmental or supranational body;
- (c) any authority or any other entity (private or public) either designated as a resolution authority or charged with the regulation or supervision of the financial markets (including a central bank) of the Reference Entity or some or all of its obligations; or
- (d) any other authority which is analogous to any of the entities specified in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above.

**"Governmental Intervention"** means that, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, any one or more of the following events occurs as a result of action taken or an announcement made by a Governmental Authority pursuant to, or by means of, a restructuring and resolution law or regulation (or any other similar law or regulation), in each case, applicable to the Reference Entity in a form which is binding, irrespective of whether such event is expressly provided for under the terms of such Obligation:

- (a) any event which would affect creditors' rights so as to cause:

- (i) a reduction in the rate or amount of interest payable or the amount of scheduled interest accruals (including by way of redenomination);
  - (ii) a reduction in the amount of principal or premium payable at redemption (including by way of redenomination);
  - (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (x) the payment or accrual of interest, or (y) the payment of principal or premium; or
  - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of any Obligation, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation;
- (b) an expropriation, transfer or other event which mandatorily changes the beneficial holder of the Obligation;
  - (c) a mandatory cancellation, conversion or exchange; or
  - (d) any event which has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in subparagraphs (a) to (c) above.

For purposes of this definition of Governmental Intervention, the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Underlying Obligations for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Guarantee.

**"Grace Period"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-clause (b) and (c) below, the applicable grace period with respect to payments under and in accordance with the terms of such Obligation in effect as of the date as of which such Obligation is issued or incurred;
- (b) if "Grace Period Extension" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Potential Failure to Pay has occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date and the applicable grace period cannot, by its terms, expire on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date, the Grace Period will be deemed to be the lesser of such grace period and the period specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if no period is specified, 30 calendar days; and
- (c) if, as of the date as of which an Obligation is issued or incurred, no grace period with respect to payments or a grace period with respect to payments of less than three Grace Period Business Days is applicable under the terms of such Obligation, a Grace Period of three Grace Period Business Days shall be deemed to apply to such Obligation; provided that, unless "Grace Period Extension" is specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, such deemed Grace Period shall expire no later than the Scheduled Exercise Date.

**"Grace Period Business Day"** means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are generally open to settle payments in the place or places and on the days specified for that purpose in the relevant Obligation or, if a place or places are not so specified, (a) if the Obligation Currency is euro, a TARGET Settlement Day, or (b) otherwise a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are generally open to settle payments in the principal financial city in the jurisdiction of the Obligation Currency.

**"Grace Period Extension Date"** means, if (a) "Grace Period Extension" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (b) a Potential Failure to Pay occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date, the date that is the number of days in the Grace Period after the date of such Potential Failure to Pay. If "Grace Period Extension" is not specified (or deemed specified) as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, Grace Period Extension shall not apply.

**"Guarantee"** means a Relevant Guarantee or a guarantee which is the Reference Obligation.

**"Hedge Disruption Event"** means in the opinion of the Calculation Agent any event as a result of which the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or its agents has not received or is

unable to receive (for any reason, including without limitation, due to market conditions) the relevant Deliverable Obligations and/or any cash settlement amount and/or any other amount under the terms of any Hedge Transaction (or any other transaction (including without limitation, has not sourced or not been able to source, or it is not practical to source, Deliverable Obligations in an Auction in relation to the Credit Event and Reference Entity or in the market at a price less than or equal to the Auction Final Price or otherwise at the Auction Final Price) and/or funding arrangement entered into for the purpose of hedging the Issuer's obligations (whether in whole or in part) in respect of the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable.

**"Hedge Disruption Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation included in the Entitlement which, on the Delivery Date for such Deliverable Obligation, the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion is impossible, illegal, impracticable or is otherwise unable to or cannot be Delivered as a result of a Hedge Disruption Event.

**"Hedge Transaction"** means any transaction or trading position entered into or held by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates to hedge, directly or indirectly, the Issuer's obligations or positions (whether in whole or in part) in respect of the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable.

**"ISDA"** means the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

**"Largest Asset Package"** means, in respect of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, as the case may be, the package of Assets for which the greatest amount of principal has been or will be exchanged or converted (including by way of amendment), as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to Eligible Information. If this cannot be determined, the Largest Asset Package will be the package of Assets with the highest immediately realizable value, determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the methodology, if any, determined by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee.

**"Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan"** means, in respect of a Reference Entity and a Credit Event that is a Restructuring, the Restructured Bond or Loan with the latest final maturity date.

**"Limitation Date"** means the first of March 20, June 20, September 20 or December 20 in any year to occur on or immediately following the date that is one of the following numbers of years after the Restructuring Date: 2.5 years (the **"2.5-year Limitation Date"**), 5 years, 7.5 years, 10 years (the **"10-year Limitation Date"**), 12.5 years, 15 years, or 20 years, as applicable. Limitation Dates shall not be subject to adjustment unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Long Exercise Date"** means the later of:

- (a) the Actual Exercise Date; or
- (b) where the Calculation Agent delivers an Extension Notice to the Issuer on or prior to the Actual Exercise Date:
  - (i) the date falling 15 Business Days (or such other date as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the Extension Date (and only where an Event Determination Date has not occurred on or prior to the Extension Date);
  - (ii) if a Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the expiry of the Notice Delivery Period, (x) the date falling 15 Business Days (or such other date as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the later to occur of: (A) the related DC No Credit Event Announcement; or (B) the related DC Credit Event Question Dismissal; or (y) if a DC Credit Event Announcement occurs, the Auction Settlement Date or Credit Event Redemption Date, as applicable (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, this sub-paragraph (ii) shall not apply to the relevant Instruments unless the

Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such DC Resolution shall apply to the relevant Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments); or

- (iii) three Business Days following the date the Cancellation Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer.

**"Market Value"** means, with respect to a Reference Obligation on a Valuation Date:

- (a) if more than three Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations, disregarding the Full Quotations having the highest and lowest values (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded);
- (b) if exactly three Full Quotations are obtained, the Full Quotation remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest Full Quotations (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded);
- (c) if exactly two Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations;
- (d) if fewer than two Full Quotations and a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, such Weighted Average Quotation;
- (e) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, subject as provided in the definition of Quotation, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent on the next Business Day on which two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained; and
- (f) if two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation are not obtained on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the applicable Valuation Date, the Market Value shall be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day, or if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations for the Reference Obligation obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations were not obtained on such day.

**"Merger Event"** means, in respect of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments only, that at any time during the period from (and including) the Trade Date to (but excluding) the Scheduled Exercise Date, the Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or a Reference Entity (any such entity, the **"Mergor"**) consolidates or amalgamates with, or merges into, or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to (i) where the Mergor is the Issuer or the Guarantor, a Reference Entity or (ii) where the Mergor is a Reference Entity, the Issuer or the Guarantor, or, the Guarantor and a Reference Entity or the Issuer and a Reference Entity become Affiliates.

**"Minimum Quotation Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency) or, if no amount is so specified, the lower of (a) U.S.\$1,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency) and (b) the Quotation Amount.

**"M(M)R Restructuring"** means a Credit Event that is a Restructuring and in respect of which either "Mod R" or "Mod Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Modified Eligible Transferee"** means any bank, financial institution or other entity which is regularly engaged in and established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities and other financial assets.

**"Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation, the Limitation Date occurring on or immediately following the Scheduled Exercise Date.



Subject to the foregoing, in the event that the Scheduled Exercise Date is later than the 10-year Limitation Date, the Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date will be the Scheduled Exercise Date.

**"Movement Option"** means, with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring to which a No Auction Announcement Date has occurred pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, the option of the Calculation Agent to apply to the Instruments, for the purposes of determining the Auction Final Price, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, if any, for purposes of which the Permissible Deliverable Obligations are more limited than the Deliverable Obligations that could be specified in any Notice of Physical Settlement (provided that if more than one such set of Parallel Auction Settlement Terms are published, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms specifying the greatest number of such Permissible Deliverable Obligations shall apply). The Calculation Agent shall be deemed to have exercised such option if the Calculation Agent delivers an effective Notice to Exercise Movement Option to the Issuer on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date. If the Calculation Agent does not deliver an effective Notice to Exercise Movement Option on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date, the Fallback Settlement Method shall apply.

**"Movement Option Cut-off Date"** means the date that is one Relevant City Business Day following the Exercise Cut-off Date, or such other date as the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved.

**"N" or "Nth"** means, where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Nth-to-Default Instruments" is applicable, such number as may be specified in such Final Terms.

**"Nth-to-Default Instruments"** means any nth-to-default Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates (where applicable) where the Issuer purchases credit protection from the Holders or the Holders purchase credit protection from the Issuer (as applicable) in respect of two or more Reference Entities on the basis that the Instruments will be exercised in whole following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date in respect of the Nth Reference Entity.

**"Next Currency Fixing Time"** means 4.00 p.m. (London time) on the London Business Day immediately following the date on which the Notice of Physical Settlement or relevant NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, is effective.

**"No Auction Announcement Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event, the date on which the DC Secretary first publicly announces that:

- (a) no Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and, if applicable, no Parallel Auction Settlement Terms will be published;
- (b) following the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring, no Transaction Auction Settlement Terms will be published, but Parallel Auction Settlement Terms will be published; or
- (c) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that no Auction will be held following a prior public announcement by the DC Secretary to the contrary, in circumstances where either (i) no Parallel Auction will be held, or (ii) one or more Parallel Auctions will be held.

**"Non-Conforming Reference Obligation"** means a Reference Obligation which is not a Conforming Reference Obligation.

**"Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation"** means an obligation which would be a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation on the Substitution Date but for one or more of the same reasons which resulted in the Reference Obligation constituting a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation on the date it was issued or incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date (as applicable).

**"Non-Financial Instrument"** means any Asset which is not of the type typically traded in, or suitable for being traded in, financial markets.

**"Non-Standard Event Determination Date"** means with respect to a Credit Event and any Instruments with respect to which to which sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Event Determination Date does not apply:

- (a) if (i) subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (ii) neither a DC Credit Event Announcement nor a DC No Credit Event Announcement has occurred (in each case, with respect to the Credit Event specified in the Credit Event Notice), the Notice Delivery Date, if the Notice Delivery Date occurs during either the Notice Delivery Period or the Post Dismissal Additional Period; or
- (b) if (i) (x) "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms or (y) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms but the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this sub-paragraph (b) shall apply to the relevant Instruments and (ii) a DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred and the Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date) either:
  - (A) the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if:
    - (1) either:
      - (I) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method; or
      - (II) the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring; and
    - (2) (I) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer or (II) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered either by the Holder to the Issuer or by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and, in each case, is effective on or prior to the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date; or
  - (B) the first date on which, (i) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer or (ii) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered either by the Holder to the Issuer or by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and, in each case, is effective during either the Notice Delivery Period or the period from and including the date of the DC Credit Event Announcement to and including the date that is fourteen calendar days thereafter (provided, in each case, that the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date)), if either:
    - (1) "Auction Settlement" is not the applicable Settlement Method; or
    - (2) "Auction Settlement" is the applicable Settlement Method and a Credit Event Notice is delivered (x) in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer or (y) in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments, a Credit Event Notice is delivered either by the Holder to the Issuer or by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer and, in each case, is effective on a date that is later than the relevant Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date;

provided that:

- (I) subject to Credit Linked W&C Condition 5, no Delivery Date, if applicable, or Long Exercise Date or Short Exercise Date (as applicable)

has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs;

- (II) if any Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred on or prior to the date on which the DC Credit Event Meeting Announcement occurs, a Non-Standard Event Determination Date shall be deemed to have occurred only with respect to the portion of the Notional Amount, if any, with respect to which no Valuation Date or Delivery Date, as applicable, has occurred; and
- (III) no Credit Event Notice specifying an M(M)R Restructuring as the only Credit Event has previously been delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer: (aa) unless the M(M)R Restructuring specified in such Credit Event Notice is also the subject of the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date; (bb) unless, and to the extent that, the Partial Redemption Amount specified in any such Credit Event Notice was less than the outstanding notional amount of the Instruments in respect of the relevant Reference Entity; or (cc) unless the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction is an Auction Covered Transaction and the Deliverable Obligations set out on the Final List are identical to the Permissible Deliverable Obligations for such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction.

**"Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date"** means, with respect to a Credit Event to which subparagraph (a) of the definition of "Event Determination Date" does not apply:

- (a) if such Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring, either:
  - (i) the Relevant City Business Day (or, in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by a Holder, the second Relevant City Business Day) prior to the Auction Final Price Determination Date, if any;
  - (ii) the Relevant City Business Day (or, in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by a Holder, the second Relevant City Business Day) prior to the Auction Cancellation Date, if any; or
  - (iii) the date that is fourteen calendar days following the No Auction Announcement Date, if any, as applicable; or
- (b) if such Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring and:
  - (i) the DC Secretary publishes a Final List applicable to the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms and/or Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, the date that is (A) two Relevant City Business Days (in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by a Holder) or (B) five Relevant City Business Days (in respect of a Credit Event Notice delivered by the Calculation Agent), in each case following the date on which such Final List is published, provided that if the Calculation Agent delivers a Credit Event Notice on or prior to the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to Holders and the Holder delivers a Credit Event Notice on or prior to the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to the Calculation Agent, the Credit Event Notice delivered by the Calculation Agent on or prior to the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-Off Date applicable to the Holders shall prevail; or
  - (ii) otherwise, the date that is fourteen calendar days following the relevant No Auction Announcement Date.

**"Non-Standard Reference Obligation"** means the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation or if a Substitute Reference Obligation has been determined, the Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Non-Transferable Instrument"** means any Asset which is not capable of being transferred to institutional investors, excluding due to market conditions.

**"NOPS Amendment Notice"** has the meaning given to it in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5.

**"NOPS Cut-off Date"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, the later of:
  - (i) the thirtieth calendar day after the Event Determination Date; and
  - (ii) the tenth calendar day after either the date of the relevant DC Credit Event Announcement or of the relevant DC Credit Event Question Dismissal, if any (or, if the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, the tenth calendar day after the Non-Standard Exercise Cut-off Date); or
- (b) if applicable Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement") and:
  - (i) the relevant Credit Event is not an M(M)R Restructuring, the later of: (A) the date determined pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(i) above; and (B) the thirtieth calendar day after the Auction Cancellation Date or the No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraphs (a) or (c)(i) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, as applicable; or
  - (ii) the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, either:
    - (A) the later of:
      - (I) the date determined pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(i) above; and
      - (II) the thirtieth calendar day after:
        - (x) a No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, if any;
        - (y) a No Auction Announcement Date occurring pursuant to sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date, if any; or
        - (z) the Auction Cancellation Date, if any, as applicable; or
    - (B) the later of the Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date (or, if more than one should occur, the last Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date), and the Relevant City Business Day immediately following the Parallel Auction Cancellation Date, if any (or, if more than one should occur, the last Parallel Auction Cancellation Date), as applicable, in circumstances where either:
      - (I) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date and the Movement Option has not been exercised; or
      - (II) a No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraph (c)(ii) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date and the Movement Option has not been exercised,

provided that in the case of sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (b) above, the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date, if any, occurred on or prior to the date described in sub-paragraph (a)(i) above.

**"NOPS Effective Date"** means the date on which an effective Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as the case may be, is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer.

**"Notice Delivery Date"** means the first date on which both an effective Credit Event Notice and, unless "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, an effective Notice of Publicly Available Information, have been delivered by the Notifying Party to the Issuer.

**"Notice Delivery Period"** means the period from and including the Issue Date to and including the date that is 15 Business Days (or such other number of days as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the Extension Date.

**"Notice of Physical Settlement"** has the meaning given to it in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5.

**"Notice of Publicly Available Information"** means an irrevocable notice from the Notifying Party to the Issuer that cites Publicly Available Information confirming the occurrence of the Credit Event or Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, as applicable, described in the Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice. The notice given must contain a copy or description in reasonable detail, of the relevant Publicly Available Information. If Notice of Publicly Available Information is specified (or deemed to be specified) as applying in the applicable Final Terms and a Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice, as applicable, contains Publicly Available Information, such Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice will also be deemed to be a Notice of Publicly Available Information.

**"Notice to Exercise Movement Option"** means, with respect to any Instruments (I) which are Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments, and (II) for which (a) an M(M)R Restructuring is applicable and (b) the Fallback Settlement Method would otherwise be applicable following the occurrence of a No Auction Announcement Date (and, in circumstances where such No Auction Announcement Date occurs pursuant to sub-paragraphs (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition thereof, the Calculation Agent has not exercised the Movement Option), an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that (i) specifies the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms applicable with respect to the Instruments in accordance with the definition of "Movement Option" and (ii) is effective on or prior to the Movement Option Cut-off Date.

**"Notifying Party"** means (a) the Calculation Agent and (b) in respect of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments only, if the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring, a Holder of the Short Credit Linked W&C Instrument.

**"Notional Amount"** means, in respect of each Credit Linked Warrant or Credit Linked Certificate, as applicable, the Notional Amount per W&C Instrument specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Notional Credit Derivative Transaction"** means, with respect to any Credit Linked Warrant or Credit Linked Certificate, as applicable, a hypothetical market standard credit default swap transaction entered into by the Issuer, as Buyer (as defined in the Credit Derivatives Definitions) (in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments) and the Issuer, as Seller (as defined in the Credit Derivatives Definitions) (in the case of Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments), incorporating the terms of the Credit Derivatives Definitions and under the terms of which (a) the "Trade Date" is the Trade Date; (b) the "Scheduled Termination Date" is the Scheduled Exercise Date; (c) the "Reference Entity" thereunder is the Reference Entity for the purposes of such Instrument; (d) the "Reference Obligation" thereunder is the Reference Obligation for the purposes of such Instrument; and (e) the "Transaction Type" thereunder is the Transaction Type for the purposes of such Instrument.

**"Obligation"** means:

- (a) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly, as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in "Method for Determining Obligations" below (but excluding any Excluded Obligation);

- (b) each Reference Obligation specified (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms, unless specified as an Excluded Obligation; and
- (c) any Additional Obligation of a Reference Entity specified as such (or deemed to be specified) in the applicable Final Terms;

(A) **Method for Determining "Obligations"**. For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this definition of "Obligation", the term "Obligation" may be defined as each obligation of each Reference Entity described by the Obligation Category specified in the applicable Final Terms, and having each of the Obligation Characteristics (if any) specified in the applicable Final Terms, in each case, immediately prior to the Credit Event which is the subject of either the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Question resulting in the occurrence of the Credit Event Resolution Request Date, as applicable. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"Obligation Category"** means Payment, Borrowed Money, Reference Obligation Only, Bond, Loan, or Bond or Loan, only one of which shall be specified in the applicable Final Terms, where:
  - (i) **"Payment"** means any obligation (whether present or future, contingent or otherwise) for the payment or repayment of money, including, without limitation, Borrowed Money;
  - (ii) **"Borrowed Money"** means any obligation (excluding an obligation under a revolving credit arrangement for which there are no outstanding unpaid drawings in respect of principal) for the payment or repayment of borrowed money (which term shall include, without limitation, deposits and reimbursement obligations arising from drawings pursuant to letters of credit);
  - (iii) **"Reference Obligation Only"** means any obligation that is a Reference Obligation and no Obligation Characteristics shall be applicable to Reference Obligation Only;
  - (iv) **"Bond"** means any obligation of a type included in the "Borrowed Money" Obligation Category that is in the form of, or represented by, a bond, note (other than notes delivered pursuant to Loans), certificated debt security or other debt security and shall not include any other type of Borrowed Money;
  - (v) **"Loan"** means any obligation of a type included in the "Borrowed Money" Obligation Category that is documented by a term loan agreement, revolving loan agreement or other similar credit agreement and shall not include any other type of Borrowed Money; and
  - (vi) **"Bond or Loan"** means any obligation that is either a Bond or a Loan;
- (b) **"Obligation Characteristics"** means any one or more of Not Subordinated, Specified Currency, Not Sovereign Lender, Not Domestic Currency, Not Domestic Law, Listed and Not Domestic Issuance as specified in the applicable Final Terms, where:
  - (i) **"Not Subordinated"** means an obligation that is not Subordinated to (I) the Reference Obligation or (II) the Prior Reference Obligation, if applicable.
  - (ii) **"Subordination"** means, with respect to an obligation (the **"Second Obligation"**) and another obligation of the Reference Entity to which such obligation is being compared (the **"First**

**Obligation**"), a contractual, trust or other similar arrangement providing that (I) upon the liquidation, dissolution, reorganisation or winding-up of the Reference Entity, claims of the holders of the First Obligation are required to be satisfied prior to the claims of the holders of the Second Obligation or (II) the holders of the Second Obligation will not be entitled to receive or retain principal payments in respect of their claims against the Reference Entity at any time that the Reference Entity is in payment arrears or is otherwise in default under the First Obligation. "Subordinated" will be construed accordingly. For purposes of determining whether Subordination exists or whether an obligation is Subordinated with respect to another obligation to which it is being compared, (x) the existence of preferred creditors arising by operation of law or of collateral, credit support or other credit enhancement or security arrangements shall not be taken into account, except that, notwithstanding the foregoing, priorities arising by operation of law shall be taken into account where the Reference Entity is a Sovereign and (y) in the case of the Reference Obligation or the Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, the ranking in priority of payment shall be determined as of the date as of which it was issued or incurred (or in circumstances where the Reference Obligation or a Prior Reference Obligation is the Standard Reference Obligation and "Standard Reference Obligation" is applicable, then the priority of payment of the Reference Obligation or the Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, shall be determined as of the date of selection) and, in each case, shall not reflect any change to such ranking in priority of payment after such date.

- (iii) **"Specified Currency"** means an obligation that is payable in the currency or currencies specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if Specified Currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms and no currency is so specified, any Standard Specified Currency), provided that if the euro is a Specified Currency, "Specified Currency" shall also include an obligation that was previously payable in the euro, regardless of any redenomination thereafter if such redenomination occurred as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority.
- (iv) **"Not Sovereign Lender"** means any obligation that is not primarily owed to (A) a Sovereign (B) any entity or organisation established by treaty or other arrangement between two or more Sovereigns including, without limitation to the foregoing, the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which shall include, without limitation, obligations generally referred to as "Paris Club debt".
- (v) **"Not Domestic Currency"** means any obligation that is **payable** in any currency other than the Domestic Currency, provided that a Standard Specified Currency shall not constitute a Domestic Currency.
- (vi) **"Not Domestic Law"** means any obligation that is not governed by the applicable Domestic Law, provided that the laws of England and the laws of the State of New York shall not constitute a Domestic Law.

- (vii) **"Listed"** means an obligation that is quoted, listed or ordinarily purchased and sold on an exchange.
- (viii) **"Not Domestic Issuance"** means any obligation other than an obligation that was issued (or reissued, as the case may be) or intended to be offered for sale primarily in the domestic market of the Reference Entity. Any obligation that is registered or, as a result of some other action having been taken for such purpose, is qualified for sale outside the domestic market of the Reference Entity (regardless of whether such obligation is also registered or qualified for sale within the domestic market of the Reference Entity) shall be deemed not to be issued (or reissued, as the case may be), or intended to be offered for sale primarily in the domestic market of the Reference Entity.

**(B) Interpretation of Provisions**

- (1) if either of the Obligation Characteristics "Listed" or "Not Domestic Issuance" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall be construed as though such Obligation Characteristic had been specified as an Obligation Characteristic only with respect to Bonds and shall only be relevant if Bonds are covered by the selected Obligation Category.
- (2) if an Obligation is a Relevant Guarantee, the following will apply:
  - (a) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Category, the Relevant Guarantee shall be deemed to satisfy the same category or categories as those that describe the Underlying Obligation;
  - (b) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics, both the Relevant Guarantee and the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Not Subordinated", "Specified Currency", "Not Sovereign Lender", "Not Domestic Currency" and "Not Domestic Law";
  - (c) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics, only the Underlying Obligation must satisfy on the relevant date or dates each of the applicable Obligation Characteristics, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms from the following list: "Listed", "Not Domestic Issuance", "Assignable Loan", "Consent Required Loan", "Direct Loan Participation", "Transferable", "Maximum Maturity", "Accelerated" or "Matured" and "Not Bearer"; and
  - (d) For purposes of the application of the Obligation Characteristics to an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor.
- (3) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" and "Governmental Intervention" are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, if an obligation would otherwise satisfy a particular Obligation Characteristic, the existence of any terms in the relevant obligation in effect at the time of making the determination which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, shall not cause such obligation to fail to satisfy such Obligation Characteristic.

**"Obligation Acceleration"** means one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement have become due and payable before they would otherwise have



been due and payable as a result of, or on the basis of, the occurrence of a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (however described), other than a failure to make any required payment, in respect of a Reference Entity under one or more Obligations.

**"Obligation Currency"** means the currency or currencies in which the Obligation is denominated.

**"Obligation Default"** means one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement have become capable of being declared due and payable before they would otherwise have been due and payable as a result of, or on the basis of, the occurrence of a default, event of default, or other similar condition or event (however described), other than a failure to make any required payment, in respect of a Reference Entity under one or more Obligations.

**"Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation"** means the obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee) which is specified as the Reference Obligation with respect to the Reference Entity (if any is so specified) provided that if an obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity, such obligation will not constitute a valid Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation (other than for the purposes of determining the Seniority Level and for the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic) unless: (a) specified otherwise in the applicable Final Terms; or (b) the relevant Instruments constitute a Reference Obligation Only Trade.

**"Outstanding Principal Balance"** of an obligation will be calculated as follows:

- (a) first, by determining, in respect of the obligation, the amount of the Reference Entity's principal payment obligations and, where "Include Accrued Interest" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms (or where neither "Include Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Calculation Agent determines that the then current market practice is to include accrued interest), the Reference Entity's accrued but unpaid interest payment obligations (which, in the case of a Guarantee will be the lower of (A) the Outstanding Principal Balance (including accrued but unpaid interest, where applicable) of the Underlying Obligation (determined as if references to the Reference Entity were references to the Underlying Obligor) and (B) the amount of the Fixed Cap, if any);
- (b) second, by subtracting all or any portion of such amount which, pursuant to the terms of the obligation, (A) is subject to any Prohibited Action, or (B) may otherwise be reduced as a result of the effluxion of time or the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than by way of (I) payment or (II) a Permitted Contingency) (the amount determined in sub-paragraph (a) less any amounts subtracted in accordance with this sub-paragraph (b), the **"Non-Contingent Amount"**); and
- (c) third, by determining the Quantum of the Claim, which shall then constitute the Outstanding Principal Balance,

in each case, determined:

- (A) unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the terms of the obligation in effect on either (I) the NOPS Effective Date (or if the terms of the obligation are amended after such date but on or prior to the Delivery Date, the Delivery Date), or (II) the Valuation Date, as applicable; and
- (B) with respect to the Quantum of the Claim only, in accordance with any applicable laws (insofar as such laws reduce or discount the size of the claim to reflect the original issue price or accrued value of the obligation).

Where: **"Quantum of the Claim"** means the lowest amount of the claim which could be validly asserted against the Reference Entity in respect of the Non-Contingent Amount if the obligation had become redeemable, been accelerated, terminated or had

otherwise become due and payable at the time of the relevant determination, provided that the Quantum of the Claim cannot exceed the Non-Contingent Amount.

**"Package Observable Bond"** means, in respect of a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign, any obligation (a) which is identified as such and published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) from time to time (or any successor website thereto) or by a third party designated by ISDA on its website from time to time and (b) which fell within the definition of Deliverable Obligation set out in sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) of the definition thereof, in each case, immediately preceding the date on which the relevant Asset Package Credit Event was legally effective.

**"Parallel Auction"** means "Auction" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Parallel Auction Cancellation Date"** means "Auction Cancellation Date" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Parallel Auction Settlement Terms"** means following the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring, any Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms published by ISDA with respect to such M(M)R Restructuring, and for which the Deliverable Obligation Terms for the purposes of such Auction are the same as the Deliverable Obligation Provisions applicable to the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction and for which such Notional Credit Derivative Transaction would not be an Auction Covered Transaction.

**"Parallel Notice of Physical Settlement Date"** means "Notice of Physical Settlement Date" as defined in the relevant Parallel Auction Settlement Terms.

**"Payment Requirement"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency or, if a Payment Requirement is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, U.S.\$1,000,000, or its equivalent as calculated by the Calculation Agent in the relevant Obligation Currency, in either case, as of the occurrence of the relevant Failure to Pay or Potential Failure to Pay, as applicable.

**"Permissible Deliverable Obligations"** has the meaning set forth in the relevant Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms, being either all or the portion of the Deliverable Obligations included on the Final List pursuant to the Deliverable Obligation Terms that are applicable to the relevant Auction.

**"Permitted Contingency"** means, with respect to an obligation, any reduction to the Reference Entity's payment obligations:

- (a) as a result of the application of:
  - (i) any provisions allowing a transfer, pursuant to which another party may assume all of the payment obligations of the Reference Entity;
  - (ii) provisions implementing the Subordination of the obligation;
  - (iii) provisions allowing for a Permitted Transfer in the case of a Qualifying Guarantee (or provisions allowing for the release of the Reference Entity from its payment obligations in the case of any other Guarantee);
  - (iv) any Solvency Capital Provisions, if "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; or
  - (v) provisions which permit the Reference Entity's obligations to be altered, discharged, released or suspended in circumstances which would constitute a Governmental Intervention, if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; or

- (b) which is within the control of the holders of the obligation or a third party acting on their behalf such as an agent or trustee) in exercising their rights under or in respect of such obligation.

**"Permitted Transfer"** means, with respect to a Qualifying Guarantee, a transfer to and the assumption by any single transferee of such Qualifying Guarantee (including by way of cancellation and execution of a new guarantee) on the same or substantially the same terms, in circumstances where there is also a transfer of all (or substantially all) of the assets of the Reference Entity to the same single transferee.

**"Physical Settlement Matrix"** means the version of the ISDA Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix, as most recently amended or supplemented as at the Trade Date (unless otherwise specified in relation to a Reference Entity) and as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) (or any successor website thereto), provided that any reference therein to (a) "Confirmation" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms; (b) "Floating Rate Payer Calculation Amount" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Notional Amount, (c) "Section 1.32 of the Definitions" shall be deemed to be a reference to "Credit Event Notice", (d) "Section 1.33" shall be deemed to be a reference to Credit Linked W&C Condition 11 and (e) "Section 8.19" shall be deemed to be a reference to "Physical Settlement Period".

**"Physical Settlement Period"** means the number of Business Days specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if a number of Business Days is not so specified, then, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation comprising the Entitlement, the longest number of Business Days for settlement in accordance with then current market practice of such Deliverable Obligation, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion provided that the Physical Settlement Period shall not be less than ten Business Days (unless otherwise notified by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer). If the Calculation Agent has notified the Issuer that the Issuer will endeavour to Deliver an Asset Package in lieu of a Prior Deliverable Obligation or a Package Observable Bond, the Physical Settlement Period shall be thirty Business Days

**"Post Dismissal Additional Period"** means the period from and including the date of the DC Credit Event Question Dismissal to and including the date that is fourteen calendar days thereafter (provided that the relevant Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurred on or prior to the end of the last day of the Notice Delivery Period (including prior to the Issue Date)).

**"Potential Failure to Pay"** means the failure by a Reference Entity to make, when and where due, any payments in an aggregate amount of not less than the Payment Requirement under one or more Obligations in accordance with the terms of such Obligations at the time of such failure, without regard to any grace period or any conditions precedent to the commencement of any grace period applicable to such Obligations.

**"Potential Repudiation/Moratorium"** means the occurrence of an event described in paragraph (a) of the definition of Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Prior Deliverable Obligation"** means:

- (a) if a Governmental Intervention has occurred (whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement), any obligation of the Reference Entity which (i) existed immediately prior to such Governmental Intervention, (ii) was the subject of such Governmental Intervention and (iii) fell within the definition of Deliverable Obligation set out in subparagraphs (a) or (b) of the definition thereof, in each case, immediately preceding the date on which such Governmental Intervention was legally effective; or
- (b) if a Restructuring which does not constitute a Governmental Intervention has occurred in respect of the Reference Obligation (whether or not such event is specified as the applicable Credit Event in the Credit Event Notice or the DC Credit Event Announcement), such Reference Obligation, if any.

**"Prior Reference Obligation"** means, in circumstances where there is no Reference

Obligation applicable to the Instruments, (I) the Reference Obligation most recently applicable thereto, if any, and otherwise, (II) the obligation specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Reference Obligation, if any, if such Reference Obligation was redeemed on or prior to the Trade Date and otherwise, (III) any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity.

**"Private-side Loan"** means a Loan in respect of which the documentation governing its terms is not publicly available or capable of being made public without violating a law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

**"Prohibited Action"** means any counterclaim, defence (other than a counterclaim or defence based on the factors set forth in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of Credit Event) or right of set-off by or of the Reference Entity or any applicable Underlying Obligor.

**"Public Source"** means each source of Publicly Available Information specified (or deemed specified) as such in the applicable Final Terms (or if no such source is specified in the applicable Final Terms, each of Bloomberg, Reuters, Dow Jones Newswires, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Yomiuri Shimbun, Financial Times, La Tribune, Les Echos, The Australian Financial Review and Debtwire (and successor publications), the main source(s) of business news in the country in which the Reference Entity is organised and any other internationally recognised published or electronically displayed news sources).

**"Publicly Available Information"** means information that reasonably confirms any of the facts relevant to the determination that the Credit Event or a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium, as applicable, described in a Credit Event Notice or Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice has occurred and which:

- (a) has been published in or on not less than the Specified Number of Public Sources (regardless of whether the reader or user thereof pays a fee to obtain such information);
- (b) is information received from or published by (i) a Reference Entity (or, if the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, any agency, instrumentality, ministry, department or other authority thereof acting in a governmental capacity (including, without limiting the foregoing, the central bank) of such Sovereign), or (ii) a trustee, fiscal agent, administrative agent, clearing agent, paying agent, facility agent or agent bank for an Obligation; or
- (c) is information contained in any order, decree, notice, petition or filing, however described, of or filed with a court, tribunal, exchange, regulatory authority or similar administrative, regulatory or judicial body,

provided that where any information of the type described in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) is not publicly available, it can only constitute Publicly Available Information if it can be made public without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information.

In relation to any information of the type described in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c), the party receiving such information may assume that such information has been disclosed to it without violating any law, agreement, understanding or other restriction regarding the confidentiality of such information and that the party delivering such information has not taken any action or entered into any agreement or understanding with the Reference Entity or any Affiliate of the Reference Entity that would be breached by, or would prevent, the disclosure of such information to the party receiving such information.

Without limitation, Publicly Available Information need not state:

- (i) in relation to the definition of "Downstream Affiliate", the percentage of Voting Shares owned, directly or indirectly, by the Reference Entity; and
- (ii) that such occurrence:

- (A) has met the Payment Requirement or Default Requirement;
- (B) is the result of exceeding any applicable Grace Period; or
- (C) has met the subjective criteria specified in certain Credit Events;

In relation to a Repudiation/Moratorium Credit Event, Publicly Available Information must relate to the events described in both sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee"** means a Qualifying Guarantee provided by a Reference Entity in respect of an Underlying Obligation of a Downstream Affiliate of that Reference Entity.

**"Qualifying Guarantee"** means a guarantee evidenced by a written instrument (which may include a statute or regulation), pursuant to which the Reference Entity irrevocably agrees, undertakes, or is otherwise obliged to pay all amounts of principal and interest (except for amounts which are not covered due to the existence of a Fixed Cap) due under an Underlying Obligation for which the Underlying Obligor is the obligor, by guarantee of payment and not by guarantee of collection (or, in either case, any legal arrangement which is equivalent thereto in form under the relevant governing law).

A Qualifying Guarantee shall not include any guarantee:

- (a) which is structured as a surety bond, financial guarantee insurance policy or letter of credit (or any legal arrangement which is equivalent thereto in form); or
- (b) pursuant to the terms applicable thereto, the principal payment obligations of the Reference Entity can be discharged, released, reduced, assigned or otherwise altered as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance, in each case, other than:
  - (i) by payment;
  - (ii) by way of Permitted Transfer;
  - (iii) by operation of law;
  - (iv) due to the existence of a Fixed Cap; or
  - (v) due to:
    - (A) provisions permitting or anticipating a Governmental Intervention, if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms; or
    - (B) any Solvency Capital Provisions, if "Subordinated European Insurance Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

If the guarantee or Underlying Obligation contains provisions relating to the discharge, release, reduction, assignment or other alteration of the principal payment obligations of the Reference Entity and such provisions have ceased to apply or are suspended at the time of the relevant determination, in accordance with the terms of such guarantee or Underlying Obligation, due to or following the occurrence of (I) a non-payment in respect of the guarantee or the Underlying Obligation, or (II) an event of the type described in the definition of "Bankruptcy" in respect of the Reference Entity or the Underlying Obligor, then it shall be deemed for these purposes that such cessation or suspension is permanent, notwithstanding the terms of the guarantee or Underlying Obligation.

In order for a guarantee to constitute a Qualifying Guarantee:

- (x) the benefit of such guarantee must be capable of being Delivered together with the Delivery of the Underlying Obligation; and

- (y) if a guarantee contains a Fixed Cap, all claims to any amounts which are subject to such Fixed Cap must be capable of being Delivered together with the Delivery of such guarantee.

**"Qualifying Participation Seller"** means any participation seller that meets the requirements specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no such requirements are specified, there shall be no Qualifying Participation Seller.

**"Quotation"** means each Full Quotation and the Weighted Average Quotation obtained and expressed as a percentage with respect to a Valuation Date in the manner that follows:

- (a) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations with respect to each Valuation Date from five or more Quotation Dealers. If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more such Full Quotations on the same Business Day within three Business Days of a Valuation Date, then on the next following Business Day (and, if necessary, on each Business Day thereafter until the tenth Business Day following the relevant Valuation Date) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers and, if two or more Full Quotations are not available, a Weighted Average Quotation.
- (b) If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the applicable Valuation Date, the Quotations shall be deemed to be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day. If no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations for the Reference Obligation obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations were not obtained on such day.
- (c)
  - (i) if "Include Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, such Quotations shall include accrued but unpaid interest;
  - (ii) if "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, such Quotations shall not include accrued but unpaid interest; and
  - (iii) if neither "Include Accrued Interest" nor "Exclude Accrued Interest" is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of Quotations, the Calculation Agent shall determine, based on the then current market practice in the market of the Reference Obligation, whether such Quotations shall include or exclude accrued but unpaid interest. All Quotations shall be obtained in accordance with this specification or determination.

**"Quotation Amount"** means the amount specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (which may be specified by reference to an amount in a currency or by reference to a Representative Amount) or, if no amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Aggregate Notional Amount (or, in either case, its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency converted by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner by reference to exchange rates in effect at the time that the relevant Quotation is being obtained).

**"Quotation Dealer"** means a dealer in obligations of the type of Obligation(s) for which Quotations are to be obtained including each Quotation Dealer specified in the applicable Final Terms. If no Quotation Dealers are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall select the Quotation Dealers in its sole and absolute discretion. Upon a Quotation Dealer no longer being in existence (with no successors), or not being an active dealer in the obligations of the type for which Quotations are to be obtained, the Calculation Agent may substitute any other Quotation Dealer(s) for such Quotation Dealer(s). For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Agent and/or any of its affiliates may be selected as a Quotation Dealer.

**"Quotation Method"** means the applicable Quotation Method specified in the applicable Final Terms by reference to one of the following terms:

- (a) **"Bid"** means that only bid quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers;
- (b) **"Offer"** means that only offer quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers; or
- (c) **"Mid-market"** means that bid and offer quotations shall be requested from Quotation Dealers and shall be averaged for the purposes of determining a relevant Quotation Dealer's quotation.

If a Quotation Method is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, Bid shall apply.

**"Reference Entity"** or **"Reference Entities"** means the reference entity or entities described as such in the applicable Final Terms. Any Successor to a Reference Entity either (a) identified by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the definition of "Successor" on or following the Trade Date or (b) identified pursuant to a DC Resolution in respect of a Successor Resolution Request Date and publicly announced by the DC Secretary on or following the Trade Date shall, in each case, with effect from the Succession Date, be the Reference Entity for the purposes of the relevant Instruments (provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Successor identified pursuant to a DC Resolution in respect of a Successor Resolution Request Date and publicly announced by the DC Secretary shall not be the Reference Entity for the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to such Instruments).

**"Reference Obligation"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity, the Standard Reference Obligation, if any, unless:

- (a) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as not applicable with respect to the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, in which case the Reference Obligation will be the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, if any; or
- (b) (i) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as applicable with respect to the Reference Entity (or no election is specified with respect to the Reference Entity), (ii) there is no Standard Reference Obligation and (iii) a Non-Standard Reference Obligation is specified with respect to the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, in which case the Reference Obligation will be (A) the Non-Standard Reference Obligation to but excluding the first date of publication of the Standard Reference Obligation and (B) the Standard Reference Obligation from such date onwards, provided that the Standard Reference Obligation that is published would have been eligible to be selected as a Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Reference Obligation Only Exercise Date"** means any day from and including the Substitution Event Date in respect of the event set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Substitution Event as specified in a Reference Obligation Only Redemption Notice.

**"Reference Obligation Only Trade"** will be applicable with respect to the Instruments if (a) "Reference Obligation Only" is specified as the Obligation Category and the Deliverable Obligation Category in the applicable Final Terms and (b) "Standard Reference Obligation" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

Notwithstanding the definition of Substitute Reference Obligation: (i) no Substitute Reference Obligation shall be determined in respect of a Reference Obligation Only Trade and (ii) if the events set out in sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) of the definition of Substitution Event occur with respect to the Reference Obligation in a Reference Obligation Only Trade, such Reference Obligation shall continue to be the Reference Obligation.

**"Relevant City Business Days"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules.

**"Relevant Guarantee"** means a Qualifying Affiliate Guarantee or, if "All Guarantees" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Qualifying Guarantee.

**"Relevant Holder"** means a holder of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, as the case may be, with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, immediately prior to the relevant Asset Package Credit Event, equal to the Outstanding Amount specified in respect of such Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond in the Notice of Physical Settlement, or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable.

**"Relevant Obligations"** means the Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan" and which are outstanding immediately prior to the Succession Date (or, if there is a Steps Plan, immediately prior to the legally effective date of the first succession), provided that:

- (a) any Bonds or Loans outstanding between the Reference Entity and any of its Affiliates, or held by the Reference Entity, shall be excluded;
- (b) if there is a Steps Plan, the Calculation Agent shall, for purposes of the determination required to be made pursuant to the definition of Successor and Credit Linked W&C Condition 13 (*Successors*), make the appropriate adjustments required to take account of any Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan" that are issued, incurred, redeemed, repurchased or cancelled from and including the legally effective date of the first succession to and including the Succession Date;
- (c) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Instruments are a Senior Transaction, the Relevant Obligations shall only include the Senior Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan"; and
- (d) if "Financial Reference Entity Terms" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and the Instruments are deemed to be a Subordinated Transaction, Relevant Obligations shall exclude Senior Obligations and any Further Subordinated Obligations of the Reference Entity which fall within the Obligation Category "Bond or Loan", provided that if no such Relevant Obligations exist, "Relevant Obligations" shall have the same meaning as it would if the Instruments were a Senior Transaction.

**"Replacement Deliverable Obligation"** has the meaning set out in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5.

**"Replacement Reference Entity"** means an entity identified by the Calculation Agent which is the "Replacement Reference Entity" under the relevant Hedge Transaction and/or:

- (a) that is in the same industry classification group as the Surviving Reference Entity as determined by the Calculation Agent with reference to the industry classification groups as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC or any successors thereto or any other rating agency as the Calculation Agent shall determine;
- (b) that has a bid-side credit spread (at the time the Calculation Agent identifies such entity) no greater than 110 per cent. or (as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the relevant Surviving Reference Entity at the same time (the **"Credit Spread Requirement"**), in each case based on a credit default swap:
  - (i) on market standard terms for the relevant entity as at the time of such determination;
  - (ii) in respect of a floating rate payer calculation amount equal to at least 50 per cent but not more than 100 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the W&C Instruments; and
  - (iii) with a term equal to the period from and including the date of determination to and including the Scheduled Termination Date (the **"Remaining Term"**), provided that the Calculation Agent, having used reasonable endeavours, cannot



obtain quotations from at least three Quotation Dealers, in respect of the Remaining Term, the term for the purposes of this paragraph (iii) shall be five years,

The bid-side credit spreads for the purpose of the Credit Spread Requirement shall be the unweighted arithmetic mean of the spread quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent from at least three Quotation Dealers, as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner;

- (c) that is principally traded in the credit derivative market in respect of the same geographical region as the relevant Surviving Reference Entity, as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner; and
- (d) that is not an Affiliate of any other Reference Entity under the Instruments, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent both immediately prior to and following the relevant Succession Event.

**"Representative Amount"** means an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market and at the relevant time, such amount to be determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium"** means the occurrence of both of the following events:

- (a) an authorised officer of the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority:
  - (i) disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of, one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement; or
  - (ii) declares or imposes a moratorium, standstill, roll-over or deferral, whether *de facto* or *de jure*, with respect to one or more Obligations in an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement; and
- (b) a Failure to Pay, determined without regard to the Payment Requirement, or a Restructuring, determined without regard to the Default Requirement, with respect to any such Obligation occurs on or prior to the Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Evaluation Date"** means, if a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium occurs on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date:

- (a) if the Obligations to which such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium relates include Bonds, the date that is the later of:
  - (i) the date that is 60 days after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium; and
  - (ii) the first payment date under any such Bond after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium (or, if later, the expiration date of any applicable Grace Period in respect of such payment date); and
- (b) if the Obligations to which such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium relates do not include Bonds, the date that is 60 days after the date of such Potential Repudiation/Moratorium.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition"** is satisfied (a) if the DC Secretary publicly announces, pursuant to a valid request that was delivered and effectively received on or prior to the date that is 15 Business Days after the Scheduled Exercise Date, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that an event that constitutes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium for the purposes of the Instruments has occurred with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity and that such event occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date (and provided that, if "Calculation Agent

Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition shall not be satisfied unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the Instruments) or (b) otherwise, in the case of Long Credit Linked W&C Instruments only, by the delivery by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer of (x) a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice and, unless "Notice of Publicly Available Information" is specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms, a Notice of Publicly Available Information that are each effective on or prior to the date that is 15 Business Days after the Scheduled Exercise Date; or (y) an Extension Notice giving notice of the circumstances set out in sub-paragraph (d) of the definition thereof on or prior to the Actual Exercise Date.

In all cases, the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Condition will be deemed either not to have been satisfied, or not capable of being satisfied, if, or to the extent that, the DC Secretary publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that either (A) an event does not constitute a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity or (B) an event that constitutes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred with respect to an Obligation of the Reference Entity but that such event occurred after the Scheduled Exercise Date, provided that, if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, such announcement by the DC Secretary shall be deemed not to have been made (and the Instruments shall be construed accordingly) unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such announcement shall apply to the Instruments.

**"Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that describes a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium that occurred on or prior to the Scheduled Exercise Date. A Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination that a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred and indicate the date of the occurrence. The Potential Repudiation/Moratorium that is the subject of the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice need not be continuing on the date the Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice is effective.

**"Resolve"** has the meaning given to that term in the DC Rules, and "Resolved" and "Resolves" shall be construed accordingly.

**"Restructured Bond or Loan"** means an Obligation which is a Bond or Loan and in respect of which the relevant Restructuring has occurred.

**"Restructuring"**

- (a) "Restructuring" means that, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, any one or more of the following events occurs in a form that binds all holders of such Obligation, is agreed between the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority and a sufficient number of holders of the Obligation to bind all the holders of such Obligation or is announced (or otherwise decreed) by the Reference Entity or a Governmental Authority in a form that binds all holders of such Obligation (including, in each case, in respect of Bonds only, by way of an exchange), and such event is not expressly provided for under the terms of such Obligation in effect as of the later of the Credit Event Backstop Date and the date as of which such Obligation is issued or incurred:
  - (i) a reduction in the rate or amount of interest payable or the amount of scheduled interest accruals (including by way of redenomination);
  - (ii) a reduction in the amount of principal or premium payable at redemption (including by way of redenomination);
  - (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (A) the payment or accrual of interest or (B) the payment of principal or premium;
  - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of any Obligation, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation; or

- (v) any change in the currency of any payment of interest, principal or premium to any currency other than the lawful currency of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole).
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above, none of the following shall constitute a Restructuring:
  - (i) the payment in euros of interest, principal or premium in relation to an Obligation denominated in a currency of a Member State of the European Union that adopts or has adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time;
  - (ii) the redenomination from euros into another currency, if (A) the redenomination occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority and (B) a freely available market rate of conversion between euros and such other currency existed at the time of such redenomination and there is no reduction in the rate or amount of interest, principal or premium payable, as determined by reference to such freely available market rate of conversion;
  - (iii) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) above due to an administrative adjustment, accounting adjustment or tax adjustment or other technical adjustment occurring in the ordinary course of business; and
  - (iv) the occurrence of, agreement to or announcement of any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) above in circumstances where such event does not directly or indirectly result from a deterioration in the creditworthiness or financial condition of the Reference Entity, provided that in respect of sub-paragraph (a)(v) above only, no such deterioration in the creditworthiness or financial condition of the Reference Entity is required where the redenomination is from euros into another currency and occurs as a result of action taken by a Governmental Authority of a Member State of the European Union which is of general application in the jurisdiction of such Governmental Authority.
- (c) For the purposes of the definition of Restructuring and Credit Linked W&C Condition 15, the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Underlying Obligations for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Guarantee. In the case of a Guarantee and an Underlying Obligation, references to the Reference Entity in the sub-paragraph (a) above shall be deemed to refer to the Underlying Obligor and the reference to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (b) above shall continue to refer to the Reference Entity.
- (d) If an exchange has occurred, the determination as to whether one of the events described under sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) has occurred will be based on a comparison of the terms of the Bond immediately prior to such exchange and the terms of the resulting obligations immediately following such exchange.

**"Restructuring Date"** means, with respect to a Restructured Bond or Loan, the date on which a Restructuring is legally effective in accordance with the terms of the documentation governing such Restructuring.

**"Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date"** means, with respect to a Deliverable Obligation, the Limitation Date occurring on or immediately following the Scheduled Exercise Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the final maturity date of the Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan occurs prior to the 2.5-year Limitation Date and the Scheduled Exercise Date occurs prior to the final maturity date of such Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan, then

the Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date will be the final maturity date of such Latest Maturity Restructured Bond or Loan.

**"Revised Currency Rate"** means, with respect to a Replacement Deliverable Obligation specified in a NOPS Amendment Notice, the rate of conversion between the currency in which the Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount is denominated and the currency in which the Outstanding Amount of such Replacement Deliverable Obligation is denominated that is determined either (a) by reference to the Currency Rate Source as at the Next Currency Fixing Time, or (b) if such rate is not available at such time, as the Calculation Agent shall determine in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Scheduled Exercise Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no date is so specified, the Actual Exercise Date.

**"Senior Obligation"** means any obligation which is not Subordinated to any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity.

**"Senior Transaction"** means a series of Instruments for which (a) the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Senior Obligation, or (b) there is no Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation.

**"Seniority Level"** means, with respect to an obligation of the Reference Entity, (a) "Senior Level" or "Subordinated Level" as specified in the applicable Final Terms, or (b) if no such seniority level is specified in the applicable Final Terms, "Senior Level" if the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation is a Senior Obligation or "Subordinated Level" if the Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation is a Subordinated Obligation, failing which (c) "Senior Level".

**"Settlement Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if no currency is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency of the Credit Linked W&C Instruments.

**"Settlement Method"** means the settlement method specified (or deemed specified) in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Short Exercise Date"** means the Actual Exercise Date; provided that

- (a) if a Credit Event Resolution Request Date has occurred on or prior to the expiry of the Notice Delivery Period, the Short Exercise Date shall be (x) the date falling 15 Business Days (or such other date as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the later to occur of: (A) the related DC No Credit Event Announcement; or (B) the related DC Credit Event Question Dismissal; or (y) if a DC Credit Event Announcement occurs, the Auction Settlement Date or Credit Event Redemption Date, as applicable; and
- (b) if "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, sub-paragraph (a) shall not apply to the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that such DC Resolution shall apply to the relevant Short Credit Linked W&C Instruments.

**"Short Movement Option Condition"** means that the relevant Credit Event is an M(M)R Restructuring with respect to which a No Auction Announcement Date has occurred pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) or (c)(ii) of the definition of No Auction Announcement Date.

**"Short Parallel Auction Settlement Terms"** means, where the Short Movement Option Condition is satisfied, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms, if any, selected by the Issuer for the purposes of which the Deliverable Obligations under the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms are more limited than the Deliverable Obligations under the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms (provided that if more than one such set of Parallel Auction Settlement Terms are published, the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms specifying the greatest number of Permissible Deliverable Obligations (as defined in the Credit Derivatives Definitions) shall apply and provided further that the Issuer may apply the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms for

purposes of which all Deliverable Obligations on the Final List (as defined in the DC Rules) will be Permissible Deliverable Obligations (as defined in the Credit Derivatives Definitions) if the Parallel Auction Settlement Terms so elected apply to one or more Hedge Transactions in respect of the relevant Instruments).

**"Solvency Capital Provisions"** means any terms in an obligation which permit the Reference Entity's payment obligations thereunder to be deferred, suspended, cancelled, converted, reduced or otherwise varied and which are necessary in order for the obligation to constitute capital resources of a particular tier.

**"Sovereign"** means any state, political subdivision or government, or any agency, instrumentality, ministry, department or other authority acting in a governmental capacity (including without limiting the foregoing, the central bank) thereof.

**"Sovereign Restructured Deliverable Obligation"** means an Obligation of a Reference Entity which is a Sovereign (either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee) (a) in respect of which a Restructuring that is the subject of the relevant Credit Event Notice or DC Credit Event Announcement has occurred and (b) which fell within the definition of a Deliverable Obligation set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition thereof immediately preceding the date on which such Restructuring is legally effective in accordance with the terms of the documentation governing such Restructuring.

**"Sovereign Succession Event"** means, with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, an annexation, unification, secession, partition, dissolution, consolidation, reconstitution or other similar event.

**"Specified Number"** means the number of Public Source(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if no number is specified in the applicable Final Terms, two, provided that where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the "Specified Number" shall be one.

**"SRO List"** means the list of Standard Reference Obligations as published by ISDA on its website at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org) from time to time (or any successor website thereto) or by a third party designated by ISDA on its website from time to time.

**"Standard Reference Obligation"** means the obligation of the Reference Entity with the relevant Seniority Level which is specified from time to time on the SRO List.

If the Standard Reference Obligation is removed from the SRO List, such obligation shall cease to be the Reference Obligation (other than for purposes of the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic) and there shall be no Reference Obligation unless and until such obligation is subsequently replaced on the SRO List, in which case, the new Standard Reference Obligation in respect of the Reference Entity shall constitute the Reference Obligation.

**"Standard Specified Currencies"** means each of the lawful currencies of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole).

**"Subordinated Obligation"** means any obligation which is Subordinated to any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity or which would be so Subordinated if any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity existed.

**"Subordinated Transaction"** means a series of Instruments for which the Reference Obligation or Prior Reference Obligation, as applicable, is a Subordinated Obligation.

**"Substitute Reference Obligation"** means, with respect to a Non-Standard Reference Obligation to which a Substitution Event has occurred, the obligation that will replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (a) The Calculation Agent shall identify the Substitute Reference Obligation in accordance with sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) below to replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation; provided that the Calculation Agent will not identify an obligation as the Substitute Reference Obligation if, at the time of the determination, such obligation has already been rejected as the Substitute Reference Obligation by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee and such obligation has not changed materially since the date of the relevant DC Resolution.
- (b) If any of the events set forth under sub-paragraphs (a) or (c) of the definition of Substitution Event have occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation will cease to be the Reference Obligation (other than for purposes of the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or "Not Subordinated" Deliverable Obligation Characteristic and sub-paragraph (c)(ii) below). If the event set forth in sub-paragraph (b) of the definition of Substitution Event has occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation and no Substitute Reference Obligation is available, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation will continue to be the Reference Obligation until the Substitute Reference Obligation is identified or, if earlier, until any of the events set forth under sub-paragraphs (i) or (iii) of the definition of Substitution Event occur with respect to such Non-Standard Reference Obligation.
- (c) The Substitute Reference Obligation shall be an obligation that on the Substitution Date:
  - (i) is a Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee);
  - (ii) satisfies the Not Subordinated Deliverable Obligation Characteristic as of the date it was issued or incurred (without reflecting any change to the priority of payment after such date) and on the Substitution Date; and
  - (iii) (A) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Conforming Reference Obligation when issued or incurred and immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
    - (I) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
    - (II) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation;
  - (B) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Bond (or any other Borrowed Money obligation other than a Loan) which was a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation when issued or incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
    - (I) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation (other than a Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
    - (II) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
    - (III) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation which is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
    - (IV) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or

- (C) if the Non-Standard Reference Obligation was a Loan which was a Non-Conforming Reference Obligation when incurred and/or immediately prior to the Substitution Event Date:
  - (I) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation which is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
  - (II) is a Non-Conforming Substitute Reference Obligation (other than a Loan); or if no such obligation is available,
  - (III) is a Deliverable Obligation (other than a Loan) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation; or if no such obligation is available,
  - (IV) is a Loan (other than a Private-side Loan) which constitutes a Deliverable Obligation determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Deliverable Obligation.
- (d) If more than one potential Substitute Reference Obligation is identified pursuant to the process described in sub-paragraph (c) above, the Substitute Reference Obligation will be the potential Substitute Reference Obligation that most closely preserves the economic equivalent of the delivery and payment obligations of the Issuer under the Instruments, as determined by the Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent will notify the Issuer of the Substitute Reference Obligation as soon as reasonably practicable after it has been identified in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) above and the Substitute Reference Obligation shall replace the Non-Standard Reference Obligation immediately upon such notification.
- (e) If a Substitution Event has occurred with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation and the Calculation Agent determines that no Substitute Reference Obligation is available for the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, then, subject to sub-paragraph (a) above and notwithstanding the fact that the Non-Standard Reference Obligation may have ceased to be the Reference Obligation in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above, the Calculation Agent shall continue to attempt to identify the Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Substitute Reference Obligation Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve a Substitute Reference Obligation to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which such notice is effective.

**"Substitution Date"** means, with respect to a Substitute Reference Obligation, the date on which the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer of the Substitute Reference Obligation that it has identified in accordance with the definition of Substitute Reference Obligation.

**"Substitution Event"** means, with respect to the Non-Standard Reference Obligation:

- (a) the Non-Standard Reference Obligation is redeemed in whole;
- (b) the aggregate amounts due under the Non-Standard Reference Obligation have been reduced by redemption or otherwise below USD 10,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent); or
- (c) for any reason, other than due to the existence or occurrence of a Credit Event, the Non-Standard Reference Obligation is no longer an obligation of the Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a guarantee).

**"Successor"** means:

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (c) below, the entity or entities, if any, determined as follows:
- (i) subject to sub-paragraph (a)(vii), if one entity succeeds, either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to 75 per cent. or more of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, that entity will be the sole Successor;
  - (ii) if only one entity succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. (but less than 75 per cent.) of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and not more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, the entity that succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations will be the sole Successor;
  - (iii) if more than one entity each succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and not more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, the entities that succeed to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations will each be a Successor, and the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 13;
  - (iv) if one or more entities each succeeds, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, and more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity remain with the Reference Entity, each such entity and the Reference Entity will each be a Successor, and the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 13;
  - (v) if one or more entities succeed, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to a portion of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, but no entity succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity and the Reference Entity continues to exist, there will be no Successor and the Reference Entity and the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, will not be changed in any way as a result of the such succession;
  - (vi) if one or more entities succeed, either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, to a portion of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, but no entity succeeds to more than 25 per cent. of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity and the Reference Entity ceases to exist, the entity which succeeds to the greatest percentage of Relevant Obligations will be the Successor (provided that if two or more entities succeed to an equal percentage of Relevant Obligations, each such entity will be a Successor and the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, will be divided in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 13); and
  - (vii) in respect of a Reference Entity which is not a Sovereign, if one entity assumes all of the obligations (including at least one Relevant Obligation) of the Reference Entity, and at the time of the determination either (A) the Reference Entity has ceased to exist, or (B) the Reference Entity is in the process of being dissolved (howsoever described) and the Reference Entity has not issued or incurred any Borrowed Money obligation at any time since the legally effective date of the assumption, such entity (the "**Universal Successor**") will be the sole Successor.
- (b) The Calculation Agent will be responsible for determining, as soon as reasonably practicable it becomes aware thereof and, in each case, with effect from the Succession Date, any Successor or Successors under sub-paragraph (a) above; provided that if "Calculation Agent Determination" is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent will not make such determination if, at



the time of determination, the DC Secretary has publicly announced that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved that there is no Successor based on the relevant succession to Relevant Obligations.

Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (a) above, where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Successor shall be either (as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion) (A) the current obligor in respect of the Reference Obligation, (B) the successor(s) determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above, as applicable, or (C) any successor(s) identified by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee pursuant to a DC Resolution if the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that a DC Resolution in relation to a Reference Entity and a succession shall apply.

The Calculation Agent will make all calculations and determinations required to be made under this provision on the basis of Eligible Information and will notify the Issuer of any such calculation or determination as soon as practicable.

In calculating the percentages used to determine whether an entity qualifies as a Successor, if there is a Steps Plan, the Calculation Agent shall consider all related successions in respect of such Steps Plan in aggregate as if forming part of a single succession.

- (c) An entity may only be a Successor if:
  - (i) either (A) the related Succession Date occurs on or after the Successor Backstop Date, or (B) such entity is a Universal Successor in respect of which the Succession Date occurred on or after January 1, 2014;
  - (ii) the Reference Entity had at least one Relevant Obligation outstanding immediately prior to the Succession Date and such entity succeeds to all or part of at least one Relevant Obligation of the Reference Entity; and
  - (iii) where the Reference Entity is a Sovereign, such entity succeeded to the Relevant Obligations by way of a Sovereign Succession Event.
- (d) For the purposes of this definition of Successor, "**succeed**" means, with respect to a Reference Entity and its Relevant Obligations, that an entity other than such Reference Entity: (i) assumes or becomes liable for such Relevant Obligations whether by operation of law or pursuant to any agreement (including, with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, any protocol, treaty, convention, accord, concord, entente, pact or other agreement); or (ii) issues Bonds or incurs Loans (the "**Exchange Bonds or Loans**") that are exchanged for Relevant Obligations, and in either case the Reference Entity is not thereafter a direct obligor or a provider of a Relevant Guarantee with respect to such Relevant Obligations or such Exchange Bonds or Loans, as applicable. For purposes of this definition of Successor, "succeeded" and "succession" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) In the case of an exchange offer, the determination required pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above shall be made on the basis of the outstanding principal balance of Relevant Obligations exchanged and not on the basis of the outstanding principal balance of the Exchange Bonds or Loans.
- (f) If two or more entities (each, a "**Joint Potential Successor**") jointly succeed to a Relevant Obligation (the "**Joint Relevant Obligation**") either directly or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee, then (i) if the Joint Relevant Obligation was a direct obligation of the Reference Entity, it shall be treated as having been succeeded to by the Joint Potential Successor (or Joint Potential Successors, in equal parts) which succeeded to such Joint Relevant Obligation as direct obligor or obligors, or (ii) if the Joint Relevant Obligation was a Relevant Guarantee, it shall be treated as having been succeeded to by the Joint Potential Successor (or Joint Potential Successors, in equal parts) which succeeded to such Joint Relevant Obligation as guarantor or guarantors, if any, or otherwise by each Joint Potential Successor in equal parts.

(g) Where:

- (A) a Reference Obligation with respect to a Reference Entity is specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (B) one or more Successors to the Reference Entity have been identified; and
  - (C) any one or more such Successors have not assumed the Reference Obligation,
- a Substitute Reference Obligation will be determined in accordance with the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation".

**"Successor Backstop Date"** means for purposes of any Successor determination determined by DC Resolution, the date that is ninety calendar days prior to the Successor Resolution Request Date or otherwise, the date that is ninety calendar days prior to the earlier of (i) the date on which the Successor Notice is effective and (ii) in circumstances where (A) a Successor Resolution Request Date has occurred, (B) the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to make a Successor determination and (C) the Successor Notice is delivered by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer not more than fourteen calendar days after the day on which the DC Secretary publicly announces that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee has Resolved not to make a Successor determination, the Successor Resolution Request Date. The Successor Backstop Date shall not be subject to adjustment in accordance with any Business Day Convention.

**"Successor Notice"** means an irrevocable notice from the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that describes a succession (or, in relation to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign, a Sovereign Succession Event) in respect of which a Succession Date has occurred and pursuant to which one or more Successors to the Reference Entity has been determined by the Calculation Agent. A Successor Notice must contain a description in reasonable detail of the facts relevant to the determination to be made pursuant to the definition of Successor.

**"Successor Resolution Request Date"** means, with respect to a notice to the DC Secretary requesting that a Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee be convened to Resolve one or more Successors to the Reference Entity, the date, as publicly announced by the DC Secretary, that the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee Resolves to be the date on which such notice is effective.

**"Steps Plan"** means a plan evidenced by Eligible Information contemplating that there will be a series of successions to some or all of the Relevant Obligations of the Reference Entity, by one or more entities.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Transaction Auction Settlement Terms"** means either:

- (a) (if the relevant Credit Event is not a Restructuring) the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms; and
- (b) (if the relevant Credit Event is a Restructuring), the Credit Derivatives Auction Settlement Terms for which the Notional Credit Derivative Transaction would be an Auction Covered Transaction.

If multiple Transaction Auction Settlement Terms are published in relation to Senior Obligations and Subordinated Obligations of the Reference Entity, the Calculation Agent shall select the Transaction Auction Settlement Terms which are relevant for the purposes of the Instruments.

**"Transaction Type"** means in respect of a Reference Entity, the transaction type specified in respect of such Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms corresponding to the "Transaction Type" specified as such in the Physical Settlement Matrix.

**"Undeliverable Obligation"** means a Deliverable Obligation included in the Entitlement which, on the Final Delivery Date for such Deliverable Obligation, the Calculation Agent determines (in its sole discretion) for any reason (including without limitation, failure of the relevant clearance system or due to any law, regulation, court order, contractual restrictions, statutory restrictions, a Hedge Disruption Event or market conditions or the non-receipt of any requisite consents with respect to the Delivery of Loans) it is either:

- (a) impossible, illegal, impracticable or is otherwise unable to Deliver for any reason on the Final Delivery Date; or
- (b) unable or impracticable to Deliver on the Final Delivery Date because (i) the relevant Holder(s) has not taken any action that is deemed necessary by the Calculation Agent (acting in its sole discretion) to enable the Issuer to Deliver and/or for the Holder(s) to take delivery of all or a portion of the Deliverable Obligations; or (ii) the Holder(s) has failed to provide know-your-customer information, sign and deliver relevant transfer documentation and/or confidentiality agreement, pay a fee to the agent to effect the transfer and/or provide any other information or documentation or make any other payment (including any taxes) as is specified under the terms of the relevant Deliverable Obligations or as is customary to provide in respect of such Deliverable Obligations, each as may be required pursuant to the definition of "Deliver" herein.

Where Asset Package Delivery applies the Issuer may (but is not obliged to) Deliver any Asset comprising the Asset Package and any Asset which is not Delivered shall constitute an "Undeliverable Obligation" for the purposes of this definition.

**"Underlying Obligation"** means, with respect to a guarantee, the obligation which is the subject of the guarantee.

**"Underlying Obligor"** means with respect to an Underlying Obligation, the issuer in the case of a Bond, the borrower in the case of a Loan, or the principal obligor in the case of any other Underlying Obligation.

**"Unwind Costs"** means the amount specified in the applicable Final Terms or if "Standard Unwind Costs" are specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion equal to the sum of (without duplication) all costs, expenses (including, without limitation, loss of funding and break funding charges and fees), tax and duties incurred by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or agents in connection with the redemption or cancellation, as applicable, of the Instruments and the related termination, settlement or re-establishment of any hedge or related trading position (and any cost incurred by the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates and/or agents in sourcing the Deliverable Obligations delivered if the Issuer is unable to do so by way of a transaction entered into pursuant to the relevant Auction and to the extent that the same exceeds the Auction Final Price (if any) determined in relation to the relevant Reference Entity) (or which would have been so incurred had the Issuer and/or its Affiliates entered into and/or elected to unwind one or more such transactions, positions or arrangements), such amount to be apportioned pro rata amongst each Notional Amount of the Instruments.

**"Valuation Date"** means (i) where Physical Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the day falling five Business Days after the Final Delivery Date, or (ii) where Cash Settlement is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, if "Single Valuation Date" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Event Determination Date or, if the number of Business Days is not so specified, any day falling on or before the 122nd Business Day after the Event Determination Date or (following any Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date) after such Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction Announcement Date (in each case, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion), and if "Multiple Valuation Dates" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following dates:

- (a) the date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms after the Event Determination Date, Auction Cancellation Date or No Auction

Announcement Date (or, if the number of Business Days is not specified, five Business Days); and

- (b) each successive date that is the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if the number of Business Days is not so specified, five Business Days) after the date on which the Calculation Agent obtains a Market Value with respect to the immediately preceding Valuation Date.

When "Multiple Valuation Dates" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the total number of Valuation Dates shall be equal to the number of Valuation Dates specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if the number of Valuation Dates is not so specified, five Valuation Dates).

If neither Single Valuation Date nor Multiple Valuation Dates is specified in the applicable Final Terms, Single Valuation Date shall apply.

**"Valuation Method":**

- (a) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with only one Reference Obligation and only one Valuation Date:

**"Market"** means the Market Value determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date; or

**"Highest"** means the highest Quotation obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date.

- (b) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Highest.

- (c) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with only one Reference Obligation and more than one Valuation Date:

**"Average Market"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the Market Values determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to each Valuation Date; or

**"Highest"** means the highest Quotation obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to any Valuation Date; or

**"Average Highest"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the highest Quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent with respect to each Valuation Date.

- (d) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Average Highest.

- (e) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with more than one Reference Obligation and only one Valuation Date:

**"Blended Market"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the Market Value for each Reference Obligation determined by the Calculation Agent with respect to the Valuation Date; or

**"Blended Highest"** means the unweighted arithmetic mean of the highest Quotations obtained by the Calculation Agent for each Reference Obligation with respect to the Valuation Date.

- (f) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Blended Highest.

- (g) The following Valuation Methods may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for a Series with more than one Reference Obligation and more than one Valuation Date:

**"Average Blended Market"** means, using values with respect to each Valuation Date determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Blended Market Valuation

Method, the unweighted arithmetic mean of the values so determined with respect to each Valuation Date; or

**"Average Blended Highest"** means, using values with respect to each Valuation Date determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Blended Highest Valuation Method, the unweighted arithmetic mean of the values so determined with respect to each Valuation Date.

- (h) If no such Valuation Method is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Method shall be Average Blended Highest.
- (i) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (h) above, if Quotations include Weighted Average Quotations or fewer than two Full Quotations, the Valuation Method shall be Market, Average Market, Blended Market or Average Blended Market, as the case may be.

**"Valuation Time"** means the time specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or, if no time is so specified, 11.00 a.m. in the principal trading market for the Reference Obligation.

**"Voting Shares"** means the shares or other interests that have the power to elect the board of directors or similar governing body of an entity.

**"Weighted Average Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, the weighted average of firm quotations obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, each for an amount of the Reference Obligation with an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, of as large a size as available but less than the Quotation Amount (but, if a Minimum Quotation Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, of a size equal to the Minimum Quotation Amount or, if quotations of a size equal to the Minimum Quotation Amount are not available, quotations as near in size as practicable to the Minimum Quotation Amount) that in aggregate are approximately equal to the Quotation Amount.

### 3. Automatic Exercise

- (a) Unless previously exercised or purchased and cancelled by the Issuer, each Long Credit Linked W&C Instrument will be automatically exercised on the Long Exercise Date, and each such Instrument shall entitle its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such provision is made in the applicable Final Terms, the outstanding Notional Amount thereof).
- (b) Unless previously exercised or purchased and cancelled by the Issuer, each Short Credit Linked W&C Instrument will be automatically exercised on the Short Exercise Date, and each such Instrument shall entitle its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such provision is made in the applicable Final Terms, zero).

If Reference Obligation Only Trade is applicable with respect to the Instruments and the event set out in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of Substitution Event occurs with respect to the Reference Obligation, the Calculation Agent may give notice (such notice a **"Reference Obligation Only Exercise Notice"**) to the Issuer on any day from and including the applicable Substitution Event Date and the Issuer shall exercise each Credit Linked Warrant or Credit Linked Certificate, as applicable, and the Holder of each such Instrument shall receive the Cash Settlement Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms (or if no such provision is made in the applicable Final Terms (i) in respect of each Long Credit Linked W&C Instrument, the outstanding Notional Amount thereof or (ii) in respect of each Short Credit Linked W&C Instrument, zero).

### 4. Cash Settlement

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default Instruments, in relation to the

Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Cash Settlement"), the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a "**Settlement Notice**") to the Issuer and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as applicable, all of the Instruments and pay in respect of each Instrument the Credit Event Redemption Amount on the Credit Event Redemption Date.

*If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Instruments are redeemed in accordance with this Credit Linked W&C Condition 4, upon payment of the Credit Event Redemption Amount the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The Credit Event Redemption Amount may be less than the Issue Price or Notional Amount of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.*

## 5. Physical Settlement

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default Instruments, in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement" (or a Fallback Settlement Event has occurred and the Fallback Settlement Method is "Physical Settlement"), the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a "**Notice of Physical Settlement**") to the Issuer on or before the NOPS Cut-off Date and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as applicable, all of the Instruments, by Delivering (or procuring the Delivery) in respect of each Instrument the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement, subject to and in accordance with the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Credit Linked W&C Conditions (and in particular, Credit Linked W&C Condition 9).

In the Notice of Physical Settlement, the Calculation Agent shall:

- (a) specify the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver including, if available and applicable, the CUSIP or ISIN number (or, if such identifying number is not available or applicable, the rate and tenor) of each such Deliverable Obligation; and
- (b) specify the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount, as applicable, or the equivalent amount in the Settlement Currency (in each case, the "**Outstanding Amount**") and, if different, the face amount, of each such Deliverable Obligation and the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Deliverable Obligations specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement that the Issuer shall endeavour to Deliver (the "**Aggregate Outstanding Amount**").

The Calculation Agent may at any time prior to any Delivery Date by delivery of a notice to the Issuer (the "**NOPS Amendment Notice**") amend the Notice of Physical Settlement and the Issuer shall endeavour to, pursuant to such NOPS Amendment Notice, Deliver to the Holders replacement Deliverable Obligations that are different from the Deliverable Obligations originally specified (each, a "**Replacement Deliverable Obligation**"). A NOPS Amendment Notice shall contain a revised detailed description of each Replacement Deliverable Obligation and shall also specify the Outstanding Amount of each Deliverable Obligation identified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or a prior NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, that is being replaced (with respect to each such Deliverable Obligation, the "**Replaced Deliverable Obligation Outstanding Amount**"). The Outstanding Amount of the Replacement Deliverable Obligations specified in any NOPS Amendment Notice in aggregate with the Outstanding Amount of the Deliverable Obligations specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any earlier NOPS Amendment Notice which, in each case, are not being replaced must not be greater than the Aggregate Outstanding Amount. Each such NOPS Amendment Notice must be effective on or prior to the Delivery Date (determined without reference to any change resulting from such NOPS Amendment Notice).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Calculation Agent may correct any errors or inconsistencies in the detailed description of each Deliverable Obligation contained in the Notice of Physical Settlement or any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, by notice to Issuer prior to the relevant Delivery Date; and (ii) if Asset Package Delivery is applicable, the Calculation Agent shall on the NOPS Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (but in any case, prior to the Delivery Date), notify the Issuer of the detailed description of the Asset Package, if any, that the Issuer shall endeavour to deliver in lieu of the Prior Deliverable Obligation or Package Observable Bond, if any, specified in the Notice of Physical Settlement or NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, it being understood in each case that such notice of correction shall not constitute a NOPS Amendment Notice.

If (i) "Physical Settlement" is specified to be the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method), (ii) "Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (iii) Restructuring is the only Credit Event specified in a Credit Event Notice, then unless the Deliverable Obligation is a Prior Deliverable Obligation and Asset Package Delivery applies due to a Governmental Intervention, a Deliverable Obligation may only be specified (or deemed specified) in the Notice of Physical Settlement or in any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, if such Deliverable Obligation (A) is a Fully Transferable Obligation and (B) has a final maturity date not later than the applicable Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date, in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date.

If (i) "Physical Settlement" is specified to be the Settlement Method in the applicable Final Terms (or is applicable as the Fallback Settlement Method), (ii) "Mod Mod R" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and (iii) Restructuring is the only Credit Event specified in a Credit Event Notice, then unless the Deliverable Obligation is a Prior Deliverable Obligation and Asset Package Delivery applies due to a Governmental Intervention, a Deliverable Obligation may only be specified (or deemed specified) in the Notice of Physical Settlement or in any NOPS Amendment Notice, as applicable, if it (A) is a Conditionally Transferable Obligation and (B) has a final maturity date not later than the applicable Modified Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date in each case, as of both the NOPS Effective Date and the Delivery Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of this sub-paragraph, in the case of a Restructured Bond or Loan with a final maturity date on or prior to the 10-year Limitation Date, the final maturity date of such Bond or Loan shall be deemed to be the earlier of such final maturity date or the final maturity date of such Bond or Loan immediately prior to the relevant Restructuring.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount in respect of each Credit Linked Warrant or Credit Linked Certificate shall be an amount calculated in accordance with the definition of "Partial Cash Settlement Amount", provided that the Guarantor shall designate in its sole and absolute discretion which portion of the Entitlement shall be an Undeliverable Obligation, and provided that the Valuation Date, shall be the date notified as such by the Guarantor to the Issuer and the Calculation Agent.

***If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Instruments are redeemed or are cancelled in accordance with this Credit Linked W&C Condition 5, upon Delivery of the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement and/or payment of the Partial Cash Settlement Amount, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The value of such Deliverable Obligations and/or the Partial Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Instruments to be redeemed may be less than the Issue Price or Notional Amount of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.***

## 6. Auction Settlement

Unless the Instruments have been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if an Event Determination Date occurs (in the case of Nth-to-Default Instruments, in relation to the Nth Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date occurs) and the applicable Settlement Method is "Auction Settlement", the Calculation Agent shall give notice (such notice a "Settlement Notice") to the Issuer and the Issuer shall redeem or cancel as

applicable, all of the Instruments and pay in respect of each Instrument the Auction Settlement Amount on the Auction Settlement Date unless a Fallback Settlement Event occurs (for the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the same Credit Event), in which case the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as the case may be, the Instruments in accordance with the applicable Fallback Settlement Method.

*If an Event Determination Date occurs and the Instruments are redeemed or are cancelled in accordance with this Credit Linked W&C Condition 6, upon payment of the Auction Settlement Amount the Issuer shall have discharged its obligations in respect of the Instruments and shall have no other liability or obligation whatsoever in respect thereof. The Auction Settlement Amount may be less than the Issue Price or Notional Amount of an Instrument. Any shortfall shall be borne by the Holder and no liability shall attach to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.*

## 7. Suspension of Obligations

If a Credit Event Resolution Request Date occurs in relation to any Reference Entity, then, unless the Issuer otherwise elects by notice to the Holders, any obligation of the Issuer to redeem or cancel (as the case may be) or otherwise settle any Credit Linked Warrant or Credit Linked Certificate or pay any Additional Amount which would otherwise be due thereon shall, to the extent that it relates to such Reference Entity, be and remain suspended until (a) the occurrence of a DC Credit Event Announcement; (b) the occurrence of a DC No Credit Event Announcement; or (c) the occurrence of a DC Credit Event Question Dismissal (each of the events set out in (a), (b) or (c), a "**DC Announcement**").

Following a DC Announcement, any obligations so suspended shall resume on the second Business Day immediately following the date of such DC Announcement (with benefit being given of the full day notwithstanding when the tolling or suspension began). Any Additional Amount so suspended shall, subject to W&C Instruments Condition 25(B) or W&C Instruments Condition 32(B), as applicable, become due and payable on the date determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion provided that such date shall not be later than 20 Business Days after the date of such DC Announcement.

No interest shall accrue on any Additional Amount, any Cash Settlement Amount or any other payment obligation of the Issuer so suspended.

Where the applicable Final Terms specify that "Calculation Agent Determination" is applicable, this Credit Linked W&C Condition 7 shall not apply to the relevant Instruments unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that this Credit Linked W&C Condition 7 shall apply.

## 8. Additional Amounts

Following the delivery of an Extension Notice, in the case of additional amount bearing Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates and provided that an Event Determination Date has not occurred, the Issuer shall be obliged to pay Additional Amounts calculated as provided in W&C Instruments Condition 25 or W&C Instruments Condition 32, as applicable, accruing from (and including) the Additional Amount Payment Date immediately preceding the Actual Exercise Date (or, if none the Issue Date) to (but excluding) the Actual Exercise Date but shall only be obliged to make such payment of interest on the Long Exercise Date or the Short Exercise Date, as applicable, and no further or other amount in respect of interest shall be payable and no additional amount shall be payable in respect of such delay.

Without prejudice to Credit Linked W&C Condition 7, if "Accrual of Additional Amounts upon Credit Event" is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms and the Calculation Agent determines that a Credit Event, a Potential Failure to Pay or a Potential Repudiation/Moratorium has occurred or may occur on or prior to an Additional Amount Payment Date, the Calculation Agent may notify the Issuer and where the Calculation Agent delivers any such notice (a "**Postponement Notice**") to the Issuer on or prior to such Additional Amount Payment Date (in either case, the "**Postponed Payment Date**"), any obligation of the Issuer to pay any Additional Amount shall be suspended for a period of 15



Business Days following such Postponed Payment Date (or, in respect of any Postponed Payment Date scheduled to fall on the Actual Exercise Date, up to the Long Exercise Date or the Short Exercise Date, as applicable, (or such shorter period as the Calculation Agent may notify the Issuer) to enable the Calculation Agent to determine whether a Credit Event has occurred.

Where the Calculation Agent delivers a Postponement Notice to the Issuer, the Issuer shall give notice thereof as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any postponement of an Additional Amount Payment Date.

If an Event Determination Date has not occurred on or prior to such 15th Business Day, Long Exercise Date or Short Exercise Date, as applicable, the Additional Amount shall be payable on such 15th Business Day, Long Exercise Date or Short Exercise Date, as applicable, (for the avoidance of doubt, no interest shall accrue on any additional amount so suspended). If an Event Determination Date has occurred on or prior to such 15th Business Day, Long Exercise Date or Short Exercise Date, as applicable, then notwithstanding W&C Instruments Condition 25(B)(a) or W&C Instruments Condition 32(B)(a), as applicable, each Instrument shall cease to accrue Additional Amounts from the Additional Amount Payment Date immediately preceding the Postponed Payment Date or, if the Postponed Payment Date falls on the first Additional Amount Payment Date, no Additional Amount shall accrue on the Instruments (and W&C Instruments Condition 25(B) or W&C Instruments Condition 32(B), as applicable shall be deemed to be amended accordingly).

#### 9. **Partial Cash Settlement**

If all or a portion of the Undeliverable Obligations or Hedge Disruption Obligations comprising the Entitlement are not Delivered for whatever reason by the Final Delivery Date, the Calculation Agent shall give notice (a **"Partial Cash Settlement Notice"**) to the Issuer, as applicable, and the Issuer shall pay in respect of each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, the Partial Cash Settlement Amount on the Partial Cash Settlement Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the failure by the Issuer to Deliver all or such portion of the Undeliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement on or prior to the Final Delivery Date shall not constitute an Event of Default.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of this Credit Linked W&C Condition 9 the following terms are deemed to have the following meanings:

**"Indicative Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, each quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time for (to the extent reasonably practicable) an amount of the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, equal to the Quotation Amount, which reflects such Quotation Dealer's reasonable assessment of the price of such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, based on such factors as such Quotation Dealer may consider relevant, which may include historical prices and recovery rates.

**"Market Value"** means, with respect to an Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, on a Valuation Date, (a) if more than three Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations, disregarding the Full Quotations having the same highest and lowest values (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded); (b) if exactly three Full Quotations are obtained, the Full Quotations remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest Full Quotations (and, if more than one such Full Quotations have the same highest value or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Full Quotations shall be disregarded); (c) if exactly two Full Quotations are obtained, the arithmetic mean of such Full Quotations; (d) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and a Weighted Average Quotation is obtained, such Weighted Average Quotation; (e) if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms and exactly three Indicative Quotations are obtained, the Indicative Quotation remaining after disregarding the highest and lowest Indicative Quotations (and, if more than one such Indicative Quotations have the same highest or lowest value, then one of such highest or lowest Indicative

Quotations shall be disregarded); (f) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained (and, if Indicative Quotations are applicable, fewer than three Indicative Quotations are obtained) then, subject to paragraph (b) of the definition of "Quotation" below, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent on the next Business Day on which two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation or, if applicable, three Indicative Quotations are obtained; and (vii) if fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained and no Weighted Average Quotation is obtained (and, if Indicative Quotations are applicable, fewer than three Indicative Quotations are obtained) on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Market Value shall be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day or, if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) for the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) were not obtained on such day.

**"Partial Cash Settlement Amount"** is deemed to be, for each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to the greater of (a) (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Due and Payable Amount or the Currency Amount, as applicable, of each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, multiplied by (ii) either (A) if one or more Auctions are held by the Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee in respect of the Reference Entity, the Auction Final Price or (B) if the Calculation Agent decides (in its sole and absolute discretion), the Final Price with respect to such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, less (iii) Unwind Costs, if any (but excluding any Unwind Costs already taken into account in calculating the relevant Entitlement), and (b) zero.

**"Partial Cash Settlement Date"** is deemed to be the date falling three Business Days after the calculation of the Final Price or, as applicable, the date falling fifteen Business Days after the later of (a) the Final Delivery Date and (b) the Auction Final Price Determination Date.

**"Quotation"** means each Full Quotation, the Weighted Average Quotation and, if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, each Indicative Quotation obtained and expressed as a percentage with respect to a Valuation Date in the manner that follows:

- (a) The Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations with respect to each Valuation Date from five or more Quotation Dealers. If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more such Full Quotations on the same Business Day within three Business Days of a Valuation Date, then on the next following Business Day (and, if necessary, on each Business Day thereafter until the tenth Business Day following the relevant Valuation Date) the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain Full Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers, and, if two or more Full Quotations are not available, a Weighted Average Quotation. If two or more such Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation are not available on any such Business Day and Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall attempt to obtain three Indicative Quotations from five or more Quotation Dealers.
- (b) If the Calculation Agent is unable to obtain two or more Full Quotations or a Weighted Average Quotation (or, if Indicative Quotations are specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, three Indicative Quotations) on the same Business Day on or prior to the tenth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Quotations shall be deemed to be any Full Quotation obtained from a Quotation Dealer at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day or, if no Full Quotation is obtained, the weighted average of any firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) for the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be, obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time on such tenth Business Day with respect

to the aggregate portion of the Quotation Amount for which such quotations were obtained and a quotation deemed to be zero for the balance of the Quotation Amount for which firm quotations (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations) were not obtained on such day.

- (c) The Calculation Agent shall determine, based on the then current market practice in the market of the relevant Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, whether such Quotations shall include or exclude accrued but unpaid interest. All Quotations shall be obtained in accordance with this specification or determination.
- (d) If any Quotation obtained with respect to an Accreting Obligation is expressed as a percentage of the amount payable in respect of such obligation at maturity, such Quotation will instead be expressed as a percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance for the purposes of determining the Final Price.

**"Quotation Amount"** is deemed to be, with respect to each type or issue of Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, an amount equal to the Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (or, in either case, its equivalent in the relevant Obligation Currency converted by the Calculation Agent in a commercially reasonable manner by reference to exchange rates in effect at the time that the relevant Quotation is being obtained), as applicable, of such Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be. The Calculation Agent may in its sole discretion round up or down the Quotation Amount for the purposes of seeking a Quotation.

**"Quotation Method"** is deemed to be Bid.

**"Reference Obligation"** is deemed to be each Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be.

**"Valuation Method"** is deemed to be Highest unless fewer than two Full Quotations are obtained or a Weighted Average Quotation applies (or, if applicable, Indicative Quotations), in which case "Valuation Method" is deemed to be Market Value.

**"Valuation Time"** is the time specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or, if no time is so specified, 11:00 a.m. in the principal trading market for the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligation, as the case may be.

**"Weighted Average Quotation"** means, in accordance with the Quotation Method, the weighted average of firm quotations obtained from Quotation Dealers at the Valuation Time, to the extent reasonably practicable, each for an amount of the Undeliverable Obligation or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, with an Outstanding Principal Balance of as large a size as available but less than the Quotation Amount that in aggregate are approximately equal to the Quotation Amount.

#### 10. **Redemption following a Merger Event**

If this Credit Linked W&C Condition 10 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, in the event that in the determination of the Calculation Agent a Merger Event has occurred, the Issuer may give notice to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12, and redeem or cancel, as applicable, all but not less than all of the Instruments at the Merger Event Redemption Amount on the Merger Event Redemption Date, each as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### 11. **Credit Event Notice after M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event**

If this Credit Linked W&C Condition 11 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions, upon the occurrence of an M(M)R Restructuring:

- (a) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates:

- (i) either (A) the Calculation Agent may deliver a Credit Event Notice to the Issuer or (B) (in the case of Short Credit Linked Certificates only) a Holder may deliver a Credit Event Notice to the Issuer, in each case in respect of an amount (the "**Partial Cancellation Amount**") that is less than the Notional Amount of each Certificate immediately prior to the delivery of such Credit Event Notice. In such circumstances the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and related provisions shall be deemed to apply to the Partial Cancellation Amount only and each such Certificate shall be cancelled in part (such cancelled part being equal to the Partial Cancellation Amount).
  - (ii) For the avoidance of doubt (A) the Notional Amount, part or other amount of each such Certificate not so redeemed in part shall remain outstanding and Additional Amounts (if applicable) shall be payable on the Notional Amount outstanding of such Certificate as provided in W&C Instruments Condition 32 (adjusted in such manner as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines to be appropriate), (B) the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and related provisions shall apply to such Notional Amount, part or other amount outstanding of such Certificate in the event that subsequent Credit Event Notices are delivered in respect of the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event and (C) once a Credit Event Notice with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event has been delivered in respect of a Reference Entity, no further Credit Event Notices may be delivered in respect of any Reference Entity other than the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event.
  - (iii) If the provisions of this Credit Linked W&C Condition 11(a) apply in respect of the Credit Linked Certificate, on cancellation of part of each such Credit Linked Certificate the relevant Credit Linked Certificate or, if the Credit Linked Certificates are represented by a Global Certificate, such Global Certificate, shall be endorsed to reflect such part redemption;
- (b) in the case of Credit Linked Warrants:
- (i) either (A) the Calculation Agent may deliver a Credit Event Notice to the Issuer or (B) (in the case of Short Credit Linked Warrants only) a Holder may deliver a Credit Event Notice to the Issuer, in each case in respect of an amount (the "**Partial Cancellation Amount**") that is less than the Notional Amount of each Warrant immediately prior to the delivery of such Credit Event Notice (provided that if the Credit Event Notice does not specify an amount, then the full Notional Amount will be deemed to have been specified). In such circumstances the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and related provisions shall be deemed to apply to the Partial Cancellation Amount only and each such Warrant shall be cancelled in part (such cancelled part being equal to the Partial Cancellation Amount).
  - (ii) For the avoidance of doubt (A) the Notional Amount, part or other amount of each such Warrant not so redeemed in part shall remain outstanding and Additional Amounts (if applicable) shall be payable on the Notional Amount outstanding of such Warrant as provided in W&C Instruments Condition 25 (adjusted in such manner as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines to be appropriate), (B) the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and related provisions shall apply to such Notional Amount, part or other amount outstanding of such Warrant in the event that subsequent Credit Event Notices are delivered in respect of the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event and (C) once a Credit Event Notice with respect to an M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event has been delivered in respect of a Reference Entity, no further Credit Event Notices may be delivered in respect of any Reference Entity other than the Reference Entity that was the subject of the M(M)R Restructuring Credit Event.

- (iii) If the provisions of this Credit Linked W&C Condition 11(b) apply in respect of the Credit Linked Warrant, on cancellation of part of each such Credit Linked Warrant the relevant Credit Linked Warrant or, if the Credit Linked Warrants are represented by a Global Warrant, such Global Warrant, shall be endorsed to reflect such part redemption.

## 12. **Multiple Holder Obligation**

If this Credit Linked W&C Condition 12 is specified as applicable (or deemed to be applicable) in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the definition of Restructuring and related provisions, the occurrence of, agreement to, or announcement of, any of the events described in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 shall not be a Restructuring unless the Obligation in respect of any such events is a Multiple Holder Obligation.

**"Multiple Holder Obligation"** means an Obligation that (a) at the time of the event which constitutes a Restructuring Credit Event, is held by more than three holders that are not Affiliates of each other and (b) with respect to which a percentage of holders (determined pursuant to the terms of the Obligation as in effect on the date of such event) at least equal to sixty-six and two-thirds is required to consent to the event which constitutes a Restructuring Credit Event, provided that any Obligation that is a Bond shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement in (b).

## 13. **Successors**

- (a) Where pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(iii), (iv) or (vi) of the definition of Successor, more than one Successor has been identified, the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, will be equally divided into such number of notional Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, as there are Successors and each Successor will be the Reference Entity for the purposes of one of such Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable. These Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be deemed to apply to such Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, and shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) Where a Credit Event occurs in respect of a Reference Entity after more than one Successor has been identified, the provisions of these Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be deemed to apply to the Notional Amount represented by that Reference Entity only (the **"Partial Notional Amount"**) and all the provisions shall be construed accordingly. Each Instrument shall thereafter be redeemed in part (such redeemed part being equal to its pro rata share of the Partial Notional Amount).
- (c) The Instruments shall remain outstanding with a new Notional Amount equal to the Notional Amount prior to such redemption minus the Partial Notional Amount (such amount, the **"Remaining Amount"**) and Additional Amounts (if applicable) shall be payable on the Remaining Amount as provided for in W&C Instruments Condition 25 or W&C Instruments Condition 32, as applicable (adjusted in such manner as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines to be appropriate).
- (d) Any determinations (including (without limitation) as to the division of the Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable) and any adjustment to the applicable Final Terms relating to, connected with or as a result of the identification of more than one Successor shall be made by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion (provided that if such determinations have been made by the relevant Credit Derivatives Determinations Committee, then the Calculation Agent shall, unless (x) otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms or (y) "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, be bound by such determinations) and, in the absence of manifest error, shall be conclusive and binding on all Holders. The applicable Final Terms may be amended and restated from time to time to reflect the effect of such determinations without the consent of the Holders and the Holders are deemed to agree to this provision by the purchase of the Instruments.

14. **Provisions taken from the ISDA supplement titled "Additional Provisions for Physically Settled Default Swaps – Monoline Insurer as Reference Entity (January 2005)"**

If Credit Linked W&C Condition 14 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) **Obligation and Deliverable Obligation.** Paragraph (a) of the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 and paragraph (a) of the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after "or as a provider of a Relevant Guarantee".
- (b) **Interpretation of Provisions.** In the event that an Obligation or a Deliverable Obligation is a Qualifying Policy, paragraph (B) (*Interpretation of Provisions*) of the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" and paragraph (B) (*Interpretation of Provisions*) of the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 will apply, with references to the "Relevant Guarantee", the "Underlying Obligation" and the "Underlying Obligor" deemed to include the "Qualifying Policy", the "Insured Instrument" and the "Insured Obligor", respectively, except that:
  - (i) the Obligation Category Borrowed Money and the Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Category Bond shall be deemed to include distributions payable under an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the Deliverable Obligation Category Bond shall be deemed to include such an Insured Instrument, and the terms "obligation" and "obligors" as used in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions in respect of such an Insured Instrument shall be construed accordingly;
  - (ii) references in the definitions of "Assignable Loan" and "Consent Required Loan" to "the "guarantor" and "guaranteeing" shall be deemed to include "the "insurer" and "insuring", respectively;
  - (iii) neither the Qualifying Policy nor the Insured Instrument must satisfy on the relevant date the Deliverable Obligation Characteristic of Accelerated or Matured, whether or not that characteristic is otherwise specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms;
  - (iv) if the Assignable Loan, Consent Required Loan, Direct Loan Participation or Transferable Deliverable Obligation Characteristics are specified in the applicable Final Terms and if the benefit of the Qualifying Policy is not transferred as part of any transfer of the Insured Instrument, the Qualifying Policy must be transferable at least to the same extent as the Insured Instrument;
  - (v) with respect to an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the term "maturity", as such term is used in the Maximum Maturity Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, shall mean the specified date by which the Qualifying Policy guarantees or insures, as applicable, that the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance will occur; and
  - (vi) with respect to a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, only the Qualifying Policy must satisfy on the relevant date or dates the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, if applicable.
- (c) **Outstanding Principal Balance.** References in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of "Outstanding Principal Balance" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 to a Guarantee, the Underlying Obligation and the Underlying Obligor shall be deemed to include a Qualifying Policy, the Insured Instrument and the Insured Obligor respectively. Any provisions of an Insured Instrument limiting recourse in respect of such Insured Instrument to the proceeds of specified assets (including proceeds subject to a priority of payments) or reducing the amount of any Instrument Payments owing under such Insured Instrument shall be disregarded for the purposes of sub-paragraph (b) of the

definition of "Outstanding Principal Balance" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 provided that such provisions are not applicable to the Qualifying Policy by the terms thereof and the Qualifying Policy continues to guarantee or insure, as applicable, the Instrument Payments that would have been required to be made absent any such limitation or reduction.

- (d) **Deliver.** For the purposes of the definition of "Deliver" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2, "Deliver" with respect to an obligation that is a Qualifying Policy means to Deliver both the Insured Instrument and the benefit of the Qualifying Policy (or a custodial receipt issued by an internationally recognised custodian representing an interest in such an Insured Instrument and the related Qualifying Policy), and "Delivery" and "Delivered" will be construed accordingly.
- (e) **Provisions for Determining a Successor.** Sub-paragraphs (a), (d) and (f) of the definition of "Successor" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after each occurrence of "a Relevant Guarantee". Sub-paragraph (f) of the definition of "Successor" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 is hereby amended by adding "or provider of a Qualifying Policy" after "as guarantor or guarantors".
- (f) **Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation, Substitute Reference Obligation and Substitution Event.** The definition of "Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation", sub-paragraph (c)(i) of the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" and sub-paragraph (c) of the definition of "Substitution Event" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 are hereby amended by adding "or Qualifying Policy" after "a guarantee".
- (g) **Restructuring**
  - (i) With respect to an Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest or a Qualifying Policy with respect thereto, sub-paragraphs (a)(i) to (v) inclusive of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 are hereby amended to read as follows:
    - "(i) a reduction in the rate or amount or the Instrument Payments in clause (A)(x) of the definition thereof that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy (including by way of redenomination);
    - (ii) a reduction in the amount of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(y) of the definition thereof that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy (including by way of redenomination);
    - (iii) a postponement or other deferral of a date or dates for either (x) the payment or accrual of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(x) of the definition thereof or (y) the payment of the Instrument Payments described in clause (A)(y) of the definition thereof, in each case that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy;
    - (iv) a change in the ranking in priority of payment of (x) any Obligation under a Qualifying Policy in respect of Instrument Payments, causing the Subordination of such Obligation to any other Obligation or (y) any Instrument Payments, causing the Subordination of such Insured Instrument to any other instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest issued by the Insured Obligor, it being understood that, for this purpose, Subordination will be deemed to include any such change that results in a lower ranking under a priority of payments provision applicable to the relevant Instrument Payments; or
    - (v) any change in the currency of any payment of Instrument Payments that are guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy to any currency other than the lawful currency of Canada, Japan, Switzerland, the United

Kingdom and the United States of America and the euro and any successor currency to any of the aforementioned currencies (which in the case of the euro, shall mean the currency which succeeds to and replaces the euro in whole)."

- (ii) Sub-paragraph (b)(iv) of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 is hereby amended by adding "or, in the case of a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, where (A) the Qualifying Policy continues to guarantee or insure, as applicable, that the same Instrument Payments will be made on the same dates on which the Qualifying Policy guaranteed or insured that such Instrument Payments would be made prior to such event and (B) such event is not a change in the ranking in the priority of payment of the Qualifying Policy" at the end thereof.

- (iii) The definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 is hereby amended by the insertion of the following paragraph after the final paragraph thereof:

"For purposes of the definition of "Restructuring" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 and if Credit Linked W&C Condition 14 is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of the Credit Linked W&C Conditions the term Obligation shall be deemed to include Insured Instruments for which the Reference Entity is acting as provider of a Qualifying Policy. In the case of a Qualifying Policy and an Insured Instrument, references to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (a) above shall be deemed to refer to the Insured Obligor and the reference to the Reference Entity in sub-paragraph (b) above shall continue to refer to the Reference Entity."

- (h) **Fully Transferable Obligation and Conditionally Transferable Obligation.** In the event that a Fully Transferable Obligation or Conditionally Transferable Obligation is a Qualifying Policy, the Insured Instrument must meet the requirements of the relevant definition. References in the definition of "Conditionally Transferable Obligation" to the "guarantor" and "guaranteeing" shall be deemed to include "the "insurer" and "insuring" respectively. With respect to an Insured Instrument in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the term "final maturity date", as such term is used in Credit Linked W&C Condition 5 and the definition of "Restructuring Maturity Limitation Date", shall mean the specified date by which the Qualifying Policy guarantees or insures, as applicable, that the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance will occur.

- (i) **Other Provisions.** For purposes of the definitions of "Credit Event" and "Deliver" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2, references to the "Underlying Obligation" and the "Underlying Obligor" shall be deemed to include "Insured Instruments" and the "Insured Obligor" respectively.

- (j) **Additional Definitions.**

"**Qualifying Policy**" means a financial guaranty insurance policy or similar financial guarantee pursuant to which a Reference Entity irrevocably guarantees or insures all Instrument Payments of an instrument that constitutes Borrowed Money (modified as set forth in this Credit Linked W&C Condition 14) (the "**Insured Instrument**") for which another party (including a special purpose entity or trust) is the obligor (the "**Insured Obligor**"). Qualifying Policies shall exclude any arrangement (i) structured as a surety bond, letter of credit or equivalent legal arrangement or (ii) pursuant to the express contractual terms of which the payment obligations of the Reference Entity can be discharged or reduced as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event or circumstance (other than the payment of Instrument Payments);

"**Instrument Payments**" means (i) in the case of any Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, (x) the specified periodic distributions in respect of interest or other return on the Certificate Balance on



or prior to the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance and (y) the ultimate distribution of the Certificate Balance on or prior to a specified date and (ii) in the case of any other Insured Instrument, the scheduled payments of principal and interest, in the case of both (i) and (ii) (A) determined without regard to limited recourse or reduction provisions of the type described in Credit Linked W&C Condition 14(c) above and (B) excluding sums in respect of default interest, indemnities, tax gross-ups, make-whole amounts, early redemption premiums and other similar amounts (whether or not guaranteed or insured by the Qualifying Policy).

**"Certificate Balance"** means, in the case of an Insured Instrument that is in the form of a pass-through certificate or similar funded beneficial interest, the unit principal balance, certificate balance or similar measure of unreimbursed principal investment.

15. **Provisions taken from the ISDA supplement titled Additional Provisions for LPN Reference Entities (published on 3rd October, 2006)**

If Credit Linked W&C Condition 15 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) provisions relating to Multiple Holder Obligation will be deemed to be Not Applicable with respect to any Reference Obligation (and any Underlying Loan);
- (b) each Reference Obligation will be an Obligation, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity;
- (c) each Reference Obligation will be a Deliverable Obligation notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions including and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity.

For the avoidance of doubt with respect to any LPN Reference Obligation that specifies an Underlying Loan or an Underlying Finance Instrument, the Outstanding Principal Balance shall be determined by reference to the Underlying Loan or Underlying Finance Instrument (as applicable) relating to such LPN Reference Obligation.

The Not Subordinated Obligation Characteristic and Deliverable Obligation Characteristic shall be construed as if no Reference Obligation was specified in respect of the Reference Entity;

- (d) the definition of "Reference Obligation" shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

**"Reference Obligation"** means, as of the Trade Date, each of the obligations listed as a Reference Obligation of the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms and set forth on the relevant LPN Reference Obligations List (each a **"Markit Published LPN Reference Obligation"**), as published by Markit Group Limited, or any successor thereto, which list is as of the Trade Date available at <http://www.markit.com/marketing/services.php>, any Additional LPN determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) below, and each Additional Obligation. Each Reference Obligation determined in accordance with the foregoing will be a Reference Obligation notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, and in particular, notwithstanding that the obligation is not an obligation of the Reference Entity. Standard Reference Obligation shall be Not Applicable. The proviso in the definition of "Original Non-Standard Reference Obligation" shall not apply.

It is intended that there may be more than one Reference Obligation, as a result of which all applicable references in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions to "the Reference Obligation" shall be construed as a reference to "a Reference Obligation", and all other provisions of the Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

The provisions set forth in the definitions of "Substitute Reference Obligation" and "Substitution Event" shall not be applicable to LPN Reference Obligations; and

- (e) the following additional definitions shall apply:

**"Additional LPN"** means any bond issued in the form of a loan participation note (a "LPN") by an entity (the "LPN Issuer") for the sole purpose of providing funds for the LPN Issuer to (a) finance a loan to the Reference Entity (the "**Underlying Loan**") or (b) provide finance to the Reference Entity by way of a deposit, loan or other Borrowed Money instrument (the "**Underlying Finance Instrument**"), provided that (i) either (x) in the event that there is an Underlying Loan with respect to such LPN the Underlying Loan satisfies the Obligation Characteristics specified in respect of the Reference Entity or (y) in the event that there is an Underlying Finance Instrument with respect to such LPN the Underlying Finance Instrument satisfies the Not Subordinated, Not Domestic Law and Not Domestic Currency Obligation Characteristics; (ii) the LPN satisfies the following Deliverable Obligation Characteristics: Transferable, Not Bearer, Specified Currency – Standard Specified Currencies, Not Domestic Law, Not Domestic Issuance; and (iii) the LPN Issuer has, as of the issue date of such obligation, granted a First Ranking Interest over or in respect of certain of its rights in relation to the relevant Underlying Loan or Underlying Finance Instrument (as applicable) for the benefit of the holders of the LPNs.

**"Additional Obligation"** means each of the obligations listed as an Additional Obligation of the Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms or set forth on the relevant LPN Reference Obligations List, as published by Markit Group Limited, or any successor thereto, as of the Trade Date, which list is currently available at <http://www.markit.com/marketing/services.php>.

**"First Ranking Interest"** means a charge, security interest (or other type of interest having similar effect) (an "**Interest**"), which is expressed as being "first ranking", "first priority", or similar ("**First Ranking**") in the document creating such Interest (notwithstanding that such Interest may not be First Ranking under any insolvency laws of any related insolvency jurisdiction of the LPN Issuer).

**"LPN Reference Obligation"** means each Reference Obligation other than any Additional Obligation.

For the avoidance of doubt, any change to the issuer of an LPN Reference Obligation in accordance with its terms shall not prevent such LPN Reference Obligation constituting a Reference Obligation.

Each LPN Reference Obligation is issued for the sole purpose of providing funds for the Issuer to finance a loan to the Reference Entity. For the purposes of the Credit Linked W&C Conditions each such loan shall be an Underlying Loan.

#### 16. Deliverable Obligations Portfolio Valuation

If Credit Linked W&C Condition 16 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms:

- (a) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, "Reference Obligation" shall mean:
- (i) any obligation of a Reference Entity (either directly or as provider of a Relevant Guarantee) determined pursuant to the method described in sub-paragraph (A) (Method for Determining "Deliverable Obligations") in the definition of "Deliverable Obligation" above;
  - (ii) each Benchmark Obligation specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (iii) any Substitute Benchmark Obligation,

as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Issuer (a "**Reference Obligation Notification**") on or prior to the relevant Valuation Date.

In each case the Reference Obligation Notification shall describe the selected Reference Obligation in reasonable detail and shall specify the title or designation, maturity date and coupon rate. The Calculation Agent may at any time after delivering a Reference Obligation Notification but prior to the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date deliver a further Reference Obligation Notification which shall replace all prior Reference Obligation Notifications in relation to any additional or replacement Reference Obligation specified therein.

For the avoidance of doubt the Calculation Agent shall be entitled to select any of the Reference Obligations for the purposes of calculating the Final Price irrespective of their market value and, provided that (in the case of Credit Linked W&C Condition 16(a)(i) only) the selected obligation(s) satisfy the Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics on the date of selection, such obligation(s) may constitute the Reference Obligation for the purposes hereof notwithstanding that this is not the case subsequent to such date. For the avoidance of doubt, the Deliverable Obligation Category and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics shall not apply in respect of any Benchmark Obligation or Substitute Benchmark Obligation.

- (b) The definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 shall be amended so that each reference to "Substitute Reference Obligation" and "Non-Standard Reference Obligation" is replaced by reference to a "Substitute Benchmark Obligation" and a "Benchmark Obligation" respectively, provided that once a Benchmark Obligation has been specified as a Reference Obligation the definition of "Substitute Reference Obligation" shall not apply with respect to such Benchmark Obligation.
- (c) Sub-paragraph (b)(i) of "Method for Determining Obligations" in the definition of "Obligation" in Credit Linked W&C Condition 2 shall be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

**"Not Subordinated"** means an obligation that is not Subordinated to (i) the most senior Benchmark Obligation in priority of payment or (ii) if no Benchmark Obligation is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any unsubordinated Borrowed Money obligation of the Reference Entity. For purposes of determining whether an obligation satisfies the "Not Subordinated" Obligation Characteristic or Deliverable Obligation Characteristic, the ranking in priority of payment of each Benchmark Obligation shall be determined as of the later of (A) the Trade Date specified in the applicable Final Terms and (B) the date on which such Benchmark Obligation was issued or incurred and shall not reflect any change to such ranking in priority of payment after such later date.

- (d) For purposes of the Credit Linked W&C Conditions:
  - (i) each reference in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions to "a Deliverable Obligation" and "the Deliverable Obligation" shall be deemed to be a reference to "a Reference Obligation" and "the Reference Obligation" respectively; and
  - (ii) each reference in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions to "a Delivery Date" and "the Delivery Date" shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of selection of the relevant Reference Obligation.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, if Credit Linked W&C Condition 16 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms Credit Linked W&C Condition 5 is not applicable and the Instruments shall, following the occurrence of an Event Determination Date, be settled in accordance with Credit Linked W&C Condition 4, and these Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

- (f) If the Calculation Agent selects more than one Reference Obligation, such Reference Obligations shall have an Outstanding Principal Balance or Due and Payable Amount (or the equivalent Currency Amount of any such amount) that, in aggregate, shall not exceed the Reference Entity Notional Amount in respect of the relevant Reference Entity.
- (g) With respect to a Reference Entity and the related Final Price Calculation Date, the "Final Price" shall be the weighted average of the Final Prices determined for each Reference Obligation in respect of the relevant Reference Entity, weighted by reference to the Reference Portfolio of each such Reference Obligation.
- (h) For the purposes of Credit Linked W&C Condition 16(a)(ii), Benchmark Obligation means each Reference Obligation specified in respect of the relevant Reference Entity, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

17. **Nth-to-Default Instruments**

Where the Instruments are Nth-to-Default Instruments:

- (a) where a succession has occurred in respect of a Reference Entity (other than a Reference Entity in respect of which an Event Determination Date has occurred) and more than one Successor has been identified, the applicable Instruments will be equally divided into a number of notional Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificate, as applicable, as there are Successors. Each such notional Credit Linked Warrants or Credit Linked Certificates, as applicable, shall include a Successor and each and every one of the Reference Entities unaffected by such succession shall apply thereto;
- (b) if "Substitution" is specified as not being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where any Reference Entity (the "**Surviving Reference Entity**") (other than a Reference Entity that is subject to a succession) would be a Successor to any other Reference Entity (the "**Legacy Reference Entity**") pursuant to a succession, such Surviving Reference Entity shall be deemed to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity; and
- (c) if "Substitution" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where any Reference Entity (the "**Surviving Reference Entity**") (other than a Reference Entity that is subject to a succession) would be a Successor to any other Reference Entity (the "**Legacy Reference Entity**") pursuant to a succession:
  - (i) such Surviving Reference Entity shall be deemed not to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity; and
  - (ii) the Replacement Reference Entity shall be deemed to be a Successor to the Legacy Reference Entity.

18. **Provisions taken from the CoCo Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on 15 September 2014)**

If Credit Linked W&C Condition 20 is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the following provisions will apply:

- (a) The following additional definitions shall apply:

**"CoCo Provision"** means, with respect to an Obligation, a provision which requires (i) a permanent or temporary reduction of the amount of principal payable at redemption or (ii) a conversion of principal into shares or another instrument, in each case, if the Capital Ratio is at or below the Trigger Percentage.

**"CoCo Supplement"** means the CoCo Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on 15 September 2014).

**"Trigger Percentage"** means the trigger percentage specified in the applicable Final Terms (or if no such trigger percentage is specified, 5.25 per cent.).

**"Capital Ratio"** means the ratio of capital to risk weighted assets applicable to the Obligation, as described in the terms thereof in effect from time to time.

- (b) A CoCo Provision shall be deemed to be a provision which permits a Governmental Intervention for all purposes under the Credit Linked W&C Conditions.
- (c) If, with respect to one or more Obligations and in relation to an aggregate amount of not less than the Default Requirement, the operation of one or more CoCo Provisions results in (i) a permanent or temporary reduction of the amount of principal payable at redemption or (ii) a conversion of principal into shares or another instrument, such event shall be deemed to constitute a Governmental Intervention falling within subparagraph (a) of the definition thereof.

19. **Provisions taken from the 2014 Sovereign No Asset Package Delivery Supplement to the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (published on September 15 2014)**

If Credit Linked W&C Condition 21 is specified as applicable in respect of a Reference Entity in the applicable Final Terms, the following provision shall apply in respect of such Reference Entity for purposes of the Instruments and the Credit Linked W&C Conditions:

The last paragraph of the definition of "Asset Package Credit Event" is hereby amended by the addition of the following at the end thereof: "Notwithstanding the above, it shall be deemed that no Package Observable Bond exists with respect to a Reference Entity that is a Sovereign (even if such a Package Observable Bond has been published by ISDA and accordingly, Asset Package Delivery shall not apply thereto)."

20. **Physical Settlement Matrix**

Where a Transaction Type is specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of any Reference Entity, then the provisions of such Final Terms shall apply with respect to such Reference Entity in accordance with the Physical Settlement Matrix as it applies to such Transaction Type, as though such Physical Settlement Matrix were set out in full in such Final Terms. Certain additional provisions or supplements may be deemed to apply to the Credit Linked W&C Conditions in respect of a Reference Entity if those provisions or supplements are specified as being applicable for the relevant Reference Entity in the Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix and the provisions of the Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be construed as if those additional provisions or supplements had been included in the Credit Linked W&C Conditions with such amendments as the Calculation Agent deems necessary to give effect to those provisions.

21. **Notices to Holders**

The Issuer shall, upon receiving any of the following notices from the Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable forward a copy of such notice(s) to the Holders of the relevant Instruments:

- (a) an Extension Notice;
- (b) a Cancellation Notice;
- (c) a Credit Event Notice;
- (d) a Notice of Publicly Available Information;
- (e) a Settlement Notice;
- (f) a Reference Obligation Only Redemption Notice;

- (g) a determination by the Calculation Agent of a Successor or a Sovereign Succession Event (including any Successor Notice);
- (h) a Notice of Physical Settlement;
- (i) a NOPS Amendment Notice;
- (j) a Partial Cash Settlement Notice;
- (k) any notification by the Calculation Agent to the Issuer that the Physical Settlement Period shall be less than ten Business Days;
- (l) a Notice to Exercise Movement Option;
- (m) a Postponement Notice;
- (n) a Repudiation/Moratorium Extension Notice; and
- (o) (where "Calculation Agent Determination" is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms) any notification from the Calculation Agent that it will apply a DC Resolution for the purposes of the relevant Instruments.

## 22. **Calculation Agent**

Any determination by the Calculation Agent of any amount or of any state of affairs, circumstance, event or other matter, or the formation of any opinion or the exercise of any discretion required or permitted to be determined, formed or exercised by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and related provisions shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Holders and shall be without liability on the part of the Calculation Agent and without the Calculation Agent being obliged to consider the interests of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Holders. In performing its duties pursuant to the Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the Calculation Agent shall act in its sole and absolute discretion. Any delay, deferral or forbearance by the Calculation Agent in the performance or exercise of any of its obligations or its discretion under the Credit Linked W&C Conditions including, without limitation, the giving of any notice by it to any person, shall not affect the validity or binding nature of any later performance or exercise of such obligation or discretion, and none of the Calculation Agent, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall, in the absence of wilful misconduct and gross negligence, bear any liability in respect of, or consequent upon, any such delay, deferral or forbearance.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the applicable Final Terms specify that "Calculation Agent Determination" is applicable, then notwithstanding any provision in these Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall not be bound to (although they may in their sole discretion) apply any DC Resolution to the Instruments and unless the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that any DC Resolution shall apply to the Instruments, the Credit Linked W&C Conditions and the relevant Instruments shall be construed as if the relevant DC Resolution and the relevant DC Question was not made. If the Calculation Agent notifies the Issuer that any DC Resolution shall apply to the Instruments, the Calculation Agent shall have the power to amend or otherwise adjust any provision of these Credit Linked W&C Conditions (including, without limitation any provision relating to the timing of notices hereunder) to account for the application of such DC Resolution.

## 23. **Change in Market Convention**

The Calculation Agent may (but shall not be obliged to), without obtaining the consent of or consulting with the Holders or any other person, from time to time and at any time in its sole and absolute discretion and in good faith, amend any provision of these Credit Linked W&C Conditions or the Instruments:

- (a) (including but not limited to the applicable Transaction Type, Credit Events, Deliverable Obligation Category, and Deliverable Obligation Characteristics and deliverability, Reference Obligation, Successor and other provisions) to correspond

with the most recently published ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions, ISDA Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix version, SRO List and/or prevailing trading standards applicable to a Reference Entity;

- (b) to incorporate and/or reflect further or alternative documents from time to time published by ISDA with respect to credit derivative transactions and/or the operation or application of determinations by the ISDA Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees which the Calculation Agent determines in a commercially reasonable manner are necessary to reflect market practice for credit derivative transactions; and/or
- (c) in circumstances where a Reference Entity has proposed an exchange of all or substantially all of the obligations of such Reference Entity into cash, securities and/or other assets, to reflect or account for such exchange, regardless of the credit derivatives definitions or trading standards applicable to such Reference Entity.

The applicable Final Terms may be amended and/or restated from time to time to reflect any such amendments without the consent of the Holders, and the Holders are deemed to agree to this provision by the purchase or acquisition of the Instruments.

#### 24. **Additional Provisions**

- (a) If one or more amendments or adjustments to these Credit Linked W&C Conditions are required for one or more Series of credit linked Instruments, including any issue of Nth-to-Default Instruments or leveraged credit linked instruments, the applicable Final Terms shall set out such amendments or adjustments to these Credit Linked W&C Conditions that are necessary in order to take account of the nature of such instruments and these Credit Linked W&C Conditions shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) Any term defined or described in these Credit Linked W&C Conditions or the applicable Final Terms includes where that term is incorporated or included by reference to another document including (without limitation) where the applicability or otherwise of any particular provision is determined by reference to the Credit Derivatives Physical Settlement Matrix.
- (c) Subject to sub-paragraph (d) below, in order to determine the day on which an event occurs for purposes of these Credit Linked W&C Conditions, the demarcation of days shall be made by reference to Greenwich Mean Time (or, if the Transaction Type of the Reference Entity relates to Japan, Tokyo time), irrespective of the time zone in which such event occurred. Any event occurring at midnight shall be deemed to have occurred immediately prior to midnight.
- (d) Notwithstanding the definition of "Credit Event Notice" and sub-paragraph (c) above, if a payment is not made by the Reference Entity on its due date or, as the case may be, on the final day of the relevant Grace Period, then such failure to make a payment shall be deemed to have occurred on such day prior to midnight Greenwich Mean Time (or, if the Transaction Type of the Reference Entity relates to Japan, Tokyo time), irrespective of the time zone of its place of payment.

#### 25. **Additional Disruption Events**

- (a) Following the determination by the Calculation Agent that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred, 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 of the other terms of the 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) in the case of Credit Linked Warrants, give notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the Credit Linked Warrants. If the

Credit Linked Warrants are so cancelled, the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Credit Linked Warrant held by him, which amount shall be the fair market value of a Credit Linked Warrant, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12; or

- (iii) in the case of Credit Linked Certificates, give notice to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 and cancel the Credit Linked Certificates. If the Credit Linked Certificates are so cancelled, the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Credit Linked Certificate held by him, which amount shall be the fair market value of a Credit Linked Certificate, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such 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 W&C Instruments Condition 12.
- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.
- (c) For these purposes:

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, and/or Increased Cost of Hedging, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (i) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (ii) 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 Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (A) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant asset, hedge or related trading position or (B) the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents will incur a materially increased cost in performing the obligations of the Issuer in relation to the Instruments (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity, price, credit or other risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Instruments, or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents 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 (i) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity, price, credit or other risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Instruments, or (ii) 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 or agents shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.



## ANNEX 10

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PHYSICAL DELIVERY NOTES

1. **Interpretation**

The following provisions (the "**Physical Delivery Note Conditions**") apply to Notes specified as being Physical Delivery Notes in the applicable Final Terms or where Physical Delivery is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

References in the Physical Delivery Note Conditions to "delivery", "delivered" and "deliver" shall in the context of the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of Credit Linked Notes be deemed to be references to "Delivery", "Delivered" and "Deliver" as such terms are defined and construed in the Credit Linked Note Conditions.

2. **Delivery of Entitlement and Asset Transfer Notices**

In order to obtain delivery of the Entitlement(s) in respect of any Note:

- (a) if such Note is represented by a Global Note, the relevant Holder must deliver to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable), with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer not later than the close of business in each place of reception on the Cut-Off Date, a duly completed Asset Transfer Notice substantially in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement or New York Law Agency Agreement, as applicable (each, an "**Asset Transfer Notice**"); or
- (b) if such Note is in definitive form, the relevant Holder must deliver to any Paying Agent, with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer not later than the close of business in each place of reception on the Cut-Off Date, a duly completed Asset Transfer Notice.

Forms of the Asset Transfer Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of any Instrument Agent.

An Asset Transfer Notice may only be delivered (a) 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 (b) if such Note is in definitive form in writing.

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

The Issuer shall at the risk of the relevant Holder deliver the Entitlement in respect of each Note or, in the case of Credit Linked Notes, Deliver the Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement in such commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall, in its sole discretion, determine to be appropriate for such delivery.

All expenses including any applicable depositary charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities, transfer and/or other taxes or duties (together "**Expenses**") arising from the redemption of the Notes and the delivery of any Entitlement shall be for the account of the relevant Holder and no delivery and/or transfer of any Entitlement shall be made until all Expenses have been paid to the satisfaction of the Issuer by the relevant Holder.

An Asset Transfer Notice must:

- (a) specify the name, address and contact telephone number of the relevant Holder and the person from whom the Issuer may obtain details for the delivery of the Entitlement if such delivery is to be made otherwise than in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) 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 Holder's account at

Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with such Notes and irrevocably instruct and authorise Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit the relevant Holder's account with such Notes on or before the Maturity Delivery Date (as defined below) or, in the case of Credit Linked Notes, the Credit Settlement Date;

- (c) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and, in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, an authority to debit a specified account of the Holder at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in respect thereof and to pay such Expenses;
- (d) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms 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 Holder's account to be credited with any cash payable by the Issuer, in respect of any cash amount constituting the Entitlement or any dividends relating to the Entitlement, as a result of the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event or a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Disruption Cash Settlement Price or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as applicable, or in respect of any Partial Cash Settlement Amounts;
- (e) certify that the beneficial owner of each Note is not a U.S. person (as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act) (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) or a United States Person (as defined in the Asset Transfer Notice) (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV); the Note is not being redeemed within the United States or on behalf of a U.S. person (in the case of Notes issued by BAC) or a United States Person (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV); 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 the case of Notes issued by BAC) or a United States Person (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) in connection with any redemption thereof, provided that, in the case of Notes issued by BAC, such certification as to no beneficial ownership by a U.S. person will only be required for any Asset Transfer Notice delivered prior to the fortieth day after the completion of the distribution of the relevant Tranche; and
- (f) authorise the production of such notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

No Asset Transfer Notice may be withdrawn after receipt thereof by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Paying Agent as provided above. After delivery of an Asset Transfer Notice, the relevant Holder may not transfer the Notes which are the subject of such notice.

In the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, upon receipt of such notice, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, shall verify that the person specified therein as the Holder is the holder of the specified nominal amount of Notes according to its books.

Subject thereto, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will confirm to the Principal Paying Agent the Series number and number of Notes the subject of such notice, the relevant account details (if applicable) and the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each such Note. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Paying Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will on or before the Maturity Delivery Date or Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, debit the securities account of the relevant Holder with the Notes the subject of the relevant Asset Transfer Notice.

Failure properly to complete and deliver an Asset Transfer Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether such notice has been properly completed and delivered as provided in the Physical Delivery Note Conditions shall be made, in the case of Notes represented by a Global Note, by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, after consultation with the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer and shall

be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor and the relevant Holder or in the case of Notes in definitive form, by the relevant Paying Agent after consultation with the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Holder.

If such Asset Transfer Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or the relevant Paying Agent, in each case in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer, it shall be deemed to be a new Asset Transfer Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered as provided above.

Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the relevant Paying Agent, as applicable, shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder submitting an Asset Transfer Notice if, in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer, it has determined that such Asset Transfer Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Principal Paying Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

The Entitlement will be delivered at the risk of the relevant Holder, in the manner provided above on the Maturity Date (such date, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Physical Delivery Note Conditions, the "**Maturity Delivery Date**") or, in the case of Credit Linked Notes, in the manner provided above on the Credit Settlement Date, provided that the Asset Transfer Notice is duly delivered to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Paying Agent, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer, as provided above, not later than the close of business in each place of receipt on the Cut-Off Date.

If an Asset Transfer Notice is delivered to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Paying Agent, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer, later than the close of business in each place of receipt on the Cut-Off Date, then the Entitlement will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Maturity Date (in which case, such date of delivery shall be the Maturity Delivery Date) or, in the case of Credit Linked Notes, the Credit Settlement Date at the risk of such Holder in the manner provided above. Provided that if in respect of a Note an Asset Transfer Notice is not delivered to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Paying Agent, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer, later than the close of business in each place of receipt on the 90th calendar day following the Cut-Off Date the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Note and (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor's obligations in respect of the relevant Guarantee in respect of such Note shall be discharged and no further liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor. For the avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances such Holder shall not be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, as a result of such Maturity Delivery Date or the Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, falling after the originally designated Maturity Delivery Date or Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor.

Delivery of the Entitlement in respect of the Notes is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force on the Maturity Delivery Date or the Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, and none of the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor and any of its Affiliates or agents and the Paying Agents shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor and any of its Affiliates or agents and the Paying Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in relation to the performance of their duties in relation to the Notes.

For such period of time after the Maturity Delivery Date or Credit Settlement Date, as the case may be, as any person other than the relevant Holder shall continue to be the legal owner of the securities, obligations or Deliverable Obligations comprising the Entitlement (the "**Intervening Period**"), none of the Issuer, (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the

Guarantor nor any other such person shall (a) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Note 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, obligations or Deliverable Obligations, (b) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such securities, obligations or Deliverable Obligations during the Intervening Period or (c) be under any liability to the relevant Holder, or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Note in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder, or subsequent beneficial owner may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of that person being the legal owner of such securities, obligations or Deliverable Obligations during such Intervening Period.

Where the Entitlement comprises shares, any dividend or other distribution in respect of such Entitlement will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend or other distribution according to market practice for a sale of the Share executed on the Maturity Delivery Date and to be delivered in the same manner as the Entitlement. Any such dividend or other distribution to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Asset Transfer Notice.

Except in the case of Credit Linked Notes, where the Entitlement is, in the determination of the Issuer, an amount other than an amount of Relevant Assets capable of being delivered, the Holders will receive an Entitlement comprising of the nearest number (rounded down) of Relevant Assets capable of being delivered by the Issuer (taking into account that a Holder's entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer's discretion for the purpose of delivering the Entitlements), and in respect of the amount of Relevant Assets not capable of being delivered, an amount in the Specified Currency which shall be the value of the amount of the Relevant Assets so rounded down, as calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion from such source(s) as it may select (converted if necessary into the Specified Currency by reference to such exchange rate as the Calculation Agent deems appropriate).

### 3. **Settlement Disruption Event**

The provisions of this Physical Delivery Note Condition 3 shall apply to Physical Delivery Notes other than Credit Linked Notes.

If, prior to the delivery of the Entitlement in accordance with these Physical Delivery Note Conditions, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Maturity Delivery Date in respect of such Note shall be postponed until the next Settlement Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting and notice thereof shall be given to the relevant Holder, in accordance with Note Condition 14. Such Holder shall not be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, on such Note as a result of any delay in the delivery of the Entitlement pursuant to these Physical Delivery Note Conditions. Where delivery of the Entitlement has been postponed as provided in the Physical Delivery Note Conditions the Issuer shall not be in breach of these Conditions and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor.

For so long as delivery of the Entitlement in respect of any Note 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 Holder of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election (the "**Election Notice**") is given to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14.

### 4. **Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity**

The provisions of this Physical Delivery Note Condition 4 shall apply to Physical Delivery Notes other than Credit Linked Notes.

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 comprising the Entitlement (the "**Affected Relevant Assets**"), where such failure to deliver is due to illiquidity in the market for the Relevant Assets (a "**Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity**"), then:

- (a) subject as provided elsewhere in the Physical Delivery Note Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, any Relevant Assets which are not Affected Relevant Assets, will be delivered on the originally designated Maturity Delivery Date in accordance with the Physical Delivery Note Conditions; and
- (b) in respect of any Affected Relevant Assets, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion, in lieu of delivery of the Affected Relevant Assets, to pay to the relevant Holder the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day following the date the Failure to Deliver Notice (as defined below) is given to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14. The Issuer shall give notice (such notice a "**Failure to Deliver Notice**") as soon as reasonably practicable to the Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14 that the provisions of this Physical Delivery Note Condition 4 apply.

#### 5. **Option to Vary Settlement**

The provisions of this Physical Delivery Note Condition 5 shall apply to Physical Delivery Notes other than Credit Linked Notes.

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 Holders the Final Redemption Amount or to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the relevant Holders, 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 Holders, as the case may be. Notification of such election will be given to Holders in accordance with Note Condition 14.

#### 6. **Additional Provisions for Credit Linked Notes**

The provisions of this Physical Delivery Note Condition 6 shall apply to Credit Linked Notes.

In relation to each Deliverable Obligation constituting the Entitlement the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV) the Guarantor, as applicable, will Deliver or procure the Delivery of the relevant Deliverable Obligation as provided in Physical Delivery Note Condition 2 on the Credit Settlement Date, provided that if all or some of the Deliverable Obligations included in the Entitlement are Undeliverable Obligations and/or Hedge Disruption Obligations, then the Issuer shall continue to attempt to Deliver all or a portion of such Undeliverable Obligations or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, on or before the 30th Business Day following the Credit Settlement Date (the "**Final Delivery Date**"), provided further that if all or a portion of such Undeliverable Options or Hedge Disruption Obligations, as the case may be, are not Delivered by the Final Delivery Date the provisions of Credit Linked Note Condition 9 shall apply.

#### 7. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these Physical Delivery Note Conditions:

**"Disruption Cash Settlement Price"** means, in respect of each nominal amount of Notes equal to the Calculation Amount, an amount equal to the fair market value of such Notes (but not taking into account any interest accrued on such Note and paid pursuant to Note Condition 5 and Note Condition 6) on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion provided that such day is not more than 15 calendar days before the date that the Election Notice is given as provided above less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including the cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

**"Entitlement"** means, in relation to a Physical Delivery Note (other than a Credit Linked Note), the quantity of the Relevant Asset or the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, which a Holder is entitled to receive on the Maturity Delivery Date in respect of each such Note following payment of the Expenses, which quantity will be rounded down as provided in Physical Delivery Note Condition 2, as determined by the Calculation Agent and includes any documents evidencing such Entitlement.

**"Failure to Deliver Settlement Price"** means, in respect of each nominal amount of the Notes equal to the Calculation Amount, the fair market value of the Affected Relevant Assets in respect of such Notes on the fifth Business Day prior to the date on which the Failure to Deliver Notice is given as provided above, less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates or agents of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including the cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion.

**"Settlement Disruption Event"** means an event beyond the control of the Issuer or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV), if applicable, the Guarantor, as a result of which, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent or (in the case of Notes issued by MLBV), if applicable, the Guarantor, delivery of the Entitlement by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, in accordance with the Physical Delivery Note Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms is not practicable.

## ANNEX 11

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RULE 144A WARRANTS

## 1. Interpretation

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**"), the Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants set out below (the "**Rule 144A Warrant Conditions**") and any other additional terms and conditions as may relate to the particular Series of Rule 144A Warrants and specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Rule 144A Warrant Conditions, the Rule 144A Warrant Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the W&C Instruments Conditions and/or the Rule 144A Warrant Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Principal Warrant Agent from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## 2. Form

Warrants in registered form may be offered and sold in private transactions exclusively in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons ("**Rule 144A Global Warrant**") in reliance on Rule 144A ("**Rule 144A**") under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), only to persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A) ("**QIBs**") and who are also each a "qualified purchaser" (each a "**QP**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"), and the rules thereunder, and who, as a condition to purchasing the Warrants will enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter for the benefit of the Dealer, the Issuer and the Guarantor (together with their respective affiliates and any persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Dealer, Issuer and Guarantor) in which they represent and agree, among other things, to purchase the Warrants for their own account and not with a view to the distribution thereof (each letter, for the benefit of such parties, an "**Investor Representation Letter**"). If specified in the applicable Final Terms, Warrants in registered form may be offered and sold concurrently (a) in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, in each case to persons who are QIBs and who are also each a QP, and who, as a condition to purchasing the Warrants will enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter and (b) outside the United States to non-United States Persons in an offshore transaction pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant**").

Interests in a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Warrants in definitive registered form ("**Definitive Registered Warrants**") only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means that (a) in the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, either DTC has notified the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depositary for that Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC and no alternative clearing system is available, or DTC has ceased to be a "clearing agency" registered under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and no alternative clearing system is available, (b) in the case of Warrants registered in the name of a nominee of the Common Depositary, the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 calendar 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 (c) the Issuer or the Guarantor has or will become subject to adverse tax

consequences which would not be suffered were the Warrants held in definitive form. The Issuer will give notice of any such Exchange Event to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 (*Notices*).

3. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these Rule 144A Warrant Conditions:

**"Brussels Business Day"** means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business in Brussels.

**"Clearing System"** means DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the context requires.

**"Global Warrant"** means a Rule 144A Global Warrant or Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant.

**"Luxembourg Business Day"** means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business in Luxembourg.

**"New York Business Day"** means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business in New York City.

4. **Title**

In the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, the Rule 144A Global Warrant will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and will be held by the U.S. Warrant Agent as custodian for DTC. In the case of Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, such Warrants will be registered in the name of a nominee for, and will be deposited with, the Common Depositary.

Subject to mandatory rules of law, title to Rule 144A Global Warrants and Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants will pass by registration of the transfer in the Register maintained by the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Registrar, as applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the English Law Agency Agreement. Beneficial ownership of interests in a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant will be determined in accordance with the rules and procedures of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

Subject as set forth in this Rule 144A Warrant Condition 4, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of DTC as the holder of a particular number of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and any Instrument Agent as the holder of such number of such Warrants for all purposes (and the expressions **"Holder"** and **"holder of Warrants"** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). For as long as the Warrants are represented by a Global Warrant held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular number of Warrants (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by such Clearing System as to the number of Warrants 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, the Guarantor or the Registrar and any relevant Instrument Agent as the holder of such number of Warrants for all purposes (and the expressions **"Holder"** and **"holder of Warrants"** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

5. **Transfers**

(a) Transfers of Warrants represented by a Global Warrant may only be made in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Warrant Agent, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, and the following provisions:

(i) any sales, transfers to or exchanges with a person who takes delivery in the form of Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant



may only be made if such sale, transfer or exchange is being made either (x) between or among non-United States Persons in an offshore transaction pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act or (y) by United States Persons to or through the Issuer or the Dealer (I) in the United States to a QIB who is also a QP or (II) to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person who is a QIB and who is also a QP, in either case of (I) or (II), who is acquiring such Warrants in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and who enters into and remains in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter; or

- (ii) any sales, transfers to or exchanges with a person who takes delivery in the form of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant may only be made if such sale, transfer or exchange is being made to or through the Issuer or the Dealer (x) in the United States to a QIB who is also a QP or (y) to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person who is a QIB and who is also a QP, in either case, who is acquiring such Warrants in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and who enters into and remains in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter.
- (b) All transactions (which transactions shall include transfers of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant, and transfers of Warrants in definitive form) (a) to a person in the United States or (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, in either case who is a QIB and also a QP and, who takes delivery of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant in the open market or otherwise may only be effected to or through the Issuer or the Dealer, and shall only be effective if, as a condition to such transfer of the Warrants, the transferee enters into and remains in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter (which must be duly executed by such proposed transferee or such transferee's attorney duly authorised in writing at least three New York Business Days prior to the date the transfer of such Warrants is desired).
- (c) In the case of sales, transfers or exchanges of Global Warrants, the Holder must send:
- (i) (in the case of Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, a free of payment instruction not later than 10.00 a.m. (Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be) one Brussels Business Day or Luxembourg Business Day, as the case may be, prior to the date on which the sale, transfer or exchange is to take effect; and
  - (ii) (in the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC) to DTC a free of payment instruction at least two New York Business Days prior to the date on which the sale, transfer or exchange is to take effect.

In the case of a transfer, separate payment arrangements are required to be made between the transferor and the transferee.

On the sale, transfer or exchange date, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, or DTC, as the case may be, will debit the account of its transferor-participant and will instruct (a), in the case of sales, transfers to or exchanges with a person who takes delivery of Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Principal Warrant Agent to credit the relevant account of the transferee-Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant, as the case may be, or (b) in the case of sales, transfers to or exchanges with a person who takes delivery of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, the U.S. Warrant Agent to credit the relevant account of the transferee-DTC participant.

- (d) No beneficial owner of a Rule 144A Global Warrant will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable. A beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Warrant will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be exchangeable for Warrants in definitive form only (a) upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, (b) in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and (c) in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the English Law Agency Agreement. Transfers of a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC shall be limited to transfers of such Rule 144A Global Warrant, in whole but not in part, to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or such successor's nominee. For so long as the Warrants are represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, all permitted transfers of such Warrants must be effected through an account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.
- (e) Subject as provided in these Rule 144A Warrant Conditions, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the English Law Agency Agreement, a Warrant in definitive form may be transferred in whole or in part. In order to effect any such transfer, (i) the holder or holders must (A) surrender the Warrant for registration of the transfer of the Warrant (or the relevant part of the Warrant) at the specified office of the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, with a form of transfer duly completed and executed by the person shown as the registered holder on the Register, or its attorney duly authorised in writing and (B) complete and deposit such other certifications or evidence as may be required by the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, the Issuer or the Guarantor and (ii) the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, 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, the Guarantor and the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, may from time to time prescribe. Subject to the provisions above, the U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, 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 U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, 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 certificate representing such Warrant in definitive form of the same aggregate amount of the Warrant (or the relevant part of the Warrant) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Warrant in definitive form, a new certificate representing such Warrant in definitive form in respect of the balance of the Warrant not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor. The U.S. Warrant Agent or the Principal Warrant Agent, as applicable, shall record such transfer, and make appropriate notations, in the Register to reflect such transfer.
- (f) Any attempted sale, transfer or exchange in which the proposed sale, transfer or exchange was not effected in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall not be valid or binding on the Issuer or the Guarantor. In addition, if any Instrument Agent subsequently determines or is subsequently notified by the Issuer that (i) a sale, transfer or exchange, or attempted or purported sale, transfer or exchange, of any interest in a Warrant was consummated on the basis of an incorrect certification from the transferee or purported transferee as set forth in the relevant Investor Representation Letter, (ii) the holder of any interest in a Warrant was in breach, at the time given, of any representation or agreement set forth in any Investor Representation Letter or any deemed representation or agreement of such holder, or (iii) a sale, transfer or exchange, or attempted sale, transfer or exchange, of any interest in a Warrant was consummated which did not comply with the transfer restrictions set forth in this Rule 144A Warrant Condition 5 the purported transfer shall be absolutely null and void *ab initio* and shall

vest no rights in the purported transferee (such purported transferee, a "**Disqualified Transferee**") and the last preceding holder of such interest that was not a Disqualified Transferee shall be restored to all rights as a holder thereof retroactively to the date of transfer of such interest by such holder.

## 6. Exercise Rights

### (A) *American Style Warrants*

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, in the case of American Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, any such American Style Warrants with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7 (*Exercise Procedure*), at or prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Expiration Date, shall become void.

If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, in the case of American Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, any such American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7 (*Exercise Procedure*), at or prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Expiration Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent "In-The-Money" shall be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date, but payment or delivery of the Entitlement is subject to the delivery of a duly completed Exercise Notice as set forth in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 (*Automatic Exercise*). In such event, the provisions of Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 (*Automatic Exercise*) shall apply.

In the case of American Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, (a) the Exercise Business Day immediately succeeding the New York Business Day on which an Exercise Notice is received prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, by the U.S. Warrant Agent and a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent, or (b) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms and the Warrants are automatically exercised on the Expiration Date as provided above, then such Expiration Date is referred to herein as the "**Actual Exercise Date**". If any such Exercise Notice is received by the U.S. Warrant Agent, or if a copy thereof is delivered to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent after 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on any New York Business Day, such Exercise Notice will be deemed to have been given on the next New York Business Day and the Exercise Business Day immediately succeeding such next New York Business Day shall be deemed to be the Actual Exercise Date; provided that any such Warrants in respect of which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7 (*Exercise Procedure*), at or prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Expiration Date shall (i) if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, become void or (ii), if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, be automatically exercised or expire on the Expiration Date as provided above and in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 (*Automatic Exercise*).

In the case of American Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Warrant held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Regulation S/Rule 144 Warrant, the provisions of W&C Instruments Condition 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*) shall apply.

### (B) *European Style Warrants*

In the case of European Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7 (*Exercise Procedure*), at or prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Actual Exercise Date, shall become void.

If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any such European Style

Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7 (*Exercise Procedure*), at or prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Actual Exercise Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent "In-The-Money", shall be automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date and the provisions of Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 (*Automatic Exercise*) shall apply.

The expressions "exercise", "due exercise" and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date in accordance with this provision.

In the case of European Style Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Warrant, the provisions of W&C Instruments Condition 23 (*Exercise Rights (Warrants)*) shall apply.

(C) *Cash Settlement*

In the case of Rule 144A Warrants which are Cash Settled Warrants, each such Warrant or, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, entitles its holder, upon due exercise to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount.

In the case of Rule 144A Global Warrants held through DTC which are Cash Settled Warrants, the Issuer, through the Principal Warrant Agent, shall on the Settlement Date pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each duly exercised Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, to the designated account at the U.S. Warrant Agent (or at such other account or bank as may be specified by the U.S. Warrant Agent). In such case, as promptly as practicable thereafter, and provided that the U.S. Warrant Agent is satisfied that delivery to it of funds sufficient to pay the Cash Settlement Amount will be made, the U.S. Warrant Agent will cause the Cash Settlement Amount to be credited to the Holder's account with the U.S. Warrant Agent less any Expenses.

(D) *Physical Settlement*

Rule 144A Warrants which are Physical Delivery Warrants will be issued only in relation to Share Linked Warrants, GDR/ADR Linked Warrants and Fund Linked Warrants. In the case of Rule 144A Warrants which are Physical Delivery Warrants, upon the exercise or deemed exercise of a Rule 144A Warrant by a Holder, and, subject to certification as to QIB and QP beneficial ownership, the Issuer shall transfer or procure the transfer on the Settlement Date of the Entitlement in respect of each Rule 144A Warrant so exercised, subject to payment by the Holder to or to the order of the Issuer on or before the Settlement Date of the Exercise Price, if any, and any other Expenses or sums payable. For the avoidance of doubt, delivery of the Entitlement shall take place only after the Expenses (if any) have been paid by such Holder to or to the order of the Issuer. No Rule 144A Warrant shall confer on a Holder any right to acquire the Entitlement and the Issuer is not obliged to purchase or hold the Entitlement. The delivery of the Entitlement shall be made (i) if practicable and in respect of the account of the Holder, (ii) in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms or (iii) in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery and will, where appropriate and if practicable, notify the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 (*Notices*). By purchasing or exercising a Rule 144A Warrant which is a Physical Delivery Warrant, the relevant Holder shall be deemed to have agreed to such form of settlement as provided herein.

The obligation of the Issuer to deliver Shares is limited to the delivery of Shares having the characteristics and in the form that allows delivery via the relevant Clearing System and does not include registration of the Holder in the share register or in the list of shareholders, and none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent or any other person shall have any liability for any such failure of (or delay in) registration.

Following exercise of a Rule 144A Warrant linked to Shares which is subject to Physical Settlement, 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 relevant Actual Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares. Any such dividends to be paid to a Holder will be paid to the account specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Notice.

Unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, Rule 144A Warrants exercised at the same time will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Rule 144A Warrants, provided that the aggregate Entitlements in respect of the same Holder 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 each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, will not be delivered and in lieu thereof a cash adjustment calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion shall be paid to the Holder.

If the relevant Holder fails to provide the required certifications in the relevant Exercise Notice as of the relevant Cut-Off Date, the Issuer may, instead of delivering, or having delivered on its behalf, the Entitlement, satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Rule 144A Warrant by payment to the relevant Holder of a cash amount, calculated by the Calculation Agent in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to represent the fair market value of the Entitlement on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner adjusted to take account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including, but not limited to, any options or selling or otherwise realizing any relevant Share or other instruments or assets of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements.)

## 7. **Exercise Procedure**

### (A) *Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC*

Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC may only be exercised by delivery through computerised exercise instruction through DTC (via its "Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian" or "DWAC" function) of a duly completed Exercise Notice in the form set out in the English Law Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from the Instrument Agents) to the U.S. Warrant Agent with a copy to the Principal Warrant Agent and Merrill Lynch International, in accordance with the provisions set out in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 6 (*Exercise Rights*) and this Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7.

In the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, the Exercise Notice shall, unless otherwise agreed:

- (a) specify the Series of the Warrants and the number of Warrants being exercised and, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Units being exercised;
- (b) specify the designated account at DTC to be debited with the Warrants being exercised;
- (c) irrevocably instruct DTC to exercise the Warrants debited to the account of the Holder and credited to the account of the U.S. Warrant Agent by means of DTC's DWAC function;
- (d) specify the designated account at DTC to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Warrant being exercised;
- (e) include an irrevocable undertaking by the Holder to pay all Expenses and an instruction from the Holders to DTC to deduct an amount in respect thereof from any Cash Settlement Amount due to such Holder and/or to debit a specified account of the Holder at DTC with an amount or amounts in respect thereof;
- (f) include a certification that each beneficial owner is a QIB and a QP; and
- (g) authorise the production of such certification in applicable administrative or legal proceedings,

all as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement.

In addition, if the relevant Final Terms specify Physical Settlement is applicable, the Exercise Notice shall also, unless otherwise agreed:

- (i) irrevocably instruct DTC to debit on the Actual Exercise Date a specified account of the Holder with the aggregate Exercise Price(s) (if relevant) in respect of the Rule 144A Warrants being exercised and to transfer such amount to such account with DTC as shall have been specified by the Issuer to DTC for that purpose;
- (ii) include an irrevocable undertaking by the Holder to pay all Expenses incurred by reason of transfer (if any) of the Entitlement(s) to the account at DTC specified by the Holder in the relevant Exercise Notice and an instruction from the Holder to DTC to deduct an amount in respect thereof from any Physical Settlement Value due to such Holder or otherwise to debit (on or at any time after the Settlement Date) a specified account of the Holder at DTC with an amount or amounts in respect thereof; and
- (iii) specify the number of the Holder's account with DTC to be credited with the relevant Entitlement(s).

Upon receipt of an Exercise Notice, the U.S. Warrant Agent shall verify that the person exercising the Warrants is the holder thereof according to the records of DTC. Subject thereto, the U.S. Warrant Agent shall notify the Issuer of the number of Warrants being exercised and the account details, if applicable, for the payment of the Cash Settlement Amount of each Warrant being exercised. If the Warrants are American Style Warrants, upon exercise of less than all the Warrants held through DTC, the U.S. Warrant Agent will note such exercise on the Register and the number of Warrants so constituted shall be reduced by the redemption pro tanto of the Warrants so exercised.

Delivery of an Exercise Notice shall constitute an irrevocable election by the relevant Holder to exercise the Warrants specified. After the delivery of such Exercise Notice, such exercising Holder may not transfer such Warrants.

Any determination as to whether an Exercise Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the U.S. Warrant Agent in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent in the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the relevant Instrument Agents and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Exercise Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Warrant Agent and Merrill Lynch International immediately after being delivered or sent to the U.S. Warrant Agent, shall be null and void.

If such Exercise Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the U.S. Warrant Agent in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Exercise Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to the U.S. Warrant Agent and copied to the Principal Warrant Agent and Merrill Lynch International.

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Warrants with respect to which the Exercise Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the cut-off time specified in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 6(A) (*American Style Warrants*), in the case of American Style Warrants, or Rule 144A Warrant Condition 6(B) (*European Style Warrants*), in the case of European Style Warrants, shall become void.

The U.S. Warrant Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder submitting an Exercise Notice if, in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent, it has determined that such Exercise Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents or DTC, shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (B) *Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

In respect of Warrants represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the provisions of W&C Instruments Condition 24(A)(a) (*Exercises Notices – Warrants represented by a Euroclear/CBL Global Registered Warrant*) shall apply except that sub- paragraphs (1)(v) and (2)(vii) shall be amended by the addition of the following after the words "certify, *inter alia*", "either (i) that the beneficial owner of each Warrant being exercised is a QIB/QP (as defined in the Exercise Notice) and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms, or (ii)".

#### 8. **Automatic Exercise**

Automatic Exercise will apply to Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC if specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms.

In the case of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, in order to receive the Cash Settlement Amount, in respect of a Warrant, or if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, a Unit, as the case may be, the relevant Holder must deliver through computerised exercise instruction through DTC (via its DWAC function) a duly completed Exercise Notice to the U.S. Warrant Agent with a copy to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent on any New York Business Day until not later than 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Cut-Off Date (as defined in W&C Instruments Condition 24(E) (*Exercise Procedure (Warrants) – Automatic Exercise*)).

The Exercise Notice shall include the applicable information set out in the Exercise Notice referred to in Rule 144A Warrant Condition 7(A). The Business Day during the period from the Expiration Date or the Actual Exercise Date, as the case may be, until the Cut-Off Date on which an Exercise Notice is delivered to the U.S. Warrant Agent and a copy thereof delivered to Merrill Lynch International and the Principal Warrant Agent is referred to in this Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 as the "**Exercise Notice Delivery Date**", provided that if the Exercise Notice is delivered to the U.S. Warrant Agent at or after 5.00 p.m., New York City time on a New York Business Day, the Exercise Notice Delivery Date shall be deemed to be the next succeeding New York Business Day.

Subject to the relevant Holder performing its obligations in respect of the relevant Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the Settlement Date for such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, shall be the fourth Business Day following the Exercise Notice Delivery Date. In the event that a Holder does not so deliver an Exercise Notice in accordance with this Rule 144A Warrant Condition 8 prior to 5.00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day immediately preceding the Cut-Off Date, such Warrants shall expire worthless, and the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Rule 144A Warrants and the Guarantor's obligations in respect of the Non-COSI Guarantee shall be discharged and no further liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

#### 9. **Purchases**

Rule 144A Warrants purchased by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their Affiliates pursuant to W&C Instruments Condition 10 (*Purchases*) may only be resold pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S, as applicable.

#### 10. **Additional Amounts**

In respect of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, the references in W&C Instruments Condition 25 (*Additional Amounts*) to "the relevant Clearing System" shall be replaced by "DTC".

11. **U.S. Warrant Agent**

The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the U.S. Warrant Agent and to appoint further or additional Instrument Agents as provided in W&C Instruments Condition 11 (*Agents, Determinations, Modifications and Meeting Provisions*), provided that, so long as any of the Warrants are represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, there shall be a U.S. Warrant Agent.

12. **Notices**

For so long as the Warrants are represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC, the reference in the first paragraph of W&C Instruments Condition 12 (*Notices*) to "each Clearing System" shall be replaced by "DTC".

13. **Substitution of the Issuer**

The Issuer, or any previous substituted company may, at any time, without the consent of the Holders, substitute for itself as principal obligor under Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant any company, being BAC or any of its other subsidiaries as provided in W&C Instruments Condition 15 (*Substitution of the Issuer, Consolidation and Merger*), provided that the Substitute and the Warrants satisfy all the applicable requirements of Rule 144A.



## ANNEX 12

## ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAUDI SHARE LINKED WARRANTS

1. **Interpretation**

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Saudi Share Linked Warrants shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments (the "**W&C Instruments Conditions**") and the Additional Terms and Conditions for Saudi Share Linked Warrants set out below (the "**Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions**"), in each case subject to completion and/or amendment in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions, the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the W&C Instruments Conditions and the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions and (b) the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms shall prevail. References in the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions to "Instrument" and "Instruments" shall be deemed to be references to "W&C Instrument" and "W&C Instruments" as the context admits. Any reference to "Share Linked Warrant" in the W&C Instruments Conditions shall be deemed to include any Saudi Share Linked Warrant.

2. **Definitions**

For the purposes of these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions:

**"Additional Amount"** means, in respect of an Additional Amount Payment Date, an amount equal to 100 per cent. of the relevant Cash Dividend per Share less any Taxation and Costs, such amount converted (if necessary) into the Settlement Currency at the Dividend Exchange Rate.

**"Additional Amount Payment Date"** means, in respect of each Dividend Distribution Date, the fifth Business Day following the Dividend Distribution Date, unless otherwise determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Adjustment Factor"** means the Adjustment Factor as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Applicable Hedge Positions"** means, at any time, Hedge Positions that the Calculation Agent determines that a Hypothetical Dealer, acting in a commercially reasonable manner, would consider necessary to hedge the price risk and dividend risk of the Issuer issuing and the Issuer performing its obligations with respect to any Saudi Share Linked Warrant at that time.

**"Basket of Shares"** means a basket composed of Shares in their relative proportions or number of Shares, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Business Day"** means a day (other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday) 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 London, Riyadh and in each relevant Business Day Centre(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms and (b) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Settlement 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 Settlement Currency or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) system or any successor thereto (the "**TARGET2 System**") is operating.

**"Cash Dividend"** means, in respect of any Warrant, any ordinary or extraordinary dividends that (a) are paid in cash (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, stock dividends or the cash value of any dividend declared on a Share in shares of the Share Company or in any assets other than cash) by the Share Company to holders of record of a Share from (but excluding) the Trade Date to (and including) the relevant Valuation Date and (b) have an Ex-Dividend

Date that occurs from (but excluding) the Trade Date to (and including) the relevant Valuation Date.

**"Cash Settled Instruments"** means Instruments that entitle the holder, upon due exercise and subject to certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership, to receive from the Issuer, on the Settlement Date, the Cash Settlement Amount.

**"Common Scheduled Trading Day"** means, in respect of a Basket of Shares, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for all the Shares in the Basket of Shares.

**"Costs"** means all expenses, costs, charges, levies, tax, duties, withholding, deductions or other payments including without limitation, all Depository, custodial, registration, transaction and exercise changes and stamp, issues, registration or, securities transfer or other similar taxes or duties, as determined by the Calculation Agent, that would be incurred per Share by or on behalf of (i) a Hypothetical Dealer or a Hedging Entity that is a holder of record of a Share in connection with the payment of a Cash Dividend or stock dividend on such Share (ii) a Hypothetical Dealer or a Hedging Entity in respect of any payments or deliveries under any Applicable Hedge Position and/or (iii) a Hypothetical Dealer or Hedging Entity terminating or liquidating any Applicable Hedge Positions or Hedge Positions (as applicable) during any Execution Period, as applicable.

**"Currency of the Shares"** means the currency (a) in which any Cash Dividend would be paid by the Share Company, (b) in which the Shares trade on the Exchange or (c) of any proceeds that the Calculation Agent determines a Hypothetical Dealer holding the Shares would receive on disposition of the Shares, as the case may be.

**"Dividend Exchange Rate"** means, the rate, determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, for converting the currency of the Cash Dividend into the Settlement Currency on the relevant Dividend Distribution Date by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, select.

**"Dividend Distribution Date"** means each date that the Share Company pays a Cash Dividend to holders of record of the Share, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Ex-Dividend Date"** means, in respect of a dividend, the date that the relevant Share commences trading ex-dividend on the Exchange in respect of the dividend as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"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).

**"Execution Period"** means the period from (and including) the relevant Valuation Date to (and including) the relevant Final Execution Date.

**"Final Execution Date"** means the day (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on which a Hypothetical Dealer acting in a commercially reasonable manner could execute the last purchase or sale transaction, as the case may be, that would be necessary to fully unwind the relevant Applicable Hedge Positions, such determination to be made by the Calculation Agent provided that if the Calculation Agent determines that a Hypothetical Dealer would be unable to fully unwind the relevant Applicable Hedge Positions on or prior to the date falling four years following the Trade Date (the **"Execution Cut-Off Date"**), the Final Execution Date shall be the Execution Cut-Off Date.

**"Final Reference Price"** means the weighted average price per Share determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to (i) the price that would be realised by a Hypothetical Dealer, less any Costs and Taxation, acting in a commercially reasonable manner, in terminating or liquidating Applicable Hedge Positions (corresponding to the number of outstanding Warrants during any relevant Execution Period, provided that if the Calculation

Agent determines that a Hypothetical Dealer would be unable to fully terminate or liquidate the Applicable Hedge Positions (whether due to market disruptions or for any other reasons) corresponding to the number of outstanding Warrants on or before the Execution Cut-Off Date, the Calculation Agent shall (to the extent a Hypothetical Dealer would be unable to fully terminate or liquidate the Applicable Hedge Positions) estimate the relevant price, Costs and Taxation in good faith (and, for the avoidance of doubt, such price may be zero), and (ii) such other matters and information (if any) that the Calculation Agent, in its sole discretion, considers relevant.

**"FX Rate"** means the weighted average rate, determined by the Calculation Agent, for converting the Currency of the Shares into the Settlement Currency expressed as a number of units (or fractional amounts thereof) of the currency in which the Shares are denominated for one unit of the Settlement Currency, taking into consideration all available information that the Calculation Agent considers relevant, which information shall include such sources selected by the Calculation Agent and/or rates of exchange as the Calculation Agent determines would be realised by a Hypothetical Dealer converting into the Settlement Currency amounts received in connection with a hypothetical disposition of Applicable Hedge Positions during any Execution Period at the time of receipt of such amounts.

**"Hedge Positions"** means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more of (i) positions or contracts in securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange, (ii) stock loan transactions or (iii) other instruments or arrangements (howsoever described) by a Hedging Entity or a Hypothetical Dealer (as applicable) in order to hedge, individually or on a portfolio basis, the Issuer issuing, and the Issuer performing its obligations with respect to, any Saudi Share Linked Warrant.

**"Hedging Entity"** means the Issuer and/or any affiliate(s) of the Issuer or any entity (or entities) acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions relating to the Saudi Share Linked Warrants and/or the Shares in respect of the Issuer's obligations under the Saudi Share Linked Warrants.

**"Hypothetical Dealer"** means a hypothetical broker dealer subject to the same securities laws and rules and regulations of any securities regulators, exchanges and self-regulating organisations as applying to the Hedging Entity.

**"Local Jurisdiction"** means, in respect of Saudi Share Linked Warrants, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**"Max"** followed by a series of amounts inside brackets, means whichever is the greater of the amounts separated by a semi-colon inside those brackets.

**"Related 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 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, however, 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 Trading Day"** means any day on which the Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading sessions.

**"Settlement Date"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any Warrant, the fifth Business Day following the relevant Final Execution Date.

**"Shares"** and **"Share"** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions, the shares or a share specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Share Company"** means, in respect of a Share, the company that has issued such Share.

**"Taxation"** means the aggregation of all withholding taxes, capital gains taxes and other duties and taxes whatsoever in effect which, in the sole and absolute determination of the Calculation Agent, would be payable per Share by or on behalf of (i) a Hypothetical Dealer or a Hedging Entity that is a holder of record of a Share in connection with the payment of a Cash Dividend or stock dividend on such Share (ii) a Hypothetical Dealer or a Hedging Entity in respect of any payments or deliveries under any Applicable Hedge Position and/or (iii) a Hypothetical Dealer or Hedging Entity terminating or liquidating Applicable Hedge Positions or Hedge Positions (as applicable) during any Execution Period, as applicable.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as a Trade Date in the applicable Final Terms.

**"Valuation Date"** means, the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, or if that is not a Scheduled Trading Day the first Scheduled Trading Day thereafter (or, where the Saudi Share Linked Warrants relate to a Basket of Shares and the applicable Final Terms provides that "Common Scheduled Trading Days" shall be applicable, if such date is not a Common Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Common Scheduled Trading Day).

### 3. **Cash Settlement Amount**

The Issuer shall, for each Saudi Share Linked Warrant being exercised or deemed exercised, on the Settlement Date pay or cause the payment of the Cash Settlement Amount to the Holder.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, **"Cash Settlement Amount"** means an amount per Saudi Share Linked Warrant in the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Max}[0; \frac{\text{Final Reference Price}}{\text{FX Rate}}] * \text{Adjustment Factor}$$

The Cash Settlement Amount will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the relevant Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards, with W&C Instruments exercised at the same time by the same Holder being aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Cash Settlement Amounts payable in respect of such W&C Instruments.

### 4. **Additional Amounts**

If Additional Amounts are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Additional Amount Payment Date, the Issuer shall pay to the Holder of each Saudi Share Linked Warrant the Additional Amount (as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion) corresponding to such Additional Amount Payment Date.

### 5. **Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency**

(a) If the Calculation Agent determines that a Potential Adjustment Event (as defined in Share Linked Condition 6 (Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency)) has occurred in respect of a Share, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares and, if so, the Calculation Agent may:

(i) make corresponding adjustment(s), if any, to any one or more of the terms of the Terms and Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, including to any Additional Amount, the Cash Settlement Amount, and/or any other variable relevant to the exercise, settlement, payment or other terms of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and/or

- (ii) determine, subject to the agreement of the Issuer, (A) to issue further Saudi Share Linked Warrants in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 14 or issue Instruments of a different Series and distribute such Saudi Share Linked Warrants or Instruments to Holders and/or (B) distribute a cash amount to Holders, in each case, on such terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect, taking into consideration any Costs and/or Taxation associated with any such Potential Adjustment Event and provided that no adjustments (or further issuances) will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Share. The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the appropriate adjustment (or further issuance) 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. The Calculation Agent shall determine the effective date(s) of such adjustment(s), further issue(s), distribution(s) and/or purchase(s).
- (b) Upon the making of any such determination, the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12 stating (i) in respect of a determination pursuant to Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 5(a)(i), the adjustment and/or (ii) in respect of a determination pursuant to Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 5(a)(ii)(A), details of the relevant Instruments to be distributed and the number of Instruments to which the Holder is entitled and/or (iii) in respect of a determination pursuant to Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 5(a)(ii)(B), the amount payable to the Holder of a Saudi Share Linked Warrant, provided in each case that any failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of the Potential Adjustment Event or any action taken.
- (c) Share Linked Conditions 6(a) and (b) shall apply to Saudi Share Linked Warrants and shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions.

#### 6. Additional Disruption Events

- (a) Share Linked Condition 8, as amended pursuant to Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 6(b) below, shall apply to Saudi Share Linked Warrants and shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions.
- (b) Notwithstanding Share Linked Condition 8(a), for the purpose of the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions the definition of "Additional Disruption Event" shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of (a) CMA Order, Jurisdiction Event and/or Trading Failure and (b) if specified in the applicable Final Terms, Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging and/or Insolvency Filing, where:

**"CMA Order"** means, in relation to any Series of Saudi Share Linked Warrants, the Capital Market Authority (or any successor or equivalent body) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the **"Capital Market Authority"**) has requested that any Hedging Entity terminate or otherwise modify any Hedge Positions or imposes any qualitative or quantitative limitation or any other requirements in relation to any Hedge Positions (including, without limitation, the contractual arrangements relating thereto), the Saudi Share Linked Warrants, the relevant Guarantee, the Holders or any document or matter in relation thereto which the Issuer reasonably determines will have a material effect on any of the foregoing;

**"Jurisdiction Event"** means an event has occurred, whether of general application or otherwise and which occurs as a result of present or future risks in or connected with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia including, but not limited to, risks associated with fraud or corruption, political risk, legal uncertainty, imposition of foreign exchange controls or capital controls, changes in laws or regulations and changes in the interpretation or enforcement of laws and regulations (including without limitation those relating to taxation) and other legal and/or sovereign risks; and

**"Trading Failure"** means any Hedging Entity is not able to buy and/or sell Shares via a trading system commonly used within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for such Shares or such trading system fails to calculate and publish the price of the Shares on a day on which the Calculation Agent determines that such calculation and publication was otherwise expected to be made, and in each case, which has or may have (as determined by the Calculation Agent) a material effect on the relevant Hedge Positions).

7. **Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation, Insolvency and Additional Disruption Events**

In the circumstance where one or more event may satisfy the terms of two or more of the adjustment or termination events set forth in Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 7 (Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency) and/or Saudi Share Linked Warrant Condition 6 (Additional Disruption Events), then the Calculation Agent shall determine (in its sole and absolute discretion) which adjustment or termination event shall be applicable.

8. **Payment Disruption**

W&C Instruments Condition 6(C) shall be amended as follows:

The definition of "Payment Event Cut-Off Date" shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

**"Payment Event Cut-Off Date"** means the earliest of:

- (a) the date which is one year after the Exercise Date or Settlement Date; or
- (b) date falling four years after the Trade Date (notwithstanding that such date may be the Exercise Date or Settlement Date of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants and therefore no extension of the term of the Saudi Share Linked Warrants could occur),

or as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and notified to Holders in accordance with W&C Instruments Condition 12.

9. **Interpretation**

With regard to the Share Linked Conditions incorporated by reference into these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions all references therein to "the Share Linked Instruments" or "these Share Linked Instruments" shall instead be deemed to be, respectively, to "the Saudi Share Linked Warrants" or "these Saudi Share Linked Warrants", and such Share Linked Conditions shall otherwise be deemed to be incorporated *mutatis mutandis* into the Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions in order to give reasonable effect to such provisions in the context of these Saudi Share Linked Warrant Conditions.

## ANNEX 13

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SWISS COSIs

If "Collateralisation" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the terms and conditions applicable to Swiss W&C Instruments shall comprise the terms and conditions of the W&C Instruments and the additional terms and conditions for Swiss COSIs set out below and as further described under section "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)".

Swiss COSIs are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the SIX Swiss Exchange «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)» (the "**Framework Agreement**"), dated 24 May 2012, between SIX Swiss Exchange, SIS, MLICo. and Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Zurich, Switzerland (the "**Collateral Provider**"). The Collateral Provider undertakes to secure the Current Value of the Swiss COSIs at any given time as well as the further claims listed in the Framework Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement. The Holders are not party to the Framework Agreement. The Framework Agreement constitutes an integral part of this Offering Circular.

In the event of any contradiction between the provisions of this Offering Circular and the applicable Final Terms and the Framework Agreement, the Framework Agreement takes precedence. The Issuer shall, upon request, provide the Framework Agreement to investors free of charge in the original German version or in an English translation. The Framework Agreement may be obtained from Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Stockerhof, Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland via telephone +41 44 297 75 93, fax +41 44 291 33 41 or via e-mail: [dg.ogc\\_zurich@baml.com](mailto:dg.ogc_zurich@baml.com).

## COLLATERAL-SECURED INSTRUMENTS (COSIs)

Swiss COSIs are collateralised in accordance with the terms of the SIX Swiss Exchange «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)». Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Zurich, Switzerland (the "**Collateral Provider**") undertakes to secure the value of the Swiss COSIs at any given time as well as the further claims listed in the Framework Agreement.

Security must be provided to SIX Swiss Exchange in the form of a regular right of lien. The collateral is booked to a SIX Swiss Exchange account with SIX SIS. Investors do not themselves have a surety right to the collateral. The Swiss COSIs and the collateral shall be valued on each banking day. The Collateral Provider shall be obliged to adjust the collateral to any changes in value. Permitted forms of collateral shall be selected by SIX Swiss Exchange on an ongoing basis from various categories of securities. The Issuer shall, upon enquiry, inform investors about the collateral that is permitted as security for the Swiss COSIs at any given time. The Collateral Provider shall pay SIX Swiss Exchange a fee for the service regarding the collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs. A change of Collateral Provider shall be notified in accordance with the provisions of this Offering Circular.

**Documentation.** The collateralisation in favour of SIX Swiss Exchange is based on the «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)» between SIX Swiss Exchange, SIX SIS, MLICo. and the Collateral Provider dated 24 May 2012 ("**Framework Agreement**"). The investor is not party to the Framework Agreement. **The Framework Agreement constitutes an integral part of this Offering Circular.** In the event of any contradiction between the provisions of this Offering Circular and the Framework Agreement, the Framework Agreement takes precedence. The Issuer shall, upon request, provide the Framework Agreement to investors free of charge in the original German version or in an English translation. The Framework Agreement may be obtained from Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, Stockerhof, Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland via telephone +41 44 297 75 93, fax +41 44 291 33 41 or via e-mail: dg.ogc\_zurich@baml.com. The core elements of collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs are summarised in a SIX Swiss Exchange information sheet, which is available at «[www.six-swiss-exchange.com](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com)».

**Collateralisation method.** The collateral that must be furnished by the Collateral Provider is determined by the value of the Swiss COSIs at any given time (hereinafter "**Current Value**"). The Current Values shall be determined in the trading currency of the Swiss COSIs and converted into Swiss francs for the purpose of calculating the required collateral. The method for calculating the Current Value shall be determined for each series of Swiss COSIs upon application for (provisional) admission to trading and shall remain unchanged for the entire term of such series of Swiss COSIs. If prices for the Swiss COSIs calculated by third parties are available (so-called «Fair Values»), they are taken into account when determining the Current Value in accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations of SIX Swiss Exchange. Otherwise, the determination of the Current Value will take into account the «bond floor pricing», as defined by the Swiss Federal Tax Administration, Berne (Switzerland). For as long as no bond floor is available for a series of Swiss COSIs that is subject to bond floor pricing, the Current Value shall correspond at least to the capital protection laid down in the redemption terms for such series of Swiss COSIs. If the final bid-side purchase price of the Swiss COSIs on the previous trading day on the SIX Structured Products Exchange is higher, the collateral requirement shall always be based on this latter price. If the aforementioned prices for Swiss COSIs are unavailable at any given time, then other prices shall be used to calculate the required collateral, in accordance with the rules and regulations of SIX Swiss Exchange. The Current Values required for the collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs shall be determined exclusively in accordance with the provisions of the «Special Provisions Governing Collateral-Secured Instruments» of SIX Swiss Exchange. The Current Value of a series of Swiss COSIs shall be determined according to either Method A: "Fair Value Method" or Method B: "Bond Floor Method" of the Special Provisions Governing Collateral-Secured Instruments of SIX Swiss Exchange.

**Distribution and market making.** The distribution of the Swiss COSIs shall be the responsibility of the Issuer. The Issuer undertakes to ensure that market making for the Swiss COSIs is in place.

**Risks.** Collateralisation eliminates the issuer default risk only to the extent that the proceeds from the liquidation of collateral upon occurrence of a Liquidation Event (less the costs of liquidation and payout) are able to meet the investors' claims. The investor bears the following risks, among others: (i) the Collateral Provider is unable to supply the additionally required collateral if the value of the Swiss COSIs rises or the value of the collateral decreases; (ii) in a Liquidation Event, the collateral cannot be



liquidated immediately by SIX Swiss Exchange because of factual hindrances or because the collateral must be handed over to the executory authorities for liquidation; (iii) the market risk associated with the collateral results in insufficient liquidation proceeds or, in extreme circumstances, the collateral might lose its value entirely until the liquidation can take place; (iv) the maturity of Swiss COSIs in a foreign currency according to the Framework Agreement may result in losses for the investor because the Current Value (determinant for the investor's claim against the Issuer) is set in the foreign currency, while payment of the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds (determinant for the extent to which the investor's claim against the Issuer is satisfied) is made in Swiss francs; (v) the collateralisation is challenged according to the laws governing debt enforcement and bankruptcy, so that the collateral cannot be liquidated according to the terms of the Framework Agreement for the benefit of the investors in Swiss COSIs.

**Liquidation of collateral.** If the Collateral Provider fails to fulfil its obligations, the collateral will be liquidated by SIX Swiss Exchange or a liquidator under the terms of the applicable legal regulations. The collateral may be liquidated ("**Liquidation Events**") if (i) the Collateral Provider fails to furnish the required collateral, fails to do so in due time, or if the collateral that is provided is not free from defects, unless any such defect is remedied within three banking days; (ii) the Issuer fails to fulfil a payment or delivery obligation under any Swiss COSIs upon maturity according to the issuing conditions, fails to do so in due time, or if its fulfilment of such obligations is defective, unless any such defect is remedied within three banking days; (iii) the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA orders protective measures with regard to the Issuer or the Collateral Provider under Article 26 paragraph 1 letter (f) to (h) of the Federal Act on Banks and Savings Banks, or restructuring measures or the liquidation (winding-up proceedings) under Article 25 et seq. of the Federal Act on Banks and Savings Banks; (iv) a foreign financial market supervisory authority, another competent foreign authority or a competent foreign court orders an action that is comparable with that described in item (iii) above; (v) the market making obligation is breached for ten consecutive banking days; (vi) the Collateral Provider's participation at SIX SIS ceases; (vii) the provisional admission of the Swiss COSIs to trading lapses or is cancelled and the Issuer fails to satisfy investors' claims according to the issuing conditions of the Swiss COSIs within 30 banking days of the lapse or cancellation of the provisional admission; or (viii) the Swiss COSIs are delisted upon application by the Issuer or for any other reason, and the Issuer fails to satisfy investors' claims according to the issuing conditions of the Swiss COSIs within thirty (30) banking days of the last trading day. The Framework Agreement provides for the exact time at which each Liquidation Event occurs. The remedy of a Liquidation Event is not possible.

**Determination of a Liquidation Event.** SIX Swiss Exchange is not required to undertake investigations with regard to the occurrence of a Liquidation Event. In determining the occurrence of a Liquidation Event, it bases its decision on reliable sources of information only. SIX Swiss Exchange determines with binding effect for the investors that an incident qualifies as a Liquidation Event and at what point in time the Liquidation Event occurred.

**Procedure in case of a Liquidation Event.** If a Liquidation Event occurs, SIX Swiss Exchange is at its own discretion entitled: (i) to make public the occurrence of a Liquidation Event immediately or at a later stage in suitable form, specifically in a newspaper with a national distribution and on the SIX Swiss Exchange website; as well as (ii) to liquidate immediately or at a later stage – without regard to the amount of unsatisfied claims – all existing collateral on a private basis, provided the applicable legal regulations or regulatory orders do not prohibit such private liquidation (and, if a private liquidation is not possible, hand the collateral over to the competent person for liquidation). Once a Liquidation Event has occurred, trading in all Swiss COSIs of the Issuer may be suspended, and the Swiss COSIs of the Issuer may be delisted.

**Maturity of the Swiss COSIs as well as investors' claims against SIX Swiss Exchange and the Issuer.** All of the Issuer's Swiss COSIs under the Framework Agreement shall fall due for redemption 30 banking days after a Liquidation Event has occurred. SIX Swiss Exchange shall make public the due date in a newspaper with a national distribution, as well as on the SIX Swiss Exchange website. **Investors' claims against SIX Swiss Exchange for the payment of their pro-rata share of the net liquidation proceeds** arise automatically only once the Swiss COSIs have fallen due for redemption. Investors' claims against SIX Swiss Exchange are based on a genuine contract in favour of third parties (Article 112 paragraph 2 of the Swiss Code of Obligations) which is irrevocable on the part of the Collateral Provider. The acquisition of a Swiss COSI by an investor automatically entails the declaration vis-à-vis SIX Swiss Exchange, as described in Art. 112 paragraph 3 of the Swiss Code of

Obligations, that he wishes to enforce his right under the Framework Agreement at maturity of the Swiss COSI. In dealings with SIX Swiss Exchange and SIX SIS, the investors are bound by the provisions of the Framework Agreement, specifically the **choice of Swiss law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commercial Court of Canton Zurich (Switzerland)**.

If a Liquidation Event has occurred, SIX Swiss Exchange will determine the Current Values of all Swiss COSIs of the Issuer in the respective trading currency with binding effect for the Issuer, the Collateral Provider and the investors. Investors' claims against the Issuer will be based on these Current Values when the Swiss COSIs mature in accordance with the Framework Agreement. The Current Values of the Swiss COSIs on the banking day immediately preceding the date on which the Liquidation Event occurred shall be applicable. SIX Swiss Exchange shall make public the applicable Current Values of the Swiss COSIs.

**Costs of liquidation and payout for the benefit of the investors.** The costs incurred in connection with the liquidation and payout (including taxes and duties, as well as consulting fees) shall, in advance, be covered out of the proceeds of the liquidation of the collateral. For this purpose, SIX Swiss Exchange shall deduct a flat-rate fee of 0.1 per cent. from the entire liquidation proceeds for its own expenses and for the expenses of third parties. In addition, SIX Swiss Exchange shall be entitled to satisfy, in advance out of the proceeds of the liquidation of the collateral, any outstanding claims it holds against the Collateral Provider and the Issuer under the terms of the Framework Agreement. The remaining net liquidation proceeds are available for payout to the investors in Swiss COSIs of the Issuer.

SIX Swiss Exchange will transfer the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds due to investors to SIX SIS participants. In doing so, it is released from all further obligations. The amounts transferred are determined by the holdings of Swiss COSIs that are booked to participant accounts with SIX SIS. If the Issuer which, according to the Framework Agreement, is affected by the maturity of its Swiss COSIs, is a SIX SIS participant, then SIX Swiss Exchange and SIX SIS shall decide on a separate procedure for the payment of the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds to those investors who hold their Swiss COSIs via the Issuer. SIX Swiss Exchange may transfer the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds for these investors to one or more other SIX SIS participants or to one or more third parties, which will attend to the payment to investors in Swiss COSIs either directly or indirectly. In doing so, SIX Swiss Exchange is released from all further obligations. SIX Swiss Exchange may decide at its own discretion to have the payment of the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds for other or all investors in Swiss COSIs conducted by one or more other SIX SIS participants or by one or more third parties.

The payouts to investors are made exclusively in Swiss francs. The claim of the investors is non-interest-bearing. SIX Swiss Exchange is not liable to pay either default interest or damages should the payout be delayed for any reason.

The maximum claim of an investor to satisfaction from the net liquidation proceeds of collateral is determined by the sum of the Current Values of his Swiss COSIs. Should the combined Current Values of all investors in the Issuer's Swiss COSIs exceed the net liquidation proceeds, payment of pro-rata shares of net liquidation proceeds to individual investors will be made according to the ratio between the total Current Values held by individual investors and the total Current Values accruing to all investors in Swiss COSIs of the Issuer.

In the case of Swiss COSIs in a different trading currency than the Swiss franc, SIX Swiss Exchange shall, with binding effect for the parties to the Framework Agreement and the investors, convert the Current Values into Swiss francs in order to determine the pro-rata share of net liquidation proceeds. The exchange rates according to the rules and regulations of SIX SIS on the banking day immediately preceding the date on which the Liquidation Event occurred, shall be applicable. The conversion of the Current Values of Swiss COSIs of a different trading currency than the Swiss franc pertains only to the amount and the effect of the payout of pro-rata net liquidation proceeds by SIX Swiss Exchange to investors in such Swiss COSIs and shall have no further effect on the relationship between the investor and the Issuer. SIX Swiss Exchange shall make public these values of the Swiss COSIs as well as the applicable exchange rates.

The investors' claims against the Issuer arising from the Swiss COSIs are reduced by the amount of the payment of the pro-rata net liquidation proceeds. In the case of Swiss COSIs of a different trading

currency than the Swiss franc the reduction amount of the claim of the investor against the Issuer shall be determined in accordance with the conversion rate of the particular trading currency of the Swiss COSIs to the Swiss franc applicable on the banking day immediately preceding the date on which the Liquidation Event occurred.

No further investor claims exist against SIX Swiss Exchange, SIX SIS or other persons which are involved in the collateralisation service for Swiss COSIs under the terms of the Framework Agreement.

**Listing.** Apart from the listing of the Swiss COSIs on SIX Swiss Exchange the Issuer may apply for a listing or admission to trading on one or more other exchanges. All aspects and events related to listing or admission to trading of the Swiss COSIs on another exchange shall be disregarded under the Framework Agreement. In particular, prices of the Swiss COSIs on any exchange other than SIX Swiss Exchange are not taken into consideration for the calculation of the Current Value and events which are related to a listing or admission to trading of the Swiss COSIs on any exchange other than SIX Swiss Exchange, such as the suspension of the market making at an exchange other than SIX Swiss Exchange or the delisting of the Swiss COSIs from an exchange other than SIX Swiss Exchange, shall not be deemed a Liquidation Event under the Framework Agreement. SIX Swiss Exchange is at its own discretion entitled to make public the occurrence of a Liquidation Event and the maturity of the Swiss COSIs pursuant to the Framework Agreement in the countries where a listing or admission to trading of the Swiss COSIs on an exchange is maintained as well as to inform any such exchange or any other bodies about such occurrences.

**Liability.** The liability of parties to the Framework Agreement to pay damages exists only in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct. Further liability is excluded. SIX Swiss Exchange shall only be liable for third parties, which are mandated with the valuation of Swiss COSIs, in case of improper selection and instruction of such third parties. Where the payment of pro-rata shares of net liquidation proceeds of Swiss COSIs is made via SIX SIS participants to the extent these participants hold the Swiss COSIs in accounts at SIX SIS, SIX Swiss Exchange and SIX SIS are liable only for the careful instruction of these SIX SIS participants. If the payment is made via third parties or via SIX SIS participants in respect of Swiss COSIs that are not booked to these participants' accounts at SIX SIS, then SIX Swiss Exchange and SIX SIS are liable only for the careful selection and instruction.

**No authorisation.** Swiss COSIs do not constitute collective investment schemes pursuant to the Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (CISA). They do not require authorisation or supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.

**Congruence with the Programme.** This section "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)" corresponds to the SIX Swiss Exchange standard text. The provisions of this section "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)" take precedence in the event of contradiction between this section "Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSIs)" and the other content of this Offering Circular.

**Additional information.** The costs for the service provided by SIX Swiss Exchange with respect to the collateralisation of Swiss COSIs may be taken into account for the pricing of Swiss COSIs and may therefore be borne by the investors, as the case may be. With regard to the payment of the pro-rata share of the net liquidation proceeds the investor shall bear the solvency risks of SIX Swiss Exchange and the financial intermediaries along the payout chain. The payment to the investors may be delayed for factual or legal reasons. To the extent the calculation of the Current Value of a Swiss COSI proves to be incorrect, the collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs may be insufficient.

**FORM OF NON-COSI GUARANTEE**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a corporation duly organised and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware ("**BAC**"), hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees (the "**Guarantee**") to the holders (the "**Holders**") of Warrants and Certificates issued on or after the date hereof by Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, a stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) duly organised and existing under the laws of Switzerland and Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V., a limited partnership of unlimited duration organised under the laws of Curaçao ("**MLICo.**"), and Notes and Certificates issued on or after the date hereof by Merrill Lynch B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) incorporated under the laws of The Netherlands ("**MLBV**" and, together with MLCMAG and MLICo., the "**Issuers**" and each, an "**Issuer**"), in each case under the terms of the Amended and Restated English Law Agency Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (as the same may be amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "**English Law Agency Agreement**") among BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. and the Agents (as defined therein):

- (a) the due and punctual payment by the relevant Issuer of any and all amounts payable by such Issuer as obligor in respect of each Instrument (as defined below); and/or
- (b) subject as provided below, the due and punctual delivery of non-cash consideration deliverable by the relevant Issuer in respect of each Instrument, if applicable,

when and as the same shall become due and payable or when the same shall become due for delivery, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of the Instruments issued on or after the date hereof. This Guarantee is one of payment when due and not of collection.

For the avoidance of doubt, any series of Instruments originally issued by the relevant Issuer pursuant to a guarantee issued by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. or BAC prior to the date hereof (each, an "**Original Guarantee**"), and any Instruments issued on or after the date hereof which are expressed to be consolidated and form a single series with any Instruments issued prior to the date hereof, shall continue to be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the terms of such Original Guarantee.

Except as provided above, any Instruments issued on or after the date hereof shall have the benefit of this Guarantee, but shall not have the benefit of any subsequent guarantee by BAC relating to Instruments issued by the relevant Issuer on or after the date of such subsequent guarantee (unless expressly so provided in any such subsequent guarantee).

Warrants and Certificates are herein referred to as "**W&C Instruments**" and Notes issued by MLBV and W&C Instruments are herein referred to as "**Instruments**". For the avoidance of doubt, as used herein, Swiss COSIs are excluded from the definitions of W&C Instruments and Instruments, and Notes issued by BAC are excluded from the definition of Instruments.

**Notwithstanding that under the terms of the Instruments either (i) the relevant Issuer has the right (whether or not exercised) to vary the type of consideration due and payable or deliverable to a Holder or (ii) a Holder has the right (whether or not exercised) to vary the type of consideration due and payable or deliverable to it or (iii) the relevant Issuer is obligated to deliver non-cash consideration to Holders when the same shall become due and deliverable, BAC shall at all times have the right, at its sole and unfettered discretion, to elect not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the Holders of such Instruments when the same shall become due and deliverable, but, in lieu thereof, to pay an amount in cash equal to the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount (calculated pursuant to the terms of, or as specified in, the Final Terms, prepared with respect to such Instruments). Any payment of the Guaranteed Cash Settlement Amount in lieu of the Entitlement shall constitute a complete discharge of BAC's obligations in respect of such Instruments.**

Subject as provided above, in case of the failure of the relevant Issuer punctually to make any such payment or to perform any such delivery obligation, at the time and in the manner required under the terms and conditions of the relevant Instruments, BAC hereby agrees to make such payment or to perform such delivery obligation, as the case may be, or cause such payment to be made or to cause such delivery obligation to be performed, as the case may be, promptly upon demand in accordance

with the terms of the relevant Instruments; such demand must be made by the relevant Holder by the giving of written notice of such demand to BAC at Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, Attention: Corporate Treasury—Global Funding Transaction Management, NC1-007-06-10, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, U.S.A., with a copy sent to BAC at Bank of America Corporation, Legal Department, Attention: General Counsel, NC1-027-18-05, 214 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, U.S.A.; provided however, that delay in making such demand shall in no event affect BAC's obligations under this Guarantee. This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect or shall be reinstated (as the case may be) if at any time any payment or delivery guaranteed hereunder, in whole or in part, is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by a Holder upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganisation of the relevant Issuer or otherwise, all as though such payment or delivery had not been made.

BAC covenants in favour of each Holder who is a United States Alien or a Netherlands Non-resident that it will duly perform and comply with the obligations expressed to be undertaken by it in Note Condition 9 (*Taxation*). In particular, if in respect of any payment to be made under this Guarantee, any deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge of whatever nature is imposed, BAC shall pay the additional amounts referred to in Note Condition 9 (*Taxation*), all subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Note Condition 9 (*Taxation*).

BAC hereby agrees that its obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of (i) the validity, regularity or enforceability (except as may result from any applicable statute of limitations) of any Instrument; (ii) the absence of any action to enforce any of the relevant Issuer's obligations with respect to any Instrument; (iii) any waiver or consent by any Holder concerning any provision of any Instrument; (iv) the rendering of any judgment against the relevant Issuer or any action to enforce the same; (v) any change in the relevant Issuer's name, or any reorganisation (whether by way of reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, sale, lease or otherwise) of the relevant Issuer or its business; (vi) any consent by the relevant Issuer to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable bankruptcy, liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws; or (vii) any other circumstances that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a guarantor or a defence of a guarantor. BAC covenants that, subject as provided below, this Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete payment of the amounts payable under each Instrument and/or the complete performance of any obligation with respect to physical delivery to be performed under each Instrument, as applicable. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective if the relevant Issuer merges or consolidates with or into another entity, loses its separate legal identity or ceases to exist.

BAC hereby waives diligence; presentment; protest; notice of protest, acceleration or dishonour; filing of claims with any court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the relevant Issuer; all demands whatsoever, except as noted above with respect to demand made by the relevant Holder in accordance with the terms of the relevant Instruments; and any right to require a proceeding first against the relevant Issuer.

BAC hereby represents and warrants that this Guarantee constitutes the valid and binding obligation of BAC and is enforceable in accordance with its terms.

The obligations of BAC under this Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, rank *pari passu* with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations.

This Guarantee shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose with respect to any Instrument until (i) in the case of an Instrument other than a Swedish Instrument, a Finnish Instrument or a Swiss Warrant or Swiss Certificate in uncertificated form, the Global Certificate, the Global Warrant, the Global Note, the Swiss Individual Certificate, the Swiss Individual Warrant Certificate, the Individual Note Certificate, the individual certificate or the individual warrant certificate, as applicable, representing such Instrument shall have been authenticated as provided in the English Law Agency Agreement; (ii) in the case of a Swedish Instrument, the issue of such Swedish Instrument has been duly registered in the book-entry system of the Swedish CSD; (iii) in the case of a Finnish Instrument, the issue of such Finnish Instrument has been duly registered in the book-entry system of Euroclear Finland; or (iv) in the case of a Swiss Warrant or a Swiss Certificate in uncertificated form, such Swiss Warrant or Swiss Certificate, as the case may be, (A) has been registered as an uncertificated security

(*Wertrechte*) in the uncertificated securities book (*Wertrechtbuch*) of the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS as intermediated securities (*Bucheffekten*) within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (*Bucheffektengesetz*) and (B) has been entered into the accounts of one or more participants of SIS.

Terms and expressions defined in the English Law Agency Agreement and the applicable Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Guarantee, except where the context otherwise requires.

This Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in the State of New York.

The Instruments are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, and the Issuers have submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts for the purposes of determining any legal action or proceeding relating thereto. BAC has not submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts for any such purpose, and any legal action or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Guarantee shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in the City and State of New York.

This Guarantee may be terminated at any time by written notice by BAC to the Issuers, and shall be effective upon receipt of such notice by the Issuers or such later date as may be specified in such notice; provided, however, that this Guarantee shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any payment or delivery obligation of the Issuers under the Instruments covered by this Guarantee already in issue at the date of such termination becoming effective or the Conditions relating thereto arising prior to the effectiveness of such notice of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BAC has caused this Guarantee to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorised representative effective as of 12 November 2014.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM OF SWISS COSI GUARANTEE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a corporation duly organised and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware ("**BAC**"), hereby conditionally but irrevocably guarantees (the "**Swiss COSI Guarantee**") to the holders (the "**Holders**") of the Swiss COSIs issued on or after the date hereof by Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V., a limited partnership of unlimited duration organised under the laws of Curaçao ("**MLICo.**" or the "**Issuer**"), under the terms of the Amended and Restated English Law Agency Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (as the same may be amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "**English Law Agency Agreement**") among BAC, Merrill Lynch B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) incorporated under the laws of The Netherlands ("**MLBV**"), Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG, a stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) duly organised and existing under the laws of Switzerland ("**MLCMAG**"), MLICo. and the Agents (as defined therein) and in accordance with the SIX Swiss Exchange «Framework Agreement for Collateral-Secured Instruments (COSI)» dated 24 May 2012 (the "**Framework Agreement**"), among the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd, SIX SIS Ltd., MLICo. and MLCMAG (as "**Collateral Provider**" under the Framework Agreement), the payment obligations of the Issuer to the extent of any Shortfall (as defined below) for the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs, upon demand and otherwise in accordance with this Swiss COSI Guarantee. Any and all obligations of BAC hereunder are conditional and secondary, it being understood and agreed that the Holders shall have no right to proceed under this Swiss COSI Guarantee until the SIX Swiss Exchange or other liquidator has liquidated all the collateral relating to the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs furnished by the Collateral Provider in accordance with the Framework Agreement and applicable law (the "**Collateral Enforcement Efforts**").

Subject as provided hereunder, in the event that the proceeds and other amounts received by the SIX Swiss Exchange or other liquidator after exhausting all Collateral Enforcement Efforts are insufficient to pay to the Holders the Current Value (as defined in the Framework Agreement) of the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs (the "**Shortfall**") and in case of the failure of the Issuer to punctually make payment of any such Shortfall when and as the same shall become due and payable, BAC hereby agrees to pay or cause to be paid promptly upon demand such additional amounts as are necessary to ensure that the Holders receive the Current Value of the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs as though there had been no Shortfall; such demand may only be made by the relevant Holders upon written notice to BAC at Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America Corporate Center, Attention: Corporate Treasury—Global Funding Transaction Management, NC1-007-06-10, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, U.S.A., with a copy sent to BAC at Bank of America Corporation, Legal Department, Attention: General Counsel, NC1-027-18-05, 214 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, U.S.A.; provided however, so long as all Collateral Enforcement Efforts have been exhausted, that delay in making such demand shall in no event affect BAC's obligations under this Swiss COSI Guarantee. This Swiss COSI Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect or shall be reinstated (as the case may be) if at any time any amount guaranteed hereunder, in whole or in part, is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by the Holder upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganisation of the Issuer or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

BAC hereby agrees that, so long as all Collateral Enforcement Efforts have been exhausted, its payment obligations hereunder shall not be impaired or made invalid as a result of (i) any flaw in the validity, regularity or enforceability (except as may result from any applicable statute of limitations) of any Swiss COSI; (ii) the absence of any action to enforce any of the Issuer's obligations with respect to any Swiss COSI; (iii) any waiver or consent by any Holder concerning any provision of any Swiss COSI; (iv) the rendering of any judgment against the Issuer or any action to enforce the same; (v) any change in the Issuer's name, or any reorganisation (whether by way of reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer, sale, lease or otherwise) of the Issuer or its business; (vi) any consent by the Issuer to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable bankruptcy, liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws; or (vii) any other circumstances that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a guarantor or a defence of a guarantor. BAC covenants that, subject as provided below, this Swiss COSI Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete payment of the amounts equal to any Shortfall. This Swiss COSI Guarantee shall continue to be effective if the Issuer merges or consolidates with or into another entity, loses its separate legal identity or ceases to exist.

Provided that all Collateral Enforcement Efforts have been exhausted, BAC, with respect to the Shortfall, hereby waives diligence; presentment; protest; notice of protest, acceleration or dishonour; filing of claims with any court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Issuer; all demands whatsoever, except as noted above with respect to demand made by the relevant Holder in accordance with the terms of the relevant Swiss COSIs; and any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer.

BAC hereby represents and warrants that this Swiss COSI Guarantee constitutes the valid and binding obligation of BAC and is enforceable in accordance with its terms.

The obligations of BAC under this Swiss COSI Guarantee, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable laws and regulations or judicial order, rank *pari passu* with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations.

This Swiss COSI Guarantee shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose with respect to a Series of Swiss COSIs until (a) the Swiss COSIs of such Series are issued in uncertificated form, entered into the main register (*Hauptregister*) of SIS and credited to the accounts of one or more participants of SIS such that the relevant Series of Swiss COSIs constitutes intermediated securities (*Bucheffekten*) within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (*Bucheffektengesetz*) and (b) the collateral for such Series of Swiss COSIs has been furnished by the Collateral Provider in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

Terms and expressions defined in the English Law Agency Agreement and the applicable Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Swiss COSI Guarantee, except where the context otherwise requires.

This Swiss COSI Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed in the State of New York.

The Swiss COSIs are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law; however, BAC has not submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts for the purpose of determining any legal action or proceeding relating to the Swiss COSIs, this Swiss COSI Guarantee or for any other purpose relating to the Swiss COSIs, and any legal action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Swiss COSI Guarantee shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. federal court in the Borough of Manhattan in the City and State of New York.

This Swiss COSI Guarantee may be terminated at any time by written notice by BAC to the Issuer, and shall be effective upon receipt of such notice by the Issuer or such later date as may be specified in such notice; provided, however, that this Swiss COSI Guarantee shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any payment obligation of the Issuer under the Swiss COSIs covered by this Swiss COSI Guarantee already in issue at the date of such termination becoming effective or the Conditions relating thereto arising prior to the effectiveness of such notice of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BAC has caused this Swiss COSI Guarantee to be executed in its corporate name by its duly authorised representative on [        ].

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## BOOK-ENTRY CLEARING SYSTEMS

*The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt, Euroclear Finland, Euroclear Sweden or SIS (together, the "**Book-Entry Clearing Systems**") currently in effect. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Book-Entry Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Book-Entry Clearing System. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor and any agent party to the Agency Agreements 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 Instruments held through the facilities of any Book-Entry Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.*

### Book-Entry Systems

#### DTC

DTC has advised MLICo. that DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organised under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("**Direct Participants**") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerised book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organisations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("**DTCC**"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("**Indirect Participants**"). The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

Under the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations (the "**Rules**"), DTC makes book-entry transfers of Rule 144A Global Warrants held through DTC among Direct Participants on whose behalf it acts with respect to Warrants accepted into DTC's book-entry settlement system ("**DTC Warrants**") as described below and receives and transmits payments on DTC Warrants. Direct Participants and Indirect Participants with which beneficial owners of DTC Warrants ("**Beneficial Owners**") have accounts with respect to the DTC Warrants similarly are required to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective Beneficial Owners. Accordingly, although Beneficial Owners who hold DTC Warrants through Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will not possess definitive Warrants, the Rules, by virtue of the requirements described above, provide a mechanism by which Direct Participants will receive payments and will be able to transfer their interests in respect of the DTC Warrants.

Purchases of DTC Warrants under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the DTC Warrants on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each DTC Warrant being a Beneficial Owner, is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the DTC Warrants are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in DTC Warrants, except in the event that use

of the book-entry system for the DTC Warrants is discontinued or as may otherwise be described in such DTC Warrants.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all DTC Warrants deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorised representative of DTC. The deposit of DTC Warrants with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the DTC Warrants; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such DTC Warrants are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Under certain circumstances DTC will exchange the DTC Warrants for definitive Warrants, which it will distribute to its participants in accordance with their proportionate entitlements. Since DTC may only act on behalf of Direct Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, any Beneficial Owner desiring to pledge DTC Warrants to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions with respect to such DTC Warrants, may be limited in its ability to effect such a pledge.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that MLICo. believes to be reliable, but MLICo. takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

*Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland*

Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Frankfurt and Euroclear Finland is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels, the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg, the address of Clearstream, Frankfurt is Mergenthalerallee 61, 65760, Eschborn, Germany and the address of Euroclear Finland is P.O. Box 1110, 00101 Helsinki, Finland.

*SIX SIS AG*

SIX SIS AG has been part of SIX Group since January 2008. SIX Group was formed at the beginning of 2008 through the merger of SWX Group, SIS Group and Telekurs Group.

As both a central securities depository and an international central securities depository, SIX SIS AG offers banks and other financial market participants the safe custody of securities, a full range of custody services and the settlement of securities transactions. SIX SIS AG settles securities transactions worldwide, including transactions in uncertificated securities.

In the Swiss market, SIX SIS AG is part of the so-called Swiss value chain. The links to the SIX Swiss Exchange AG and the payment systems SIC/euro SIC, ensure fully automated settlement in central bank money.

#### *Euroclear Sweden*

Euroclear Sweden is a subsidiary within the Euroclear group of companies and a limited liability company incorporated in Sweden. It is authorised and regulated by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority as a central securities deposit within the meaning of the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (1998:1479 (as amended)) and as a clearing organisation within the meaning of the Swedish Securities Markets Act (2007:528 (as amended)).

Swedish Instruments will be issued in registered, uncertificated and dematerialised book-entry form with Euroclear Sweden in accordance with the Swedish CSD Rules. No physical notes, certificates or other physical instruments (whether in global, temporary or definitive form) will be issued in respect of the Swedish Instruments other than as specifically allowed in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments.

All transactions relating to the Swedish Instruments (such as issuance, sale and transfer, pledge arrangements and other dispositions and redemptions) are executed as computerised book-entry registrations. Consequently, in order to effect such entries Holders must establish a book-entry account through a credit institution or a securities firm acting as an account operator with Euroclear Sweden. More information regarding Euroclear Sweden and its rules and operating procedures can be found at its internet web site at <http://www.euroclear.eu>.

#### **Book-Entry Ownership of and Payments in respect of DTC Warrants**

If a Rule 144A Global Warrant is to be registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, MLICo. will apply to DTC in order to have the Warrants represented by such Rule 144A Global Warrant accepted in its book-entry settlement system. Upon the issue of any Rule 144A Global Warrant to be held through DTC, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal book-entry system, the respective nominal amounts of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Rule 144A Global Warrant to the accounts of persons who have accounts with DTC. Ownership of beneficial interests in any such Rule 144A Global Warrant will be limited to Direct Participants or Indirect Participants, including the respective depositaries of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Ownership of beneficial interests in any such Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to the interests of Direct Participants) and the records of Direct Participants (with respect to interests of Indirect Participants).

Payments in U.S. dollars in respect of a Rule 144A Global Warrant registered in the name of DTC's nominee will be made to the order of such nominee as the registered holder of such Warrant. In the case of any payment in a currency other than U.S. dollars, payment will be made to the U.S. Warrant Agent on behalf of DTC's nominee and the U.S. Warrant Agent will (in accordance with instructions received by it) remit all or a portion of such payment for credit directly to the beneficial holders of interests in the Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC in the currency in which such payment was made and/or cause all or a portion of such payment to be converted into U.S. dollars and credited to the applicable participants' account.

MLICo. expects DTC to credit accounts of Direct Participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings as shown in the records of DTC unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. MLICo. also expects that payments by participants to Beneficial Owners of Warrants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, and will be the responsibility of such participant and not the responsibility of DTC, the Principal Warrant Agent, the U.S. Warrant Agent or MLICo. Payments on Warrants to DTC are the responsibility of MLICo.

#### **Transfers of Instruments Represented by Global Instruments**

Transfers of any interests in Instruments represented by a Global Warrant within DTC or a Global Instrument or Global Note within Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Clearstream, Frankfurt will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing

system. The laws in some States within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Warrants represented by a Global Warrant to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Warrants for Warrants in definitive form. Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of Direct Participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Warrants represented by a Global Warrant to pledge such Warrants to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or to otherwise take action in respect of such Warrants may depend upon the ability to exchange such Warrants for Warrants in definitive form. The ability of any person having a beneficial interest in Warrants represented by a Global Warrant to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Warrants may be impaired if the proposed transferee of such Warrants is not eligible to hold such Warrants through a Direct or Indirect participant in the DTC system.

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Rule 144A Global Warrants and Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants described under "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions", cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders, on the other, will be effected by the relevant clearing system in accordance with its rules and through action taken by the Principal Warrant Agent, the U.S. Warrant Agent and any custodian ("**Custodian**") with whom the relevant Global Warrants have been deposited.

On or after the Issue Date for any Instruments, transfers of such Instruments between accountholders in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Clearstream, Frankfurt and transfers of such Instruments between participants in DTC will generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date (T+3). The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Cross-market transfers between accountholders in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC participants will need to have an agreed settlement date between the parties to such transfer. Because there is no direct link between DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, on the other, transfers of interests in the relevant Global Warrants will be effected through the Principal Warrant Agent, the U.S. Warrant Agent and the Custodian receiving instructions (and where appropriate certification) from the transferor and arranging for delivery of the interests being transferred to the credit of the designated account for the transferee. In the case of cross-market transfers, settlement between Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders and DTC participants cannot be made on a delivery versus payment basis. The Warrants will be delivered on a free delivery basis and arrangements for payment must be made separately.

DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Clearstream, Frankfurt have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Global Instruments and Global Notes, as the case may be, among participants and accountholders of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Clearstream, Frankfurt. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Instrument Agents and any Dealer will be responsible for any performance by DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Clearstream, Frankfurt or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the Instruments represented by Global Instruments or Global Notes, as the case may be, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

**NOTICE TO PURCHASERS AND HOLDERS OF INSTRUMENTS AND TRANSFER  
RESTRICTIONS**

*As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Instruments are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Instruments.*

**Notes issued by BAC**

Neither the Notes issued by BAC nor, in certain cases, the securities to be delivered upon settlement of such Notes (if any) have been, or will be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Notes issued by BAC may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States of America (including the U.S. states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "**United States**") or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined by Regulation S ("**Regulation S**") under the Securities Act) (other than distributors) except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Neither the Notes issued by BAC nor certain Entitlements constitute, or have been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**"), and trading in the Notes issued by BAC has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA.

**Notes issued by MLBV and Certificates**

None of the Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series, the Non-COSI Guarantee and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of such Notes or Certificates, have been, or will be, registered under the Securities Act or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Notes issued by MLBV, the Certificates of any Series, the Non-COSI Guarantee and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in such Notes issued by MLBV or the Certificates has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA. No Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series, or interests therein, or Entitlements (if any) with respect thereto may be legally or beneficially owned by any United States Person at any time or offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors). "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), and in U.S. Treasury regulations. Consequently, any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery of any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person will not be recognised.

Any person purchasing Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series will be deemed on purchase to represent, acknowledge, certify and agree with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealer or the seller of such Notes or Certificates for itself and any person for whose account such Notes or Certificates are being purchased that:

- (i) it is not a United States Person, is not located in the United States and was not solicited to purchase the Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, while present in the United States;
- (ii) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S)) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors);
- (iii) it is not purchasing any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series for the account or benefit of any United States Person (other than distributors);

- (iv) it will not make offers, sales, resales, trades, pledges, exercises, transfers or deliveries of any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors);
- (v) prior to the delivery of any Entitlement in respect of an Instrument settled by Physical Delivery (a "**Physical Delivery Instrument**") the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, he is not a United States Person, the Note issued by MLBV or Certificate, as applicable, was not exercised on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with any exercise thereof;
- (vi) it acknowledges that the Global Notes issued by MLBV and Global Certificates will bear a legend substantially to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the applicable Issuer:  
  

"THE INSTRUMENTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, THE RELEVANT GUARANTEE AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON [EXERCISE OR] SETTLEMENT OF THE INSTRUMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS. ACCORDINGLY, THIS INSTRUMENT, AND ANY INTERESTS HEREIN, MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, EXERCISED, REDEEMED, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (INCLUDING THE STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA), ITS TERRITORIES, ITS POSSESSIONS AND OTHER AREAS SUBJECT TO ITS JURISDICTION (THE "**UNITED STATES**") OR DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OFFERED, SOLD, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, EXERCISED, REDEEMED, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY UNITED STATES PERSON. "**UNITED STATES PERSON**" MEANS A PERSON WHICH IS A "U.S. PERSON" AS DEFINED BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR A "UNITED STATES PERSON" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7701(a)(30) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND IN U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS."; and
- (vii) that the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor 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 relevant Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates 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.

## Warrants

### *Restriction on transfer of Saudi Share Linked Warrants*

Each purchaser of Saudi Share Linked Warrants shall be obliged to sign and deliver to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant "Authorised Person" specified therein a letter substantially in the form set forth in Schedule 25 to the English Law Agency Agreement, and comply with the authorisations, representations, warranties, confirmations and undertakings set forth therein.

### *Restrictions on transfer of all Warrants*

None of the Warrants of any Series, the relevant Guarantee of BAC and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of the Warrants have been, or will be, registered under the Securities Act or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Warrants of any Series, the relevant Guarantee and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in such Warrants has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA. None of MLCMAG, MLICo. and the Guarantor is registered as an investment company under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"). The Warrants may not be legally or beneficially owned by any

United States Person nor offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons (as defined herein) except, in the case of MLICo., in private transactions in reliance on Rule 144A ("**Rule 144A**") under the Securities Act to "qualified institutional buyers" ("**QIBs**") as defined in Rule 144A and who are also each a "qualified purchaser" (each a "**QP**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder, and who, as a condition to purchasing the Warrants shall enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter for the benefit of the Dealer, MLICo. and the Guarantor (together with their respective affiliates and any persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Dealer, MLICo. or the Guarantor) ("**Investor Representation Letter**"). Any reoffers, resales, trades, pledges, transfers or deliveries of the Warrants, or any part thereof, offered and sold in reliance on Rule 144A will only be made to or through MLICo. or the Dealer in the United States and to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person that is a QIB who also is a QP, and who, as a condition to any such reoffer, resale, trade, pledge, transfer or delivery, will enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter. Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms, Rule 144A Warrants relating to commodities or commodities futures may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, and MLICo. and the Guarantor reserve the right not to make payment or delivery in respect of such Rule 144A Warrant to a person in the United States or a United States Person if such payment or delivery would constitute a violation of U.S. law. Warrants may be offered and sold to non-United States Persons (including dealers or other professional fiduciaries in the United States acting on a discretionary basis for foreign beneficial owners (other than an estate or trust), in offshore transactions (as defined by Regulation S) pursuant to Regulation S. Any reoffers, resales, trades, pledges, transfers or deliveries of the Warrants, or any part thereof, offered and sold pursuant to Regulation S will only be made outside the United States and to, or for the account or benefit of, a non-United States Person in accordance with Regulation S.

Prior to the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Warrant (other than a Rule 144A Warrant), the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, it is not a United States Person, the Warrant was not exercised on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with any exercise thereof.

Any person purchasing Warrants of any Series (other than a Series of Rule 144A Warrants) will be deemed on purchase to represent, acknowledge, certify and agree with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealer or the seller of such Warrants for itself and any person for whose account such Warrants are being purchased that:

- (i) it is not a United States Person, is not located in the United States and was not solicited to purchase such Warrants while present in the United States;
- (ii) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Warrants of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S)) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors);
- (iii) it is not purchasing any Warrants of such Series for the account or benefit of any United States Person (other than distributors); and
- (iv) it will not make offers, sales, re-sales, trades, pledges, exercises, transfers or deliveries of any Warrants of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors).

Each purchaser of Warrants will, in connection with its purchase of such Warrants, be required to acknowledge, represent and agree, or by its acquisition or purchase of such Warrants be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and agreed, substantially to the following effect (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein) together with, to the extent not set forth below, the acknowledgements, representations and agreements made by such purchaser pursuant to the Investor Representation Letter (substantially in the form of Schedule 17

to the English Law Agency Agreement) executed and delivered in connection with the purchase of Rule 144A Warrants:

- (i) that either:
  - (a) in the case of exchange, sale or transfer of a Warrant issued by MLICo. in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person who takes delivery in the form of Warrants represented by a Rule 144A Global Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant,
    - (1) it is a QIB that is also a QP (a "**QIB/QP**") purchasing for its own account or the account of a QIB/QP;
    - (2) it is not a dealer as described in Rule 144A(a)(1)(ii) which owns and invests on a discretionary basis less than U.S.\$25,000,000 in securities of issuers that are not affiliated persons of the dealer;
    - (3) it is not a plan referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(D) or (a)(1)(i)(E) of Rule 144A or a trust fund referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(F) of Rule 144A that holds the assets of such a plan, if investment decisions with respect to the plan are made by beneficiaries of the plan;
    - (4) if it is an investment company excepted from the 1940 Act pursuant to Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) thereof (or a foreign investment company under Section 7(d) thereof relying on Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) thereof with respect to its U.S. holders) and was formed on or before 30 April 1996, it has received the consent of those of its beneficial owners who acquired their interests on or before 30 April 1996 with respect to its treatment as a qualified purchaser in the manner required by Section 2(a)(51)(C) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder;
    - (5) it is purchasing for its own account or for the accounts of one or more persons, each of whom meets the requirements of this paragraph (i)(a);
    - (6) it is not an entity that will have invested more than 40 per cent. of its assets in MLICo.'s securities after giving effect to the purchase of such Warrants;
    - (7) it is not formed, reformed or recapitalised for the purpose of investing in the Warrants or other securities of MLICo. unless each of its beneficial owners is a QIB/QP who was not so formed;
    - (8) it, and each fund, person or entity who is purchasing or otherwise acquiring the Warrants (or any beneficial interest therein), must subscribe for a minimum number of Warrants valued in an amount of at least U.S.\$100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency);
    - (9) unless both (I) it represents that its purchase, holding and disposition of any Warrants are eligible for exemptive relief under or are otherwise not prohibited by Section 406 of the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("**ERISA**"), and Section 4975 of the Code (or any substantially similar U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law) and (II) an opinion of counsel or other comfort satisfactory to MLICo. and the Guarantor is delivered which affirms that none of the acquisition, purchase or holding of any Warrant would cause any assets of MLICo. to be treated as "plan assets" for the purposes of ERISA or any regulation thereunder (or any substantially similar U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law), it is not, and is not a fiduciary investing assets of or on behalf of, (i) an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA; (ii) a plan (as defined in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code) that is subject to section 4975 of the Code; (iii) an entity whose assets include assets of a plan described in (i) or (ii) above by reason of such a plan's investment in the entity under 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101 as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise; or (iv) a governmental, church or non-



- U.S. plan that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code;
- (10) if it will hold Warrants through DTC, it acknowledges that beneficial interests in the Warrants are held only in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC; and
  - (11) it will provide notice of applicable transfer restrictions to any subsequent transferees; or
- (b) it is outside the United States and is not a United States Person and is acquiring the Warrants in an offshore transaction in compliance with Regulation S;
- (ii) it has all requisite power and authority to enter into, deliver and perform its obligations under the Investor Representation Letter and the Investor Representation Letter has been duly authorised, validly executed and delivered by it and constitutes its valid and legally binding agreement; such entrance into the Investor Representation Letter and its acquisition of and payment for any Warrants do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provisions of its constitutional documents, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets;
  - (iii) it has received copies of this Offering Circular and such other information as it deems necessary in order to make its investment decision and that it has read and understands all such information, including information in the relevant Final Terms (or has been afforded the opportunity to obtain such documents and information and has not taken the opportunity to do so);
  - (iv) it is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Warrants and has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of acquiring such Warrants;
  - (v) that it understands and acknowledges that neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor has been registered or will be registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act and the Warrants and the related Guarantee have not been registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law, are being offered for sale in transactions not requiring registration under the Securities Act or any other securities laws, including sales pursuant to Rule 144A, and may not be offered, sold or otherwise transferred except in compliance with the conditions for transfer set forth in paragraph (xiv) below;
  - (vi) that it understands and acknowledges that none of the Warrants, the related Guarantee and certain of the Reference Items constitute, or have been marketed as, a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or an option thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the Warrants and the related Guarantee has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA;
  - (vii) that in issuing Warrants linked to any Reference Item, none of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor and the Dealer is making, or has made any representations whatsoever as to any such Reference Item or any information contained in any document filed by any such issuer of such Reference Item with any exchange or with any governmental entity regulating the purchase and sale of securities or the Warrants linked to any Reference Item, and that the purchaser has conducted its own independent investigation of the Reference Item (or any related asset or instrument) and the Warrants, and has concluded (if necessary, with its own legal, tax, accounting, regulatory, investment and other professional advisers) that its investment in the Warrants is suitable in light of its own investment objectives, financial capabilities and expertise;
  - (viii) that the relevant Issuer and any affiliate of such Issuer may at the date hereof or at any time hereafter be in possession of information in relation to any issuer of a Reference Item which is or may be material in the context of the Warrants linked to any Reference Item and which is or may not be known to the general public or the holder. The Warrants linked to any Reference Item do not create any obligation on the part of the relevant Issuer or any affiliate of the relevant Issuer to disclose to the holder any such relationship or information (whether or not confidential) and neither the relevant Issuer nor any other affiliate of the relevant Issuer shall

be liable to the Holder by reason of such non-disclosure. No such information had been used in the selection of any issuer of a Reference Item for the Warrants linked to any Reference Item;

- (ix) it does not have, at the time it purchases or receives the Warrants of any Series or at the time it resells, trades, transfers, pledges, delivers, exercises or redeems the Warrants, any non-public information regarding the relevant issuer of the Reference Item (if any);
- (x) it agrees that the Warrants are not secured by any interest in any property or assets of any kind whatsoever, that the purchaser does not acquire any interest in or right to acquire, or rights associated with holding any Reference Item (including voting rights, if any) by virtue of holding any Warrant, that neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor or any entity acting for the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor is obliged to hold or sell the relevant Reference Item, and that this disclaimer of any interest or claim to the relevant Reference Item (if any) is itself an integral term of the Warrants;
- (xi) in the case of Share Linked Warrants, that the relevant Issuer and any affiliate of the relevant Issuer may have existing or future business relationships with any issuer of a Reference Item (including, but not limited to, lending, depository, risk management, advisory or banking relationships), and will pursue actions and take steps that it deems or they deem necessary or appropriate to protect its or their interests arising therefrom without regard to the consequences for a holder of such Warrants linked to any such Reference Item;
- (xii) that the market value of the Warrants linked to any such Reference Item may be adversely affected by movements in the value of the Reference Item or in currency exchange rates;
- (xiii) that the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) in respect of any Warrant may be less than its Issue Price;
- (xiv) that, if in the future it decides to reoffer, resell, trade, pledge or otherwise transfer or deliver the Warrants or any beneficial interests in the Warrants, it will do so, only (a) in the case of a transferor who is a United States Person that is a QIB/QP, to or through MLICo. or the Dealer to a person in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person who meets the requirements of paragraph (i)(a) above, and in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or (b) in the case of a transferor who is not a United States Person, to a person that is not a United States Person and that is acquiring the Warrants in an offshore transaction in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act;
- (xv) it will, and will require each subsequent Holder to, notify any purchaser of the Warrants from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraphs (v) and (xiv) above;
- (xvi) that prior to the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Warrant (other than a Rule 144A Warrant) the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, he is not a United States Person, the Warrant was not exercised on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with any exercise thereof;
- (xvii) that Warrants initially offered exclusively (a) in the United States to QIBs/QPs or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs/QPs will be represented by one or more Rule 144A Global Warrants, and that Warrants initially offered (b) in the United States to QIBs/QPs or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who are QIBs/QPs and concurrently outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants;
- (xviii) that it is purchasing the Warrants for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as a fiduciary or agent, for each of which it has the authority to make the representations, acknowledgements and agreements set forth herein and in the Investor Representation Letter in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirement of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control. It agrees on its own behalf and on behalf

of any investor account for which it is purchasing the Warrants, and each subsequent holder of the Warrants by its acceptance thereof will agree or will be deemed to agree, to offer, sell, trade, pledge or otherwise transfer or deliver such Warrants, only pursuant to the representations, restrictions and agreements described in the legends following this paragraph. It and any future purchaser acknowledge that each Global Warrant will contain a legend substantially to the following effect:

**Rule 144A Global Warrants**

"THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, THE GUARANTEE AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXERCISE OR SETTLEMENT OF THE WARRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS. MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V., THE ISSUER OF THE WARRANTS, HAS NOT BEEN, AND WILL NOT BE, REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "**1940 ACT**").

THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, REOFFERED, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS (AS DEFINED BELOW) AND THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT (AS DEFINED BELOW), AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND SHALL BE DELIVERED TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT ARE TRANSFERRED BY THE TRANSFERRING HOLDER.

THE HOLDER OF ANY WARRANTS, AND THE HOLDER OF ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS, REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, AGREES BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEALER, THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR THAT ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT MAY BE OFFERED, SOLD, REOFFERED, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED ONLY TO OR THROUGH THE ISSUER OR THE DEALER (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS AND THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, AND (B) TO A PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, A UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED HEREIN) THAT (i) IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" ("**QIB**") AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER" ("**QP**") WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 3(c)(7), AND AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2(a)(51), OF THE 1940 ACT AND THE RULES THEREUNDER PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QIB THAT ALSO IS A QP; (ii) IS NOT (a) A DEALER DESCRIBED IN RULE 144A(a)(1)(ii) THAT OWNS AND INVESTS ON A DISCRETIONARY BASIS LESS THAN U.S.\$25,000,000 IN SECURITIES OF ISSUERS THAT ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEALER, (b) A PLAN REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(D) OR (a)(1)(i)(E) OF RULE 144A OR A TRUST FUND REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(F) OF RULE 144A THAT HOLDS THE ASSETS OF SUCH A PLAN, IF INVESTMENT DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN ARE MADE BY BENEFICIARIES OF THE PLAN, (c) AN INVESTMENT COMPANY EXCEPTED FROM THE 1940 ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(c)(1) OR SECTION 3(c)(7) THEREOF (OR A FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER SECTION 7(d) THEREOF RELYING ON SECTION 3(c)(1) OR SECTION 3(c)(7) THEREOF WITH RESPECT TO ITS U.S. HOLDERS) AND FORMED ON OR PRIOR TO 30 APRIL 1996, THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE CONSENT OF EACH OF ITS BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO ITS TREATMENT AS A QUALIFIED PURCHASER IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 2(a)(51)(C) OF THE 1940 ACT AND THE RULES THEREUNDER, OR (d) AN ENTITY THAT WILL HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN 40 PER CENT. OF ITS ASSETS IN THE ISSUER'S SECURITIES; (iii) WAS NOT FORMED, REFORMED OR RECAPITALISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING IN THE WARRANTS OR OTHER SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER UNLESS EACH OF ITS BENEFICIAL OWNERS IS BOTH A QIB AND A QP WHO WAS NOT SO

FORMED; (iv) SUBSCRIBES, ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRING THE WARRANTS (OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS THEREIN), FOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF WARRANTS VALUED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST U.S.\$100,000 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY); (v) WILL PROVIDE NOTICE OF APPLICABLE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS TO ANY SUBSEQUENT TRANSFEREE; (vi) UNLESS BOTH (I) IT REPRESENTS THAT THE PURCHASE, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THE WARRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTIVE RELIEF UNDER, OR ARE OTHERWISE NOT PROHIBITED BY, SECTION 406 OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("**ERISA**"), AND SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "**CODE**"), OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW, AND (II) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OR OTHER COMFORT SATISFACTORY TO THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR IS DELIVERED WHICH AFFIRMS THAT NONE OF THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE OR HOLDING OF ANY WARRANT WOULD CAUSE ANY ASSETS OF THE ISSUER TO BE TREATED AS "PLAN ASSETS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF ERISA OR ANY REGULATION THEREUNDER (OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW), IS NOT, AND IS NOT A FIDUCIARY INVESTING ASSETS OF OR ON BEHALF OF, (a) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF ERISA) THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA; (b) A PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4975(e)(1) OF THE CODE) THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE; (c) AN ENTITY WHOSE ASSETS INCLUDE ASSETS OF A PLAN DESCRIBED IN (vi)(a) OR (b) ABOVE BY REASON OF SUCH A PLAN'S INVESTMENT IN THE ENTITY UNDER 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101 AS MODIFIED BY SECTION 3(42) OF ERISA OR OTHERWISE; OR (d) A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH OR NON-U.S. PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE; AND (vii) IS PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNTS OF ONE OR MORE OTHER PERSONS EACH OF WHOM MEETS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSES (i) THROUGH (vi). FOR THE PURPOSES HEREOF, A "**UNITED STATES PERSON**" MEANS A PERSON WHICH IS A "U.S. PERSON" AS DEFINED BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR A "UNITED STATES PERSON" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7701(a)(30) OF THE CODE AND IN U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS. EACH HOLDER OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT WITH RESPECT TO ITSELF AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING THAT IT AND EACH SUCH ACCOUNT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH ABOVE AND ANY OFFER, SALE, REOFFER, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR OTHER TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF ITS INTEREST IN SUCH WARRANTS MAY ONLY BE MADE TO A PERSON SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE AND WILL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION TO THE DEALER OR THE ISSUER OF A DULY COMPLETED INVESTOR REPRESENTATION LETTER EXECUTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEALER, THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR (TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES AND ANY PERSONS CONTROLLING, CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH SUCH DEALER, ISSUER AND GUARANTOR), IN THE FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE DEALER, THE ISSUER OR THE RELEVANT INSTRUMENT AGENT (AS DEFINED IN THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT) WITH RESPECT TO ANY INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT. ANY PURPORTED TRANSFER OF THE WARRANTS, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT IN VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING WILL BE OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, WILL BE NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND SHALL NOT VEST ANY RIGHTS IN THE PURPORTED TRANSFEREE (SUCH PURPORTED TRANSFEREE, A "**DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE**"), NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY TO THE ISSUER, THE GUARANTOR, THE INSTRUMENT AGENT OR ANY INTERMEDIARY, AND THE LAST PRECEDING HOLDER OF SUCH INTEREST THAT WAS NOT A DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE SHALL BE RESTORED TO ALL RIGHTS AS A HOLDER THEREOF RETROACTIVELY TO THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER OF SUCH INTEREST BY SUCH HOLDER.

THE HOLDER OF ANY WARRANTS AND THE HOLDER OF ANY BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT UNDERSTANDS

THAT THE ISSUER MAY RECEIVE A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS HOLDING POSITIONS IN ITS INSTRUMENTS FROM THE RELEVANT CLEARING SYSTEM.

IF REQUESTED BY THE ISSUER, THE GUARANTOR OR BY AN INSTRUMENT AGENT, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSFER OF THE WARRANT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND THE 1940 ACT.

NONE OF THE WARRANTS, THE GUARANTEE AND CERTAIN ENTITLEMENTS CONSTITUTE, OR HAVE BEEN MARKETED AS, CONTRACTS OF SALE OF A COMMODITY FOR FUTURE DELIVERY (OR OPTIONS THEREON) SUBJECT TO THE U.S. COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT OF 1936, AS AMENDED (THE "CEA"), AND TRADING IN THE WARRANTS HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE CEA.

THE WARRANTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR OFFERS, SALES, REOFFERS, RESALES, TRADES, PLEDGES, ASSIGNMENTS, DELIVERIES AND OTHER TRANSFERS, EXERCISES OR REDEMPTIONS OF THE WARRANTS TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO THE OFFER, SALE, REOFFER, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A WARRANT, THE PURCHASER THEREOF SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT."

**Global Warrants other than Rule 144A Global Warrants and Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants**

"THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, THE GUARANTEE AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXERCISE OR SETTLEMENT OF THE WARRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS. [MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS AG] [MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V.], THE ISSUER OF THE WARRANTS, HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "**1940 ACT**"). THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT MAY NOT BE EXERCISED IN THE UNITED STATES OR BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED HEREIN).

THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED EXCEPT TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT A UNITED STATES PERSON AND WHO IS ACQUIRING THE WARRANTS IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FOR THE PURPOSES HEREOF, "**UNITED STATES PERSON**" MEANS A PERSON WHICH IS A "U.S. PERSON" AS DEFINED BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR A "UNITED STATES PERSON" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7701(a)(30) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND IN U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS. EACH HOLDER OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED WITH RESPECT TO ITSELF AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING THAT IT AND EACH SUCH ACCOUNT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE AND ANY OFFER, SALE, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR OTHER TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF ITS INTEREST IN SUCH WARRANTS MAY ONLY BE MADE TO A PERSON SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY OFFER, SALE, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE,

ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY, TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION MADE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, A UNITED STATES PERSON SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND SHALL VEST NO RIGHTS IN THE PURPORTED TRANSFEREE (SUCH PURPORTED TRANSFEREE, A "**DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE**") AND THE LAST PRECEDING HOLDER OF SUCH INTEREST THAT WAS NOT A DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE SHALL BE RESTORED TO ALL RIGHTS AS A HOLDER THEREOF RETROACTIVELY TO THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER OF SUCH INTEREST BY SUCH HOLDER.

THE WARRANTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR OFFERS, SALES, REALES, TRADES, PLEDGES, ASSIGNMENTS, DELIVERIES AND OTHER TRANSFERS, EXERCISES OR REDEMPTIONS OF THE WARRANTS TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO THE OFFER, SALE, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A WARRANT, THE PURCHASER THEREOF SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT."

**Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrants**

"THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, THE GUARANTEE AND, IN CERTAIN CASES, THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXERCISE OR SETTLEMENT OF THE WARRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES LAWS, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, REOFFERED, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS (AS DEFINED BELOW) AND THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT (AS DEFINED BELOW), AND PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR OTHER LAWS. MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V., THE ISSUER OF THE WARRANTS, HAS NOT BEEN, AND WILL NOT BE, REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "**1940 ACT**").

THE HOLDER OF ANY WARRANTS, AND THE HOLDER OF ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS, REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT, AGREES BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEALER, THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR THAT ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT MAY BE OFFERED, SOLD, REOFFERED, RESOLD, TRADED, PLEDGED, ASSIGNED, DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, EXERCISED OR REDEEMED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS AND THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT AND (1) IN THE CASE THAT THE TRANSFEROR IS NOT A UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED HEREIN), TO A PERSON THAT IS NOT A UNITED STATES PERSON AND THAT IS ACQUIRING THE WARRANTS IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; OR (2) IN THE CASE THAT THE TRANSFEROR IS A UNITED STATES PERSON WHO IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" ("**QIB**") AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER" ("**QP**") WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 3(c)(7) AND AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2(a)(51) OF THE 1940 ACT AND THE RULES THEREUNDER, TO OR THROUGH THE ISSUER OR THE DEALER (A) IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (B) TO A PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, A UNITED STATES PERSON (i) THAT IS A QIB AND A QP; (ii) THAT IS NOT (a) A DEALER DESCRIBED IN RULE 144A(a)(1)(ii) THAT OWNS AND INVESTS ON A DISCRETIONARY BASIS LESS THAN U.S.\$25,000,000 IN SECURITIES OF ISSUERS THAT ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEALER, (b) A PLAN REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(D) OR (a)(1)(i)(E) OF RULE 144A OR A TRUST FUND REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (a)(1)(i)(F) OF RULE 144A THAT HOLDS THE ASSETS OF SUCH A PLAN, IF INVESTMENT DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN ARE MADE BY BENEFICIARIES OF THE PLAN, (c) AN INVESTMENT COMPANY EXCEPTED FROM THE 1940 ACT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(c)(1) OR SECTION 3(c)(7) THEREOF (OR A FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER SECTION 7(d) THEREOF RELYING ON SECTION 3(c)(1) OR SECTION 3(c)(7) THEREOF WITH RESPECT TO ITS U.S. HOLDERS) AND FORMED ON OR PRIOR TO 30 APRIL 1996, THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE CONSENT OF EACH OF ITS BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO ITS TREATMENT AS A QUALIFIED PURCHASER IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 2(a)(51)(C) OF THE 1940 ACT AND THE RULES THEREUNDER, OR (d) AN ENTITY THAT WILL HAVE INVESTED MORE THAN 40 PER CENT. OF ITS ASSETS IN THE ISSUER'S SECURITIES; (iii) THAT WAS NOT FORMED, REFORMED OR RECAPITALISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTING IN THE WARRANTS OR OTHER SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER UNLESS EACH OF ITS BENEFICIAL OWNERS IS BOTH A QIB AND A QP WHO WAS NOT SO FORMED; (iv) THAT SUBSCRIBES, ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRING THE WARRANTS (OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS THEREIN), FOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF WARRANTS VALUED IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST U.S.\$100,000 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY); (v) THAT WILL PROVIDE NOTICE OF APPLICABLE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS TO ANY SUBSEQUENT TRANSFEREE; (vi) THAT UNLESS BOTH (I) IT REPRESENTS THAT THE PURCHASE, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THE WARRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTIVE RELIEF UNDER, OR ARE OTHERWISE NOT PROHIBITED BY, SECTION 406 OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("**ERISA**"), AND SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "**CODE**"), OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW, AND (II) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OR OTHER COMFORT SATISFACTORY TO THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR IS DELIVERED WHICH AFFIRMS THAT NONE OF THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE OR HOLDING OF ANY WARRANT WOULD CAUSE ANY ASSETS OF THE ISSUER TO BE TREATED AS "PLAN ASSETS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF ERISA OR ANY REGULATION THEREUNDER (OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW), IS NOT, AND IS NOT A FIDUCIARY INVESTING ASSETS OF OR ON BEHALF OF, (a) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF ERISA) THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA; (b) A PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4975(e)(1) OF THE CODE) THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE; (c) AN ENTITY WHOSE ASSETS INCLUDE ASSETS OF A PLAN DESCRIBED IN (vi)(a) OR (b) ABOVE BY REASON OF SUCH A PLAN'S INVESTMENT IN THE ENTITY UNDER 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101 AS MODIFIED BY SECTION 3(42) OF ERISA OR OTHERWISE; OR (d) A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH OR NON-U.S. PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. LAW THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE; AND (vii) THAT IS PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNTS OF ONE OR MORE OTHER PERSONS EACH OF WHOM MEETS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSES (i) THROUGH (vi). FOR THE PURPOSES HEREOF, "UNITED STATES PERSON" MEANS A PERSON WHICH IS A "U.S. PERSON" AS DEFINED BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR A "**UNITED STATES PERSON**" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7701(a)(30) OF THE CODE AND IN U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS. EACH HOLDER OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT WITH RESPECT TO ITSELF AND EACH ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS PURCHASING THAT IT AND EACH SUCH ACCOUNT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH ABOVE AND ANY OFFER, SALE, REOFFER, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR OTHER TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF ITS INTEREST IN SUCH WARRANTS MAY ONLY BE MADE TO A PERSON SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE AND WITH RESPECT TO A PERSON SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSE (2) ABOVE WILL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION TO THE DEALER OR THE ISSUER OF A DULY COMPLETED INVESTOR REPRESENTATION LETTER EXECUTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEALER, THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR (TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES AND ANY PERSONS CONTROLLING, CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH SUCH DEALER, ISSUER AND GUARANTOR), IN THE FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE DEALER, THE ISSUER OR THE RELEVANT INSTRUMENT AGENT (AS DEFINED IN THE ENGLISH LAW AGENCY AGREEMENT) WITH RESPECT TO ANY INTEREST IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT. ANY PURPORTED TRANSFER OF THE WARRANTS, OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN, REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT IN VIOLATION OF

THE FOREGOING WILL BE OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, WILL BE NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND SHALL NOT VEST ANY RIGHTS IN THE PURPORTED TRANSFEREE (SUCH PURPORTED TRANSFEREE, A "**DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE**"), NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY TO THE ISSUER, THE GUARANTOR, THE INSTRUMENT AGENT OR ANY INTERMEDIARY, AND THE LAST PRECEDING HOLDER OF SUCH INTEREST THAT WAS NOT A DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE SHALL BE RESTORED TO ALL RIGHTS AS A HOLDER THEREOF RETROACTIVELY TO THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER OF SUCH INTEREST BY SUCH HOLDER.

THE HOLDER OF ANY WARRANTS AND THE HOLDER OF ANY BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN THE WARRANTS REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ISSUER MAY RECEIVE A LIST OF PARTICIPANTS HOLDING POSITIONS IN ITS SECURITIES FROM THE RELEVANT CLEARING SYSTEM.

IF REQUESTED BY THE ISSUER, THE GUARANTOR OR BY AN INSTRUMENT AGENT, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSFER OF THE WARRANT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND THE 1940 ACT.

NONE OF THE WARRANTS, THE GUARANTEE AND CERTAIN ENTITLEMENTS CONSTITUTE, OR HAVE BEEN MARKETING AS, CONTRACTS OF SALE OF A COMMODITY FOR FUTURE DELIVERY (OR OPTIONS THEREON) SUBJECT TO THE U.S. COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT OF 1936, AS AMENDED (THE "CEA"), AND TRADING IN THE WARRANTS HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE CEA.

THE WARRANTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR OFFERS, SALES, REOFFERS, RESALES, TRADES, PLEDGES, ASSIGNMENTS, DELIVERIES AND OTHER TRANSFERS, EXERCISES OR REDEMPTIONS OF THE WARRANTS TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO THE OFFER, SALE, REOFFER, RESALE, TRADE, PLEDGE, ASSIGNMENT, DELIVERY OR TRANSFER, EXERCISE OR REDEMPTION OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A WARRANT, THE PURCHASER THEREOF SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT."

- (xix) that it understands that the relevant Issuer may receive a list of participants holding positions in its securities from one or more book-entry depositories, including DTC (in the case of MLICo.), Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg;
- (xx) that it will not engage in any hedging transactions with respect to the Warrants unless in compliance with the Securities Act;
- (xxi) it agrees and acknowledges that in the event that at any time the Principal Warrant Agent determines or is notified by the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their affiliates that (i) a transfer or attempted or purported transfer of any interest in a Warrant was not consummated in compliance with the provisions of W&C Instruments Condition 22 or "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*", as applicable, or on the basis of an incorrect form, representation or certification from such investor as set forth herein or in the Investor Representation Letter, (ii) it is in breach at the time given of any representation or agreement set forth in any certificate or letter or any deemed representation or agreement delivered or deemed to be made by such purchaser, or (iii) a transfer or attempted transfer of any interest in a Warrant was consummated which did not comply with the transfer restrictions set forth in this Offering Circular, the purported transfer shall be absolutely null and void ab initio and shall not vest any rights in such purported purchaser (being in such case, a "**Disqualified Transferee**") and the last preceding holder of such interest that was not a Disqualified Transferee shall be restored to all rights as a Holder thereof retroactively to the date of the purported transfer of such interest by such Holder;



- (xxii) that the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor 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 relevant Issuer and the Guarantor; and if it is acquiring any Warrants 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; and
- (xxiii) it understands that each Rule 144A Global Warrant held through DTC shall also bear the following legend:

"UNLESS THIS GLOBAL INSTRUMENT IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("**DTC**"), TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY GLOBAL INSTRUMENT ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO. HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN."

## BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

Bank of America Corporation ("BAC") is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. BAC was incorporated on 31 July 1998 (for an unlimited duration) as part of the merger of BankAmerica Corporation with NationsBank Corporation. BAC was initially registered with the State of Delaware, Secretary of State, Division of Corporations on 31 July 1998 under registration number 2927442. BAC operates under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, Title 8 of the Delaware Code 1953, sections 101 through 398, known as the "Delaware General Corporation Law". BAC's registered office in Delaware is at the Corporation Trust Company, Corporate Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, United States. BAC's headquarters and principal place of business are located at 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, United States, telephone number (704) 386-5681. BAC's objects and purposes are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organised and incorporated in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as specified in paragraph 2 of BAC's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

### Business Segment Operations

BAC, through its banking and nonbanking subsidiaries, provides a diversified range of banking and nonbanking financial services and products in all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, and more than 40 non-U.S. countries. BAC provides these services and products through five business segments: (1) *Consumer & Business Banking*, (2) *Consumer Real Estate Services*, (3) *Global Wealth & Investment Management*, (4) *Global Banking* and (5) *Global Markets*.

### Board of Directors

As of the date of this Offering Circular, the Directors of BAC are:

Director	Function
Brian T. Moynihan .....	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
Sharon L. Allen .....	Non-employee director
Susan S. Bies .....	Non-employee director
Jack O. Bovender, Jr. ....	Lead Independent Director; non-employee director
Frank P. Bramble, Sr. ....	Non-employee director
Pierre J.P. de Weck .....	Non-employee director
Arnold W. Donald .....	Non-employee director
Charles K. Gifford .....	Non-employee director
Charles O. Holliday, Jr. ....	Non-employee director
Linda P. Hudson .....	Non-employee director
Monica C. Lozano .....	Non-employee director
Thomas J. May .....	Non-employee director
Lionel L. Nowell, III .....	Non-employee director
Clayton S. Rose .....	Non-employee director
R. David Yost .....	Non-employee director

The business address of each Director is 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255, United States.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to BAC of the members of the Board of Directors, as listed above, and their private interests and/or other duties.

### Subsidiaries

BAC acts as the holding company of over 1,450 subsidiary undertakings worldwide which are all operative within the financial services sector. Details of BAC's principal subsidiary, which is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BAC, are set out below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Principal Activity</b>
Bank of America, N.A. ....	101 North Tryon Street Suite 170 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202	Commercial and consumer banking

### **Trend Information**

In the United States, economic growth remained relatively stable in the third quarter of 2014 following a rebound in the second quarter of 2014. Moderate retail spending gains, highlighted by continued steady business and residential investment, and sustained export gains characterized the economic environment in the United States. Employment gains softened during the third quarter of 2014 and the unemployment rate stabilized. Inflation remained below the Federal Reserve Board's longer-term target of two percent.

Amid continued international tensions and expectations that accommodative monetary policy would be only gradually removed, longer-term U.S. Treasury yields declined during the third quarter of 2014, while equity markets remained relatively unchanged. The Federal Reserve Board continued to reduce its securities purchases, bringing targeted monthly purchases to \$15 billion in October 2014. In October 2014, the Federal Reserve Board announced that it will end its securities purchases in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Internationally, subdued economic growth continued in the eurozone in the third quarter of 2014, while healthy expansion continued in the United Kingdom. Japan's economy stabilized and China's economy grew moderately in the third quarter of 2014. Growth in Russia and Brazil continued to decelerate with political uncertainties and declining commodity prices.

For additional information regarding trends and events impacting BAC's businesses and results of operations, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") on pages 22 through 148, inclusive, of the BAC 2013 Annual Report, the MD&A on pages 3 through 130, inclusive, of the BAC 31 March 2014 Quarterly Report, the MD&A on pages 3 through 138, inclusive, of the BAC 30 June 2014 Quarterly Report and the MD&A on pages 3 through 140, inclusive, of the BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report.

### **Board Practices**

#### ***Audit Committee***

BAC's Audit Committee, which currently consists of five independent members of BAC's Board of Directors, assists BAC's Board of Directors in the oversight of the qualifications, performance and independence of BAC's registered public accounting firm; the performance of BAC's internal audit function; the integrity of BAC's consolidated financial statements; and BAC's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The members of the Audit Committee are Sharon L. Allen (Chair), Susan S. Bies, Pierre J.P. de Weck, Lionel L. Nowell, III and R. David Yost.

#### ***Corporate Governance***

BAC has complied in all material respects with the corporate governance regime of the State of Delaware and all applicable provisions of Delaware General Corporation Law.

#### ***Ratings***

As at the date of this Offering Circular, BAC's long-term senior debt is rated Baa2 (Stable) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., A- (Negative) by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC and A (Negative) by Fitch Ratings, Inc. Credit ratings and outlooks may be adjusted over time, and so there is no assurance that these credit ratings and outlooks will be effective after the date of this Offering Circular. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any Instruments.

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

The following table contains BAC's selected financial data (1) as of 31 December 2013 and 2012, and for each of the years in the three years ended 31 December 2013, extracted from BAC's audited financial statements and (2) as of and for the nine months ended 30 September 2014 and 2013, extracted from BAC's unaudited financial statements, which were prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. BAC's unaudited financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring accruals, that BAC considers necessary for a fair statement of its financial position and its results of operations as of such dates and for such periods. Results for the nine months ended 30 September 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that might be expected for any other interim period or for the year as a whole. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period classifications.

	Nine months ended 30 September		Year ended 31 December		
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)				
	(Dollars in millions, except number of shares and per share information)				
<b>Income Statement:</b>					
Interest income .....	\$38,734	\$41,308	\$55,020	\$57,400	\$66,236
Interest expense .....	8,417	9,829	12,755	16,744	21,620
Net interest income .....	30,317	31,479	42,265	40,656	44,616
Noninterest income .....	35,205	35,975	46,677	42,678	48,838
Total revenue, net of interest expense .....	65,522	67,454	88,942	83,334	93,454
Provision for credit losses .....	2,056	3,220	3,556	8,169	13,410
Noninterest expense .....	60,921	51,907	69,214	72,093	80,274
Income before income taxes .....	2,545	12,327	16,172	3,072	(230)
Income tax expense .....	762	4,335	4,741	(1,116)	(1,676)
Net income .....	1,783	7,992	11,431	4,188	1,446
Net income applicable to common shareholders .....	1,051	6,899	10,082	2,760	85
Average common shares issued and outstanding (in thousands) .....	10,531,688	10,764,216	10,731,165	10,746,028	10,142,625
Average diluted common shares issued and outstanding (in thousands) .....	10,587,841	11,523,649	11,491,418	10,840,854	10,254,824
<b>Per common share information:</b>					
Earnings .....	\$0.10	\$0.64	\$0.94	\$0.26	\$0.01
Diluted earnings .....	0.10	0.62	0.90	0.25	0.01
Dividends paid .....	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04

	30 September		31 December	
	2014	2013	2013	2012
	(Unaudited)			
	(Dollars in millions, except percentages)			
<b>Balance Sheet (period end):</b>				
Total loans and leases.....	\$891,315	\$934,392	\$928,233	\$907,819
Total assets.....	2,123,613	2,126,653	2,102,273	2,209,974
Total deposits.....	1,111,981	1,110,118	1,119,271	1,105,261
Long-term debt.....	250,115	255,331	249,674	275,585
Total shareholders' equity.....	238,681	232,282	232,685	236,956
Allowance for loan and lease losses as a percentage of total loans and leases outstanding <sup>1</sup> ...	1.71%	2.10%	1.90%	2.69%
Total ending equity to total ending assets.....	11.24%	10.92%	11.07%	10.72%

<sup>1</sup> Outstanding loan and lease balances and ratios do not include loans accounted for under the fair value option.

**Share Capital**

As of 30 September 2014, the issued and outstanding common stock of BAC equalled 10,515,893,904 shares, \$0.01 par value, fully paid, which shares and additional paid in capital equalled approximately \$153.472 billion. As at the date of this Offering Circular, the authorised common stock of BAC is 12,800,000,000 shares.

As of 30 September 2014, the issued and outstanding preferred stock of BAC equalled 3,591,790 shares, \$0.01 par value, fully paid, with an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$17.913 billion. The authorised preferred stock of BAC is 100,000,000 shares.

**Principal Shareholders**

BAC is a U.S. publicly-traded company. The principal market on which BAC's common stock is traded is the New York Stock Exchange. BAC's common stock is also listed on the London Stock Exchange, and certain shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. To the extent known to BAC, no shareholder owns enough shares of BAC's common stock to directly or indirectly exercise control over BAC.

**Dividends**

The following cash dividends per share of common stock of BAC were paid for each of the five consecutive fiscal years ended 31 December:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Dividend per share</b>
2013	\$0.04
2012	\$0.04
2011	\$0.04
2010	\$0.04
2009	\$0.04

## MERRILL LYNCH B.V.

### History and Business

Merrill Lynch B.V. ("MLBV") was incorporated on 12 November 2012 as a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) under Dutch law. On 31 December 2012, effective as of 1 January 2013, MLBV merged with Merrill Lynch SA ("MLSA") by means of a cross border merger, whereby MLSA is the disappearing entity, and MLBV is the acquiring entity (the "**Merger**"). Pursuant to the Merger, MLBV acquired all assets and liabilities of MLSA at the time of the Merger by operation of law under universal title of succession (*onder algemene titel*). MLBV is wholly-owned by Merrill Lynch International Incorporated, which in turn, is wholly-owned by NB Holdings Corporation, whose ultimate parent is Bank of America Corporation ("BAC"). MLBV does not hold any of its own shares.

MLBV is part of BAC's group and transacts with, and depends on, entities within such group accordingly.

The objects of MLBV are set out in Article 3 of its Articles of Association and include, *inter alia*, to finance businesses and companies, and to borrow, to lend and to raise funds, including the issue of bonds, promissory notes or other securities or evidence of indebtedness as well as to enter into agreements in connection with aforementioned activities. The objects of MLBV also include, *inter alia*, to incorporate, to participate in any way whatsoever in, to manage and to supervise businesses and companies.

### Principal Activities

The main activity of MLBV consists of issuing notes, certificates and other securities to investors, the proceeds of which are loaned to, or placed on deposit with, Group companies.

MLBV's accounting year coincides with the calendar year.

### Registered Office and Register of Commerce and Companies

MLBV's registered office is at Amstelplein 1, Rembrandt Tower 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1096 HA Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with telephone number (+31 (0)2 0575 5600) and it is registered with the Trade Register of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (*handelsregister van de Kamer van Koophandel*) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, under number 56457103.

The registered office of MLBV is located in The Netherlands where the Directors hold all of their Board Meetings.

### Principal Markets in which MLBV Competes

The main markets in which MLBV issues and sells securities are the Eurobond markets.

### Trend Information

There are no known trends affecting MLBV and the industries in which it operates.

### Directors

The Board of Directors of MLBV is charged with the management of MLBV. Set forth below is the name and title of MLBV's Directors:

Director	Title
Armstrong E. Okobia	Director A
Angela C. Jones	Director B

The business address of the Directors of MLBV is Amstelplein 1, Rembrandt Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1096 HA Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between any duties to MLBV and their private interests or other duties of the Directors of MLBV.

There are no principal activities performed by the Directors of MLBV outside MLBV which are significant to MLBV as issuer.

### **Share Capital**

The issued and paid-up share capital of MLBV is U.S.\$129.98, consisting of 12,998 registered ordinary shares with a nominal value of U.S.\$0.01 each.

### **Dividends**

In 2013, MLBV declared a dividend of U.S.\$15,847,000. During the six month period to 30 June 2014, MLBV declared a further dividend of U.S.\$7,858,000.

**SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA OF MERRILL LYNCH B.V.**

The Dutch Civil Code requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRS), including suitable IFRS comparatives for the prior year as required on the first time adoption of IFRS.

On 31 December 2012, effective as of 1 January 2013, MLBV merged with MLSA by means of a cross border merger, whereby MLSA is the disappearing entity, and MLBV is the acquiring entity. Pursuant to the Merger, MLBV acquired all assets and liabilities of MLSA at the time of the Merger by operation of law under universal title of succession (*onder algemene titel*). This transaction was not treated as a merger nor an acquisition for the MLBV Interim Financial Statements, as the shareholders of MLBV are also the shareholders of MLSA, and there was no cash consideration paid for the transfer of value. The comparative figures as included in the MLBV Interim Financial Statements are those of MLSA adjusted for IFRS.

The auditors of MLBV, PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V., have not performed an audit, review or any other procedures on the 30 June 2014 interim figures or the comparative 30 June 2013 interim figures as included in the MLBV Interim Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The following table contains MLBV's Statement of Comprehensive Income for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from the MLBV 2013 Accounts, and for the six month periods ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013, extracted from the MLBV Interim Financial Statements.

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>		<b>Year ended 31 December</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>			
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments held for trading.....	65,761	(9,333)	212,180	573,113
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss .....	(79,231)	(22,614)	(313,004)	(1,003,509)
Finance income .....	39,921	40,474	75,004	83,295
<b>Operating profit/(loss) before tax...</b>	<b>26,451</b>	<b>8,527</b>	<b>(30,820)</b>	<b>(347,101)</b>
<b>Administrative expenses .....</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(116)</b>	<b>(75)</b>
<b>Total profit/(loss) before tax .....</b>	<b>26,635</b>	<b>8,523</b>	<b>(30,936)</b>	<b>(347,101)</b>
Tax credit/(charge) .....	(4,723)	(365)	11,539	96,644
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period.....</b>	<b>21,912</b>	<b>8,158</b>	<b>(19,397)</b>	<b>(250,532)</b>
Other comprehensive income .....	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss).....</b>	<b>21,912</b>	<b>8,158</b>	<b>(19,397)</b>	<b>(250,532)</b>



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The following table contains MLBV's Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from the MLBV 2013 Accounts, and as at 30 June 2014, extracted from the MLBV Interim Financial Statements.

	<b>30 June 2014 \$'000</b>	<b>31 December 2013 \$'000</b>	<b>31 December 2012 \$'000</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	2,754,757	2,921,262	3,419,047
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	499,652	548,835	474,955
Financial instruments held for trading	140,368	193,154	233,934
Deferred tax asset	2,366	6,732	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>3,397,143</b>	<b>3,669,983</b>	<b>4,127,936</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	350,284	544,249	2,370,093
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	12,428	26,150	99,874
Financial instruments held for trading	65,873	44,603	19,489
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>428,585</b>	<b>615,002</b>	<b>2,489,456</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,825,728</b>	<b>4,284,985</b>	<b>6,617,392</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued share capital	0	0	2,771
Share premium	2,771	2,771	-
Preferred share capital	750,000	750,000	-
Retained earnings	23,116	9,062	44,306
<b>Total equity attributable to the owners of the company</b>	<b>775,887</b>	<b>761,833</b>	<b>47,077</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	2,646,922	2,824,747	3,892,619
Financial instruments held for trading	42,244	103,262	232,050
Deferred tax liability	-	-	5,190
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,689,166</b>	<b>2,928,009</b>	<b>4,129,859</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	209,949	465,446	739,444
Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings	116,182	72,539	1,596,190
Financial instruments held for trading	8,954	39,310	103,312
Dividend payable	23,706	15,847	-
Income tax payable	1,834	1,885	1,489
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	50	116	21
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>360,675</b>	<b>595,143</b>	<b>2,440,456</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,049,840</b>	<b>3,523,152</b>	<b>6,570,315</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>3,825,728</b>	<b>4,284,985</b>	<b>6,617,392</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY****As at 30 June 2014**

The following tables contain MLBV's Statement of Changes in Equity as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from the MLBV 2013 Accounts, and as at 30 June 2014, extracted from the MLBV Interim Financial Statements.

Movements in shareholders' equity during the period ended 30 June 2014 are as follows:

	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Other reserves</b>	<b>Other equity capital</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>761,833</b>
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	21,912	<b>21,912</b>
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(7,858)	<b>(7,858)</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>23,116</b>	<b>775,887</b>

Movements in shareholders' equity during the year ended 31 December 2013 are as follows:

	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Other reserves</b>	<b>Other equity capital</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2012</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>44,306</b>	<b>47,077</b>
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	(19,397)	<b>(19,397)</b>
Additions	-	-	750,000	-	<b>750,000</b>
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(15,847)	<b>(15,847)</b>
Transfers	(2,771)	2,771	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>761,833</b>

Movements in shareholders' equity during the year ended 31 December 2012 are as follows:

	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Other reserves</b>	<b>Other equity capital</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>294,838</b>	<b>297,609</b>
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	(250,532)	<b>(250,532)</b>
Transfers	2,706	(2,706)	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2012</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,306</b>	<b>47,077</b>

## MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS AG

Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG ("MLCMAG") is a company incorporated as a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft) under the laws of Switzerland with unlimited duration. It was entered in the Register of Commerce of the Canton of Zurich under registration number CH-020.3.917.357-7 on 20 August 1987. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith SA commenced its operation in January 1959 in Geneva. In 1987, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith SA changed its name to Merrill Lynch Capital Markets AG and began trading in Zurich as a bank-like finance company. In January 1993 MLCMAG was granted a full bank status. BAC is the ultimate parent of MLCMAG.

MLCMAG's registered office is at Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### Purpose

According to Art. 2 of the Articles of Incorporation of MLCMAG, the statutory purpose of MLCMAG is the operation of a stock exchange bank and an investment bank which encompasses the conducting and brokering of bank, financial and securities transactions of all kinds, for its own or third parties' accounts, as well as all services connected therewith.

### Business

MLCMAG engages in a variety of brokerage, sales and trading as well as corporate and investment banking activities, in particular in the sale and distribution of securities and the issuance of certificates.

### Trend Information

MLCMAG's primary objective in 2014 and 2015 will be the continued brokerage and sales trading activity to Swiss institutional clients and issuances of SIX Swiss Exchange listed, equity-linked certificates. Furthermore, MLCMAG will remain involved in global transaction services, corporate banking and investment banking activities.

### Capitalisation

The following table shows the audited shareholders' equity of MLCMAG as at:

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	30 September 2014	31 December 2013	31 December 2012
<i>(Swiss francs thousands)</i>			
Share capital	112,000	112,000	112,000
Legal reserve	56,000	56,000	56,000
Retained earnings brought forward	167,813	165,055	158,860
Net income	(1,994)	2,758	6,195
Total	333,819	335,813	333,055

### Information on MLCMAG's Most Recent Business Performance

#### *Business Performance*

Cash Equity and Equity-linked Derivatives sales credits and sales credits for FICC sales activities are ahead of budget. The performance for Global Transaction Services and Corporate Banking are well ahead of budget, whereas Investment Banking trends within the budget.

#### *Financial Performance*

Overall, MLCMAG recorded a net loss of CHF 2.0 million YTD September 2014 which is CHF 3.5 million under budget and compares to a net profit of CHF 2.2 million for the same period in 2013.

On the income side, net interest income and trading results are in line with 2014 budget while the result from commission and service fee activities are 12 per cent. behind plan.

On the expense side, MLCMAG reduced its total operational expenses by about three per cent. compared with 2013 for the same period, however the entity's expenses are about 18 per cent. behind plan 2014.

### **Board of Directors**

The members of the Board of Directors of MLCMAG are:

		<i>Occupation</i>
Dominik Schärer	Chairman	External Asset Manager
David Jervis	Vice-Chairman	Merrill Lynch International employee
Dr. Robert Furter	Director	Attorney-at-Law, Zurich
Jennifer Taylor	Director	Merrill Lynch International employee

The business address of each director is Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### **Executive Management**

The executive officers of MLCMAG are:

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Title of Office</b>
Manuel Ebner	Chief Executive Officer
Alex Marc	Equities and Equities-linked Derivatives
Christian Thormann	FICC Credit Sales
Mario Alini	Chief Operating Officer
Michael Voellm	Chief Financial Officer

The business address of each executive officer is Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

### **Shares and Voting Rights**

MLCMAG has issued 112,000 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 1,000 each. Each share entitles to one vote.

### **Utilisation of Profit**

The shareholders meeting of MLCMAG determines the use and disposition of surplus and net profit. No dividends have been paid out in respect of the fiscal years 2009 through 2011. The extraordinary shareholders' assembly held on November 28, 2012 approved a dividend disbursement of CHF 500 million to the Bank's new parent company Merrill Lynch UK Capital Holdings Inc. and allocated CHF 10.6 million from retained earnings to the general legal reserve.

### **Accounting Principles**

Accounting policies and valuation principles follow the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Swiss Banking Act and the Banking Ordinance, and circulars of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

### **Fiscal Year**

MLCMAG's fiscal year ends on 31 December of each year.

### **Subsidiary**

None.

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA OF MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS AG

## BALANCE SHEETS

As at 30 June 2014, 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012

The following table contains MLCMAG's Balance Sheets as at 30 June 2014, extracted from MLCMAG's unaudited interim financial statements, and as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from MLCMAG's audited financial statements.

(Swiss franc thousands)	30 June 2014	31 December 2013	31 December 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	5,000	5,000	5,000
Due from banks	322,366	317,028	330,491
Due from customers	2,962	5,203	4,629
Securities trading portfolios	-	-	-
Fixed assets	396	413	521
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	3,226	1,425	2,680
Other assets	84,670	83,629	117,921
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>418,620</b>	<b>412,698</b>	<b>461,242</b>
Total subordinated assets	-	-	-
Total due from Group companies and qualified participants		702	3,083
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>			
Due to banks	17,651	10,993	12,436
Due to customers, other	2,681	3,561	1,667
Accrued expenses and deferred income	4,330	3,730	5,003
Other liabilities	58,053	56,901	107,381
Valuation adjustments and provisions	1,700	1,700	1,700
Share capital	112,000	112,000	112,000
General legal reserve	56,000	56,000	56,000
Retained earnings brought forward	167,813	165,055	158,860
Net income	(1,608)	2,758	6,195
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY</b>	<b>418,620</b>	<b>412,698</b>	<b>461,242</b>
Total subordinated liabilities	-	-	-
Total due to Group companies and qualified participants		157	1,668
<b>OFF-BALANCE SHEET TRANSACTIONS</b>			
(Swiss franc thousands)	30 June 2014	31 December 2013	31 December 2012
Irrevocable commitments	4	4	6
<b>Derivative instruments:</b>			
- Positive replacement values	51,382	50,157	92,254
- Negative replacement values	57,881	56,654	98,674
- Contract volume (notional)	694,598	704,919	1,183,506

The value of derivative instruments from issuance activities are reported on an after-netting basis of group positions to reflect only the value of contracts open with third parties.

## INCOME STATEMENTS

**For the six months ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 and for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012**

The following table contains MLCMAG's Income Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013, extracted from MLCMAG's unaudited interim financial statements, and for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from MLCMAG's audited financial statements.

(Swiss franc thousands)	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	31 December 2013	31 December 2012
<b>REVENUES AND EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY BANKING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Results from interest activities:				
- Interest and discount income	2,068	2,048	4,272	11,479
- Interest expense	(41)	(35)	(52)	(391)
Net interest income	2,027	2,013	4,220	11,088
Results from commission and service fee activities:				
- Commission income on securities and investment transactions	5,244	9,077	15,313	17,798
- Commission income on other services	2,850	4,182	6,014	5,686
- Commission expenses	(251)	(343)	(555)	(724)
Results from commission and service fee activities	7,843	12,916	20,772	22,760
Results from trading operations	(75)	(114)	(192)	1,413
Other ordinary income	-	-	-	-
Other ordinary expenses	-	-	-	(1,112)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>9,795</b>	<b>14,815</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>34,149</b>
Operating expenses:				
- Personnel expenses	(9,163)	(11,208)	(16,297)	(17,557)
- Other operating expenses	(2,332)	(1,321)	(4,335)	(5,338)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(11,495)</b>	<b>(12,529)</b>	<b>(20,632)</b>	<b>(22,895)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>(1,700)</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>11,254</b>
<b>NET INCOME:</b>				
Gross profit	(1,700)	2,286	4,168	11,254
Depreciation and write-offs of noncurrent assets	(42)	(47)	(93)	(118)
Valuation adjustments, provisions and losses	-	-	-	-
<b>Result before extraordinary items and taxes</b>	<b>(1,742)</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>11,136</b>
Extraordinary income	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary expenses	-	-	-	(4,132)
Taxes	134	(709)	(1,317)	(809)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(1,608)</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>6,195</b>
<b>ALLOCATION OF RETAINED EARNINGS:</b>				
Retained earnings brought forward 1.1.			165,055	669,420
- e.o. Dividends paid out			-	(500,000)
- e.o. Allocation to general legal reserve			-	(10,560)
Retained earnings brought forward 31.12.			165,055	158,860
Net income			2,758	6,195
Retained earnings			167,813	165,055
- Dividends paid out			-	-
- Allocation to general legal reserve			-	-
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>			<b>167,813</b>	<b>165,055</b>

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****For the years ended 31 December 2013 to 31 December 2012**

The following table contains MLCMAG's Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from MLCMAG's audited financial statements.

(Swiss franc thousands)	2013		2012	
	Source of funds	Application of funds	Source of funds	Application of funds
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING RESULTS (INTERNAL SOURCES)</b>				
Net income	2,758	-	6,195	-
Depreciation and write-offs on noncurrent assets	93	-	118	-
Valuation adjustments and provisions	-	-	1,700	-
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	1,255	-	2,335	-
Accrued expenses and deferred income	-	1,274	-	2,657
Dividends paid out	-	-	-	500,000
Balance	4,106	1,274	10,348	502,657
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES</b>				
Fixed assets	41	26	-	162
<b>CASH FLOW FROM BANKING OPERATIONS</b>				
Short-term operations:				
- Due from banks	13,463	-	1,351,183	-
- Due from customers	-	574	-	419
- Securities and trading portfolios	-	-	983,145	-
- Financial Investments	-	-	-	-
- Other assets	34,293	-	6,572	-
- Due to banks	-	1,443	-	872,671
- Due to customers	1,894	-	-	6,221
- Other liabilities	-	50,480	-	969,118
Liquidity:				
- Cash	-	-	-	-
Balance	49,650	52,497	2,340,900	1,848,429
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,797</b>	<b>53,797</b>	<b>2,351,248</b>	<b>2,351,248</b>

## **MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V.**

### **Overview**

Merrill Lynch International & Co. C.V. ("**MLCo.**") is a Curaçao limited partnership of unlimited duration organised under the laws of Curaçao which commenced operation on 1 August 1975 and was registered on 1 August 1975 under registered number 11705 in the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Curaçao. MLCo. complies with the Curaçao corporate governance regime. MLCo. engages primarily in the issuance of warrants and related financial instruments and the distribution of managed fund products. Bank of America Corporation ("**BAC**") is the ultimate parent of MLCo. as further described below under "Partners".

MLCo. is part of BAC's group and transacts with, and depends on, entities within such group accordingly.

MLCo.'s registered office and business address is at Kaya W.F.G. (Jombi) Mensing 36, Curaçao. The telephone number of MLCo. is 00 (5999) 4611299.

The objects of MLCo. are set out in Article 3 of MLCo.'s Partnership Agreement, and include purchasing, selling and underwriting securities. MLCo.'s Partnership Agreement is available as part of its constitutional documents as described in "General Information". There are no recent events which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of MLCo.'s solvency. MLCo. has made no principal investments since 31 December 2011 and the management body of MLCo. has made no firm commitments for any future principal investments, in each case, other than issuing W&C Instruments and, if applicable, entering into related arrangements.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of MLCo. are the issuance of warrants, certificates and related financial instruments, and distribution of Merrill Lynch International managed funds and other managed fund products.

MLCo.'s total capital amounts to U.S.\$500,128,000, of which U.S.\$500,010,000 has been contributed by the General Partner and U.S.\$118,000 has been contributed by the Limited Partner.

### **Principal Markets in which MLCo. Competes**

MLCo. principally issues securities in the international securities markets.

### **Trend Information**

There are no known trends affecting MLCo. and the industries in which it operates.

### **Partners**

ML Cayman Holdings Inc., a corporation organised under the laws of the State of Delaware in the United States, is the General, Managing and Directing Partner ("**General Partner**") of MLCo. Merrill Lynch International Services Limited ("**Limited Partner**"), a Canadian company, is the Limited Partner. Neither the General Partner nor the Limited Partner engages in any other activities other than being the General Partner or the Limited Partner of MLCo. as applicable.

The General Partner is vested with the power to direct the financial and business policies of MLCo. The General Partner determines the use and disposition of surplus and net profits.

The Limited Partner is indirectly wholly-owned by BAC.

The General Partner is wholly-owned by Merrill Lynch International Incorporated, which, in turn, is wholly-owned by NB Holdings Corporation which, in turn, is wholly-owned by BAC. Merrill Lynch International Incorporated is a corporation organised under the laws of the State of Delaware in the United States.



The Directors of the General Partner are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Bruce Blanco	Director
Debra Zachter	Director

The President of the General Partner is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Angel Alvarez	President

The above Directors and President are BAC group employees.

The registered address of the General Partner, its Directors and its President is c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE 19801, United States.

The Director of the Limited Partner is:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Gordon Weir	Director

The above Director is a BAC group employee.

The registered address of the Limited Partner and its Director is 129 Water Street, Box 38, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada C1A 1A8.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between any duties to MLICo. of the General Partner or the Limited Partner and their private interests and/or other duties.

There are no principal activities performed by the Directors outside MLICo. which are significant to MLICo. as issuer.

**SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA OF MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL & CO. C.V.**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**For the six months ended 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 and for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012**

The following table contains MLICo.'s Profit and Loss Account as at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013, extracted from MLICo.'s unaudited interim financial statements, and as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from MLICo.'s audited financial statements.

	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>Restated 30 June 2013</b>	<b>31 December 2013</b>	<b>Restated 31 December 2012</b>
	<b>U.S.\$'000</b>	<b>U.S.\$'000</b>	<b>U.S.\$'000</b>	<b>U.S.\$'000</b>
TURNOVER .....	70,800	119,027	234,631	216,016
OPERATING LOSS .....	(10,414)	(3,604)	(6,409)	(11,582)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION .....	2,136	932	10,408	(45,213)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE PARTNER'S (PROFIT)/LOSS ALLOCATION ..	2,136	829	10,274	(45,239)
GENERAL PARTNER'S (PROFIT)/LOSS ALLOCATION ..	(2,136)	(829)	(10,274)	45,239
RESULT FOR THE PERIOD AFTER PARTNER'S (PROFIT)/LOSS ALLOCATION ..	-	-	-	-

Turnover and operating profit derive wholly from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2013 or 2012 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

**BALANCE SHEET**

**As at 30 June 2014, 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012**

The following table contains MLICo.'s Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014, extracted from MLICo.'s unaudited interim financial statements, and as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, extracted from MLICo.'s audited financial statements.

	<b>30 June 2014 (unaudited) <u>U.S.\$'000</u></b>	<b>31 December 2013 <u>U.S.\$'000</u></b>	<b>31 December 2012 <u>U.S.\$'000</u></b>
FIXED ASSETS	-	5	873
CURRENT ASSETS	11,099,822	9,459,465	4,639,469
CREDITORS	11,099,822	9,459,470	4,640,342
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	(5)	(873)
NET ASSETS	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## ERISA MATTERS

**Any discussion of United States federal tax issues set forth in this Offering Circular was written in connection with the promotion and marketing of the Instruments by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo., the Dealers and the Managers (as applicable). Such discussion was not intended or written to be legal or tax advice to any person and was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used, by any person for the purpose of avoiding any United States federal tax penalties that may be imposed on such person. Each person considering an investment in the Instruments should seek advice based on its particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.**

BAC and certain affiliates of BAC may each be considered a "party in interest" within the meaning of the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("**ERISA**"), or a "disqualified person" within the meaning of the Code with respect to employee benefit plans subject to Section 406 of ERISA and individual retirement accounts, Keoghs and other plans subject to Section 4975 of the Code (collectively, "**Covered Plans**"), or to have a similar relationship with governmental, church or non-U.S. plans that are subject to U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws that are substantially similar to Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (collectively, "**Other Plans**"). Certain transactions between such a Covered Plan and a party in interest or disqualified person may result in "prohibited transactions" within the meaning of ERISA and the Code, and certain transactions between an Other Plan and a person with a similar relationship to an Other Plan may be similarly prohibited under other U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws, unless such transactions are effected pursuant to an applicable exemption.

In addition, certain regulatory requirements applicable under ERISA could cause investments by a Covered Plan in the Instruments (whether directly or indirectly) to be deemed to include not only the purchased Instruments but also an undivided interest in each of the underlying assets of the relevant Issuer. In the absence of an applicable exception to this general rule, the relevant Issuer could be considered to hold assets of the investing Covered Plan ("**plan assets**") such that the relevant Issuer and persons providing services in connection with such plan assets might be considered "parties in interest" or "disqualified persons" with respect to the investing Covered Plan and could be governed by the fiduciary responsibility provisions of Title I of ERISA and subject to the prohibited transaction provisions referenced above. If this were the case, certain actions taken by the relevant Issuer or service provider regarding those plan assets could be deemed to be a breach of such Issuer's or service provider's fiduciary obligations under Title I of ERISA or a prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code. Similarly, investments by an Other Plan in the Instruments (whether directly or indirectly) may cause the relevant Issuer to be considered to hold assets of the investing Other Plan pursuant to other U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws and subject the relevant Issuer and persons providing services in connection with such assets to similar fiduciary and prohibited transaction requirements pursuant to such laws.

Under ERISA and various prohibited transaction class exemptions ("**PTCEs**") issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, exemptive relief may be available for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase, holding or disposition of the Instruments by or on behalf of, or with the plan assets of, Covered Plans. Those exemptions include PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers). In addition, Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code provide statutory exemptive relief for certain arm's-length transactions with a person that is a party in interest solely by reason of providing services to employee benefit plans or being an affiliate of such a service provider. There may be similar exemptive relief under other U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws for transactions by or on behalf of, or with the assets of, Other Plans.

Because BAC and certain of its affiliates may be considered a party in interest or disqualified person with respect to many Covered Plans, or a person with a similar relationship to many Other Plans, the Instruments may not be purchased, held or disposed of by any Covered Plan or Other Plan, any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any Covered Plan's investment in the entity or assets of an Other Plan by reason of any Other Plan's investment in the entity, or any person investing on behalf of or with plan assets of any Covered Plan or on behalf of or with assets of any Other Plan,

unless such purchase, holding or disposition is eligible for statutory or administrative exemptive relief or such purchase, holding or disposition is otherwise not prohibited. Any purchaser, including any fiduciary purchasing on behalf of a Covered Plan or Other Plan, transferee or holder of the Instruments will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the securities that either (a) it is not a Covered Plan or Other Plan or an entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any Covered Plan's investment in the entity or an entity whose underlying assets include assets of an Other Plan by reason of any Other Plan's investment in the entity, and is not purchasing such securities on behalf of or with plan assets of any Covered Plan or on behalf of or with any assets of an Other Plan; or (b) its purchase, holding and disposition are eligible for exemptive relief or such purchase, holding and disposition are not prohibited by ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (or in the case of an Other Plan any substantially similar U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law). In addition, any acquisition, purchase or holding of the Instruments by or on behalf of any Covered Plan or Other Plan, or with the plan assets of any Covered Plan or assets of any Other Plan, may be conditioned on BAC and the relevant Issuer's obtaining comfort to its or their satisfaction that such acquisition, purchase or holding will not cause any assets of the relevant Issuer to be treated as plan assets for the purposes of ERISA or any regulation thereunder (or in the case of an Other Plan, as assets of the Other Plan under any other U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. law).

A fiduciary purchasing Instruments on behalf of or with plan assets of any Covered Plan should determine whether the investment is in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the plan and the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code relating to a fiduciary's duties to the plan including, without limitation, the prudence, diversification, delegation of control and prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and the Code. A person purchasing Instruments on behalf of or with assets of an Other Plan should make the same determination in light of any U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws applicable to such plan. Due to the complexity of the rules discussed in this section and the penalties that may be imposed upon persons involved in fiduciary breaches or non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is particularly important that fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing Instruments on behalf of or with plan assets of any Covered Plan (or on behalf of or with assets of any Other Plan) consult with their legal and tax counsel regarding the potential consequences of the investment and the availability of exemptive relief.

## TAXATION

The following comments are of a general nature and apply only to the jurisdiction stated, are based on the Issuers' understanding of current law and practice and are included in this Offering Circular solely for information purposes. These comments are not intended to be, nor should they be regarded as, legal or tax advice. The precise tax treatment of a holder of an instrument that is either a Note, Warrant or Certificate will depend for each issue on the terms of the Notes, Warrants or Certificates, as specified in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" or the "Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments" (as applicable), as amended and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms under the law and practice at the relevant time. Prospective holders of Notes, Warrants or Certificates should consult their own tax advisers in all relevant jurisdictions to obtain advice about their particular tax treatment in relation to such Notes, Warrants or Certificates.

### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

#### General

*Except with respect to the discussion under "Instruments Other Than Notes Issued by BAC—Rule 144A Warrants subject to LEPW Conditions", the following is a summary of certain United States federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in the Instruments by holders who are United States Aliens (as defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") who are the original purchasers of the Instruments and who have not purchased, and do not hold, the Instruments in connection with a United States trade or business. For purposes of the following discussion, it is assumed that no Instruments in bearer form are issued other than Certificates and Warrants cleared through Clearstream, Frankfurt which will be treated as in registered form for United States federal income tax purposes.*

*If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes holds the Instruments, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partner of a partnership holding the Instruments should consult its own tax advisor regarding the United States federal income tax consequences to the partner of the acquisition, ownership and disposition by the partnership of the Instruments. In addition, this summary is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all aspects of United States federal income taxation that may be important to a particular holder in light of its circumstances or to holders subject to special tax rules, such as trusts, estates, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, personal holding companies, or the beneficiaries or shareholders of such entities.*

#### Notes Issued by BAC

##### *Notes Other Than Structured Notes*

In respect of Notes issued by BAC other than Notes that are specified as "Structured Notes" in the applicable Final Terms, under the United States federal income tax laws as in effect on the date of this Offering Circular, and subject to the discussion below, payments of principal and interest (including original issue discount), if any, by the Issuer or any Paying Agent (acting in its capacity as such), to any holder of such Note who is a United States Alien holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax, in the case of interest (including original issue discount), provided that:

- (a) such holder does not actually or constructively own 10 per cent. or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Issuer entitled to vote;
- (b) such holder is not a controlled foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes that is related to the Issuer (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership;
- (c) the interest is not received by a bank on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business;
- (d) the interest is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States; and

- (e) either (i) the holder provides the Issuer (or any paying agent) with a statement which sets forth its address, and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a United States person (which certification generally may be made on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form)) or (ii) a financial institution holding the Note on behalf of the holder certifies, under penalties of perjury (which certification generally may be made on an IRS Form W-8IMY or W-8BEN-E (or successor form)), that it has received and will provide the Issuer (or the paying agent) with a statement described in (i) above (the "**Certification Requirement**").

Payments to United States Alien holders not meeting the requirements set forth above are subject to withholding at a rate of 30 per cent. unless (A) the holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and the holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or successor form) certifying that the payments are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, or (B) the holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form) claiming an exemption from, or reduction in the rate of, withholding under the benefit of a tax treaty. To claim benefits under an income tax treaty, a United States Alien holder must obtain a taxpayer identification number and certify as to its eligibility under the appropriate treaty's limitations on benefits article. In addition, special rules may apply to claims for treaty benefits made by holders that are entities rather than individuals. Under section 871(h)(4)(A) of the Code, payments of certain types of contingent interest to a United States Alien holder (or any foreign partnership without regard to its status as a United States Alien) may be subject to United States withholding tax equal to 30 per cent. of each such payment (or such lower amounts as provided by treaty). If any Note not specified as a Structured Note in the applicable Final Terms bears contingent interest, the applicable Final Terms will specify if interest payments on such Notes are subject to any United States withholding taxes.

#### *Structured Notes*

Certain Notes issued by BAC will be specified as "Structured Notes" in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Issuer will withhold or does not intend to withhold any United States taxes in respect of any payments on Structured Notes. Except to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer or its agent generally intends to withhold on all payments designated as "interest" in the applicable Final Terms (and other amounts subject to withholding) on Structured Notes that are not treated as indebtedness for United States federal income tax purposes, without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld. Except to the extent specified in the Final Terms, while the United States federal income and withholding tax treatment of a Structured Note will generally depend on the particular terms of such Note, subject to the discussion below, the Issuer generally does not intend to withhold United States federal income tax with respect to payments on Structured Notes that are treated as indebtedness for United States federal income tax purposes, including payments of principal and interest (including original issue discount), if any, by the Issuer or any Paying Agent (acting in its capacity as such) to any holder of such a Note who is a United States Alien, provided that, in the case of interest (including original issue discount), the requirements of (a) through (e) under "Notes Other Than Structured Notes" above are met for all Notes. All holders should consult the applicable Final Terms as to the Issuer's intention with respect to withholding. Except to the limited extent set forth in the Terms and Conditions and the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer does not assume any liability for the payment of any tax which it withholds on Structured Notes or any additional amount in respect thereof.

Special rules may apply to the extent that any portion of a payment is treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for certain United States federal income tax purposes. The Issuer (or an applicable withholding agent) will withhold on such payments to the extent required by law. A dividend equivalent payment is treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and such payments generally would be subject to a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax (or less under an applicable treaty, if any) if paid to a United States Alien holder. Under proposed U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "**U.S. Treasury**") regulations issued pursuant to Code Section 871(m), payments with respect to equity-linked instruments ("**ELIs**") that are "specified ELIs" may be treated as dividend equivalents if such specified ELIs reference an interest in a U.S. "underlying security", which is generally any interest in an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a payment with respect to such interest could give rise to a U.S. source dividend. The proposed regulations would also generally apply to U.S. and non-U.S. indices that contain U.S. underlying securities. While the proposed regulations provide an exception for indices that satisfy certain criteria from being treated as a U.S. underlying security, the scope of this exception is unclear and may not apply to Instruments linked to a U.S. or non-U.S. index. A specified ELI is an ELI that has a "delta" equal to 0.70 or greater with

respect to a U.S. underlying security at the time it is acquired. The proposed regulations provide that the delta of an ELI is the ratio of the change in the fair market value of the ELI to the change in the fair market value of the property referenced by the ELI. The proposed regulations are extremely complex, and significant aspects of the application of the proposed regulations to the Instruments are uncertain. If adopted in their current form, the regulations would impose a withholding tax on payments made (or deemed to have been made) on the Instruments on or after 1 January 2016 to the extent that they are treated as dividend equivalents (the amount of which is generally determined by reference to the actual dividend amount on the U.S. underlying security), even if no actual payments have been made on the Instruments. However, the U.S. Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (the "**IRS**") have announced that they intend to limit this withholding to ELIs issued on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations addressing dividend equivalent withholding. If any payments are treated as dividend equivalents subject to withholding, the Issuer (or an applicable withholding agent) would be entitled to withhold taxes without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

The United States federal income and withholding tax consequences applicable to certain Structured Notes are uncertain. No statutory, judicial, or administrative authority directly addresses the characterization of such Notes or notes similar to such Notes for United States federal income, withholding, or other tax purposes. All holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the United States federal income and withholding tax consequences to them of holding such Notes.

The IRS has released a notice (the "**Notice**") in which it sought comments on the taxation of financial instruments referred to as "prepaid forward contracts". According to the Notice, the IRS and U.S. Treasury are considering whether a holder of such an instrument should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis, regardless of whether any payments are made prior to maturity. The IRS and U.S. Treasury are also considering additional issues, including whether foreign holders of such instruments should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accruals. It is not possible to determine what guidance the IRS and U.S. Treasury will ultimately issue, if any, and whether any such guidance would be retroactive. Any such guidance may affect the United States federal income and withholding tax treatment of Structured Notes.

### **Instruments Other Than Notes Issued by BAC**

#### *General*

While the United States federal income and withholding tax treatment of an Instrument will generally depend on the particular terms of such Instrument, the relevant Issuer, except as otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms or as described below, generally does not intend to withhold United States federal income tax with respect to payments (other than payments treated as dividends or "dividend equivalents" pursuant to United States federal income tax law), including payments of principal and interest (including original issue discount), if any, by the relevant Issuer or any Paying Agent or Instrument Agent (acting in its capacity as such) outside the United States to any holder of an Instrument who is a United States Alien.

Special rules may apply to payments treated as contingent interest or as dividends for certain United States federal income tax purposes.

As noted above, special rules may apply to the extent that any portion of a payment is treated as a dividend or "dividend equivalent" for certain United States federal income tax purposes. The relevant Issuer (or an applicable withholding agent) will withhold on such payments to the extent required by law. A dividend equivalent payment is treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and such payments generally would be subject to a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax (or less under an applicable treaty, if any) if paid to a United States Alien holder. Under proposed U.S. Treasury regulations issued pursuant to Code Section 871(m), payments with respect to ELIs that are "specified ELIs" may be treated as dividend equivalents if such specified ELIs reference an interest in a U.S. "underlying security", which is generally any interest in an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a payment with respect to such interest could give rise to a U.S. source dividend. The proposed regulations would also generally apply to U.S. and non-U.S. indices that contain U.S. underlying securities. While the proposed regulations provide an exception for indices that satisfy certain criteria from being treated as a U.S. underlying security, the scope of this exception is unclear and may not apply to Instruments linked to a U.S. or non-U.S. index. A specified ELI is an



ELI that has a "delta" equal to 0.70 or greater with respect to a U.S. underlying security at the time it is acquired. The proposed regulations provide that the delta of an ELI is the ratio of the change in the fair market value of the ELI to the change in the fair market value of the property referenced by the ELI. The proposed regulations are extremely complex, and significant aspects of the application of the proposed regulations to the Instruments are uncertain. If adopted in their current form, the regulations would impose a withholding tax on payments made (or deemed to have been made) on the Instruments on or after 1 January 2016 to the extent that they are treated as dividend equivalents (the amount of which is generally determined by reference to the actual dividend amount on the U.S. underlying security), even if no actual payments have been made on the Instruments. However, the U.S. Treasury and IRS have announced that they intend to limit this withholding to ELIs issued on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations addressing dividend equivalent withholding. If any payments are treated as dividend equivalents subject to withholding, the relevant Issuer (or an applicable withholding agent) would be entitled to withhold taxes without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

Neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor assumes any liability for the payment of any tax which it is required to withhold or any additional amount in respect thereof, except that in certain circumstances set forth in Condition 9 (*Taxation*) of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes", additional amounts may be paid with respect to a Note in connection with taxes. The United States federal income and withholding tax consequences of certain Instruments linked to Reference Item(s) are uncertain. No statutory, judicial, or administrative authority directly addresses the characterisation of such Instruments or securities similar to such Instruments for United States federal income, withholding, or other tax purposes. All holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the United States federal income and withholding tax consequences to them of holding such Instruments.

As noted above, the IRS released the Notice in which it sought comments on the taxation of financial instruments referred to as "prepaid forward contracts". According to the Notice, the IRS and U.S. Treasury are considering whether a holder of such an instrument should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis, regardless of whether any payments are made prior to maturity. The IRS and U.S. Treasury are also considering additional issues, including whether foreign holders of such instruments should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accruals. It is not possible to determine what guidance the IRS and U.S. Treasury will ultimately issue, if any, and whether any such guidance would be retroactive. Any such guidance may affect the United States federal income and withholding tax treatment of the Instruments.

A United States Alien holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax on any gain realised on the sale, exchange, or retirement of an Instrument (other than gains treated as dividends or "dividend equivalents" pursuant to United States federal income tax law), provided that (a) the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of trade or business within the United States, or a permanent establishment maintained in the United States if certain tax treaties apply, (b) in the case of a United States Alien holder that is an individual, the United States Alien holder is not present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange or retirement of the Instrument, (c) the Instrument is not a "United States real property interest" for United States federal income tax purposes, and (d) the United States Alien holder is not subject to tax pursuant to certain provisions of United States federal income tax law applicable to certain expatriates.

In general, United States backup withholding and information reporting should not apply to payments on the Instruments (except with respect to dividends or dividend equivalents) held by a United States Alien holder and received outside the United States through a non-United States bank or other non-United States financial institution. Proceeds of sales and payments on the Instruments received within the United States or through certain United States related financial institutions may be subject to backup withholding and information reporting unless the United States Alien holder complies with applicable certification procedures to establish that it is not a United States person and the relevant Issuer does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the certification is false (or such holder otherwise establishes an exemption). The treatment of Instruments for purposes of United States backup withholding tax and information reporting requirements will generally depend on the particular terms of such Instrument, the characteristics of the person or entity making a payment and the payee, and the circumstances of payment. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the backup withholding tax and information reporting rules.

*Rule 144A Warrants subject to LEPW Conditions*

The following is a summary of certain United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of certain Rule 144A Warrants (including Rule 144A Warrants that are represented by a Regulation S/Rule 144A Global Warrant) that are subject to the LEPW Conditions (the "**Rule 144A LEPW**"). The following discussion is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Code, regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the IRS, and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below.

This summary is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all aspects of United States federal income taxation that may be important to a particular holder in light of its investment or tax circumstances or to holders subject to special tax rules, such as partnerships (or entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for United States federal income purposes), subchapter S corporations, or other pass-through entities, banks, financial institutions, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, trusts and estates, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that have elected to use the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities, persons holding a Rule 144A LEPW as part of an integrated investment, including a "straddle", "hedge", "constructive sale", or "conversion transaction", persons whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the United States dollar, persons holding a Rule 144A LEPW in a tax-deferred or tax-advantaged account, and persons subject to the alternative minimum or medicare contribution tax provisions of the Code. This summary does not include any description of the tax laws of any state or local governments, or of any foreign government, that may be applicable to a particular holder.

This summary is directed solely to United States Holders (as defined below) that, except as otherwise specifically noted, will purchase a Rule 144A LEPW upon original issuance and will hold the Rule 144A LEPW as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means property held for investment.

Holders should consult their own tax advisor concerning the United States federal income tax consequences to them of acquiring, owning, and disposing of a Rule 144A LEPW, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in United States federal or other tax laws.

As used herein, the term "United States Holder" means a beneficial owner of a Rule 144A LEPW that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or resident of the United States; or
- a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

Although there is no statutory, judicial, or administrative authority directly addressing the characterisation of a Rule 144A LEPW, the relevant Issuer intends to treat the Rule 144A LEPW for all tax purposes as a single financial contract linked to the underlying index or shares. This discussion assumes that a Rule 144A LEPW constitutes a single financial contract linked to the underlying index or shares for United States federal income tax purposes. If a Rule 144A LEPW does not constitute a single financial contract, the tax consequences described below would be materially different.

This characterisation of a Rule 144A LEPW is not binding on the IRS or the courts. No statutory, judicial, or administrative authority directly addresses the characterisation of a Rule 144A LEPW or any similar instruments for United States federal income tax purposes, and no ruling is being requested from the IRS with respect to its proper characterisation and treatment. Due to the absence of authorities on point, significant aspects of the United States federal income tax consequences of an investment in a Rule 144A LEPW are not certain, and no assurance can be given that the IRS or any court will agree with the characterisation and tax treatment described herein. Accordingly, holders are

urged to consult their tax advisor regarding all aspects of the United States federal income tax consequences of an investment in a Rule 144A LEPW, including possible alternative characterisations.

As noted above, the IRS released the Notice in which it sought comments on the taxation of financial instruments referred to as "prepaid forward contracts". According to the Notice, the IRS and U.S. Treasury are considering whether a holder of such an instrument should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis, regardless of whether any payments are made prior to maturity or settlement. The IRS and U.S. Treasury are also considering additional issues, including whether foreign holders of such instruments should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accruals. It is not possible to determine what guidance the IRS and U.S. Treasury will ultimately issue, if any, and whether any such guidance would be retroactive. Any such guidance may affect the United States federal income and withholding tax treatment of a Rule 144A LEPW.

Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisor concerning the impact and the significance of the above considerations. The relevant Issuer intends to continue treating a Rule 144A LEPW for United States federal income tax purposes in the manner described herein unless and until such time as the relevant Issuer, the IRS or U.S. Treasury determines, that some other treatment is more appropriate.

Unless otherwise stated, the following discussion is based on the characterisation described above. The discussion in this section assumes that there is a significant possibility of a significant loss of principal on an investment in a Rule 144A LEPW.

The relevant Issuer will not attempt to ascertain whether any of the entities whose stock is included in an underlying index or the issuer of any underlying shares is a "passive foreign investment company" ("PFIC") within the meaning of Section 1297 of the Code or a "financial asset" within the meaning of Section 1260 of the Code. If any of the entities whose stock is included in the underlying index or the issuer of any underlying shares were so treated, certain adverse United States federal income tax consequences could possibly apply. Holders should consult their tax advisor regarding the possible consequences to them in this regard.

Although the United States federal income tax treatment of any Additional Amounts paid with respect to a share linked Rule 144A LEPW is uncertain, the relevant Issuer intends to take the position, and the following discussion assumes, that any such Additional Amounts constitute taxable ordinary income to a United States Holder at the time received or accrued in accordance with the holder's regular method of accounting.

Subject to the final sentence of this paragraph, upon receipt of a cash payment on the settlement date or upon a sale or exchange of a Rule 144A LEPW prior to exercise, a United States Holder generally should recognise capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realised and the holder's basis in the Rule 144A LEPW. This capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the United States Holder held the Rule 144A LEPW for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. For this purpose, however, the relevant Issuer can provide no assurance on the proper treatment of the portion of the cash settlement amount, if any, equal to a fixed percentage p.a. of the issue price (the "**outperformance payment**") and the IRS may successfully assert that any amount attributable to the outperformance payment should be treated as ordinary income rather than as part of the amount realised.

Due to the absence of authorities that directly address the proper tax treatment of a Rule 144A LEPW, prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisor regarding all possible alternative tax treatments of an investment in a Rule 144A LEPW. For example, the IRS could seek to treat a Rule 144A LEPW as a single debt instrument. If the IRS were successful in that regard, the timing and character of income on a Rule 144A LEPW would be affected significantly. In that case, if a Rule 144A LEPW has a term that exceeds one year, a United States Holder would generally be required to accrue interest currently over the term of the Rule 144A LEPW. In addition, any gain a United States Holder might recognise upon the settlement or upon a sale or exchange of the Rule 144A LEPW prior to exercise would be ordinary income and any loss recognised by a holder at such time would be ordinary loss to the extent of interest that same holder included in income in the current or previous taxable years in respect of the Rule 144A LEPW, and thereafter, would be capital loss. If the Rule 144A LEPW is treated as a single debt instrument that has a term of no more than one year, it would be treated as a single contingent short-term debt instrument, which would also result in tax consequences that are different from those described above. Other alternative United States federal income tax

characterisations of a Rule 144A LEPW are possible, which, if applied, also could affect the timing and the character of a United States Holder's income or loss.

In general, backup withholding may apply in respect of the amounts paid to a United States Holder, unless such United States Holder provides proof of an applicable exemption or a correct taxpayer identification number, or otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. In addition, information returns will be filed with the IRS in connection with payments on the Rule 144A LEPW as well as in connection with the proceeds from a sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Rule 144A LEPW, unless the United States Holder provides proof of an applicable exemption from the information reporting rules. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a United States Holder's United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

### **The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("**FATCA**") (Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code) will impose a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax on certain United States source payments, including interest (and original issue discount), dividends (and dividend equivalents), or other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gain, profits, and income, and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of property of a type which can produce United States source interest or dividends ("**Withholdable Payments**"), if paid to a foreign financial institution (including amounts paid to a foreign financial institution on behalf of a holder), unless such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to collect and provide to the U.S. Treasury substantial information regarding United States account holders, including certain account holders that are foreign entities with United States owners, with such institution. An Instrument may constitute an account for these purposes. The legislation also generally imposes a withholding tax of 30 per cent. on Withholdable Payments made to a non-financial foreign entity unless such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification that it does not have any substantial United States owners or a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial United States owners of the entity. Under certain circumstances, a holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

In addition, under FATCA, "passthru payments" made by a foreign financial institution to "recalcitrant holders" or non-compliant foreign financial institutions are subject to a 30 per cent. United States withholding tax. A "recalcitrant holder" generally is a holder of an account with a foreign financial institution that fails to comply with reasonable requests for information that will help enable the relevant foreign financial institution to comply with its reporting requirements (an Instrument may constitute an account for these purposes). Pursuant to U.S. Treasury regulations, a passthru payment is any Withholdable Payment and any "foreign passthru payment", which has yet to be defined. Under the regulations, the 30 per cent. United States withholding tax on "recalcitrant holders" or non-compliant foreign financial institutions may be imposed on United States source payments (e.g. dividend equivalent payments) made by an Issuer with respect to the Instruments after 30 June 2014 and on non-United States source payments made by an Issuer with respect to the Instruments after 31 December 2016.

These withholding and reporting requirements generally apply to payments made after 30 June 2014 and if the relevant Issuer determines withholding is appropriate with respect to the Instruments, the relevant Issuer will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld. However, the withholding tax will not be imposed on payments pursuant to obligations giving rise to withholdable payments solely because payments are treated as dividend equivalent payments if the obligation is outstanding six months after the date on which the obligation becomes subject to such treatment. Foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the Instruments.

**THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX DISCUSSION SET FORTH ABOVE IS INCLUDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE DEPENDING UPON A HOLDER'S PARTICULAR SITUATION. HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE**

## **INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND OTHER TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN FEDERAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.**

### **DUTCH TAXATION**

The following is a general summary and the tax consequences as described here may not apply to a Holder of Instruments (as defined below). Any potential investor should consult his tax adviser for more information about the tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of Notes, Warrants or Certificates (together referred to as "**Instruments**") in his particular circumstances.

This taxation summary solely addresses the principal Dutch tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposal of Instruments issued on or after the date of this Offering Circular. It does not purport to describe every aspect of taxation that may be relevant to a particular Holder of Instruments. Where in this summary English terms and expressions are used to refer to Dutch concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Dutch concepts under Dutch tax law. Where in this taxation summary the terms "The Netherlands" and "Dutch" are used, these refer solely to the European part of the Kingdom of The Netherlands. This summary assumes that the relevant Issuer is organised, and that its business will be conducted, in the manner outlined in this Offering Circular. A change to such organisational structure or to the manner in which the relevant Issuer conducts its business may invalidate the contents of this summary, which will not be updated to reflect any such change.

This summary is based on the tax law of The Netherlands (unpublished case law not included) as it stands at the date of this Offering Circular. The tax law upon which this summary is based is subject to change, perhaps with retroactive effect. Any such change may invalidate the contents of this summary, which will not be updated to reflect such change. This summary assumes that each transaction with respect to Instruments is at arm's length.

Where in this Dutch taxation paragraph reference is made to a "Holder of Instruments", that concept includes, without limitation:

1. an owner of one or more Instruments who in addition to the title to such Instruments has an economic interest in such Instruments;
2. a person who or an entity that holds the entire economic interest in one or more Instruments;
3. a person who or an entity that holds an interest in an entity, such as a partnership or a mutual fund, that is transparent for Dutch tax purposes, the assets of which comprise one or more Instruments, within the meaning of 1. or 2. above; or
4. a person who is deemed to hold an interest in Instruments, as referred to under 1. to 3., pursuant to the attribution rules of article 2.14a, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), with respect to property that has been segregated, for instance in a trust or a foundation.

### **Withholding tax**

All payments under Instruments may be made free from withholding or deduction of or for any taxes of whatever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by The Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in The Netherlands, except where Instruments are issued under such terms and conditions that such Instruments are capable of being classified as equity of the relevant Issuer for Dutch tax purposes or actually function as equity of the relevant Issuer within the meaning of article 10, paragraph 1, letter d, of the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*) and where Instruments are issued that are redeemable in exchange for, convertible into or linked to shares or other equity instruments issued or to be issued by the relevant Issuer or by any entity related to the relevant Issuer.

## Taxes on income and capital gains

### Resident Holders of Instruments

The summary set out in this section "Dutch Taxation - Taxes on income and capital gains - Resident Holders of Instruments" applies only to a Holder of Instruments who is a "Dutch Individual" or a "Dutch Corporate Entity".

A Holder of Instruments is a "Dutch Individual" if:

- he is an individual; and
- he is resident, or deemed to be resident, in The Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes, or has elected to be treated as a resident of The Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes.

A Holder of Instruments is a "Dutch Corporate Entity" if:

- it is a corporate entity (*lichaam*), including an association that is taxable as a corporate entity, that is subject to Dutch corporation tax;
- it is resident, or deemed to be resident, in The Netherlands for Dutch corporation tax purposes;
- it is not an entity that, although in principle subject to Dutch corporation tax, is, in whole or in part, specifically exempt from that tax;
- the benefits derived from Instruments held by it are not exempt in its hands under the participation exemption (as laid down in the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*)); and
- it is not an investment institution (*beleggingsinstelling*) as defined in the Dutch Corporation Tax Act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*).

If a Holder of Instruments is not an individual and if it does not satisfy any one or more of these tests, with the exception of the second test, its Dutch tax position is not discussed in this Offering Circular.

#### *Dutch Individuals deriving profits or deemed to be deriving profits from an enterprise*

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from Instruments, including any gain realised on the disposal of Instruments, by a Dutch Individual that are attributable to an enterprise from which such Dutch Individual derives profits, whether as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or pursuant to a co-entitlement to the net value of an enterprise, other than as a shareholder, are generally subject to Dutch income tax at progressive rates.

#### *Dutch Individuals deriving benefits from miscellaneous activities*

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from Instruments, including any gain realised on the disposal of Instruments, by a Dutch Individual that constitute benefits from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*) are generally subject to Dutch income tax at progressive rates.

Benefits derived from Instruments by a Dutch Individual are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities if he, or an individual who is a connected person in relation to him as meant by article 3.91, paragraph 2, letter b, or c, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), has a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) in the relevant Issuer.

Generally, a person has a substantial interest in the relevant Issuer if such person – either alone or, in the case of an individual, together with his partner (*partner*), if any – owns or is deemed to own, directly or indirectly, either a number of shares representing five per cent. or more of the total issued and outstanding capital (or the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares) of the relevant Issuer, or rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, shares, whether or not already issued, representing five per cent. or more of the total issued and outstanding capital (or the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares) of the relevant Issuer or profit participating certificates (*winstbewijzen*) relating

to five per cent. or more of the annual profits of the relevant Issuer or to five per cent. or more of the liquidation proceeds of the relevant Issuer.

A person who is entitled to the benefits from shares or profit participating certificates (for instance a holder of a right of usufruct) is deemed to be a holder of shares or profit participating certificates, as the case may be, and such person's entitlement to such benefits is considered a share or a profit participating certificate, as the case may be.

Furthermore, a Dutch Individual may, *inter alia*, derive, or be deemed to derive, benefits from Instruments that are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities in the following circumstances:

- a. if his investment activities go beyond the activities of an active portfolio investor, for instance in the case of use of insider knowledge (*voorkennis*) or comparable forms of special knowledge;
- b. if he makes Instruments available or is deemed to make Instruments available, legally or as a matter of fact, directly or indirectly, to certain parties as meant by articles 3.91 and 3.92 of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*) under circumstances described there; or
- c. if he holds Instruments, whether directly or indirectly, and any benefits to be derived from such Instruments are intended, in whole or in part, as remuneration for activities performed by him or by a person who is a connected person in relation to him as meant by article 3.92b, paragraph 5, of the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*).

#### *Other Dutch Individuals*

If a Holder of Instruments is a Dutch Individual whose situation has not been discussed before in this section "Dutch taxation - Taxes on income and capital gains – Resident Holders of Instruments", benefits from his Instruments are taxed annually as a benefit from savings and investments (*voordeel uit sparen en beleggen*). Such benefit is deemed to be 4 per cent. per annum of his "yield basis" (*rendementsgrondslag*), generally to be determined at the beginning of the calendar year, to the extent that such yield basis exceeds the "exempt net asset amount" (*heffingvrij vermogen*) for the relevant year. The benefit is taxed at the rate of 30 per cent. The value of his Instruments forms part of his yield basis. Actual benefits derived from his Instruments, including any gain realised on the disposal of Instruments, are not as such subject to Dutch income tax.

#### *Attribution rule*

Benefits derived or deemed to be derived from certain miscellaneous activities by, and yield basis for benefits from savings and investments of, a child or a foster child who is under 18 years of age are attributed to the parent who exercises, or to the parents who exercise, authority over the child, irrespective of the country of residence of the child.

#### *Dutch Corporate Entities*

Any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from Instruments, including any gain realised on the disposal thereof, that are held by a Dutch Corporate Entity are generally subject to Dutch corporation tax.

#### **Non-resident Holders of Instruments**

The summary set out in this section "Dutch Taxation - Taxes on income and capital gains - Non-resident Holders of Instruments" applies only to a Holder of Instruments who is a Non-Resident Holder of Instruments.

A Holder of Instruments will be considered a "Non-Resident Holder of Instruments" if he is neither resident, nor deemed to be resident, in The Netherlands for the purposes of Dutch income tax or corporation tax, as the case may be, and who, in the case of an individual, has not elected to be treated as a resident of The Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes.

### *Individuals*

A Non-Resident Holder of Instruments who is an individual will not be subject to any Dutch taxes on income or capital gains in respect of any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from Instruments, including any payment under Instruments and any gain realised on the disposal of Instruments, except if

1. he derives profits from an enterprise, whether as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or pursuant to a co-entitlement to the net value of such enterprise, other than as a Holder of Instruments, which enterprise either is managed in The Netherlands or carried on, in whole or in part, through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative which is taxable in The Netherlands, and his Instruments are attributable to such enterprise; or
2. he derives benefits or is deemed to derive benefits from Instruments that are taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities in The Netherlands (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden in Nederland*).

See the section "Dutch Taxation - Taxes on income and capital gains - Resident Holders of Instruments - Dutch Individuals deriving benefits from miscellaneous activities" for a description of the circumstances under which the benefits derived from Instruments may be taxable as benefits from miscellaneous activities, on the understanding that such benefits will be taxable in The Netherlands only if such activities are performed or deemed to be performed in The Netherlands.

### *Attribution rule*

Benefits derived or deemed to be derived from certain miscellaneous activities by a child or a foster child who is under 18 years of age are attributed to the parent who exercises, or to the parents who exercise, authority over the child, irrespective of the country of residence of the child.

### *Entities*

A Non-Resident Holder of Instruments other than an individual will not be subject to any Dutch taxes on income or capital gains in respect of any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from Instruments, including any payment under Instruments and any gain realised on the disposal of Instruments, except if

1. such Non-Resident Holder of Instruments derives profits from an enterprise directly, or pursuant to a co-entitlement to the net value of such enterprise, other than as a holder of securities, such enterprise either is managed in The Netherlands or carried on, in whole or in part, through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative which is taxable in The Netherlands, and its Instruments are attributable to such enterprise; or
2. such Non-Resident Holder of Instruments has a substantial interest in the relevant Issuer (as described above under Individuals) or a deemed substantial interest in the relevant Issuer.

A deemed substantial interest may be present if shares, profit participating certificates or rights to acquire shares in the relevant Issuer are held by such person or deemed to be held by such person following the application of a non-recognition provision.

### *General*

Subject to the above, a Non-Resident Holder of Instruments will not be subject to income taxation in The Netherlands by reason only of the execution (*ondertekening*), delivery (*overhandiging*) and/or enforcement of the documents relating to the issue of Instruments or the performance by the relevant Issuer of its obligations under such documents or under the Instruments.

### **Gift and inheritance taxes**

If a Holder of Instruments disposes of Instruments by way of gift, in form or in substance, or if a Holder of Instruments who is an individual dies, no Dutch gift tax or Dutch inheritance tax, as applicable, will be due, unless:



- (i) the donor is, or the deceased was resident or deemed to be resident in The Netherlands for purposes of Dutch gift tax or Dutch inheritance tax, as applicable; or
- (ii) the donor made a gift of Instruments, then became a resident or deemed resident of The Netherlands, and died as a resident or deemed resident of The Netherlands within 180 days of the date of the gift.

For purposes of the above, a gift of Instruments made under a condition precedent (*opschortende voorwaarde*) is deemed to be made at the time the condition precedent is satisfied.

### Registration taxes and duties

No Dutch registration tax, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty, other than court fees, is payable in The Netherlands in respect of or in connection with (i) the execution, delivery and/or enforcement by legal proceedings (including the enforcement of any foreign judgment in the courts of The Netherlands) of the documents relating to the issue of Instruments, (ii) the performance by the relevant Issuer of its obligations under such documents or under the Instruments, or (iii) the transfer of Instruments, except that Dutch real property transfer tax (*overdrachtsbelasting*) may be due upon an acquisition in connection with Instruments of (a) real property situated in The Netherlands, (b) (an interest in) an asset that qualifies as real property situated in The Netherlands, or (c) (an interest in) a right over real property situated in The Netherlands, for the purposes of Dutch real property transfer tax (*overdrachtsbelasting*) or, where Instruments are issued under such terms and conditions that they represent (an interest in) an asset that qualifies as real property situated in The Netherlands, or (an interest in) a right over real property situated in The Netherlands, for the purposes of Dutch real property transfer tax (*overdrachtsbelasting*).

## 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, the Warrants and the Certificates (together referred to as the "**Instruments**"), 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.

### Withholding Tax and Self-Applied Tax

#### (i) Non-resident holders of the Instruments

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, any additional amounts or interest made to non-resident holders of Instruments, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Instruments, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of Instruments held by non-resident holders of Instruments.

Under the Laws implementing Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "**Savings Directive**") and several agreements concluded between Luxembourg and certain dependent or associated territories of the European Union ("**EU**"), a Luxembourg-based paying agent (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) is required since 1 July 2005 to withhold tax on interest and other similar income paid by it to (or under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) an individual resident in another EU Member State or in certain EU dependent or associated territories<sup>1</sup> (the "**Territories**" and each individually, a "**Territory**"), unless the beneficiary of the interest payments elects for the procedure of exchange of information or for the tax certificate procedure. The same treatment will apply to payments of interest and other similar income made to certain "residual entities" within the meaning of Article 4.2 of the Savings Directive established in a EU Member State or Territory (i.e. entities which are not legal persons (the Finnish and Swedish companies listed in Article 4.5 of the Savings Directive are not considered as legal persons for this purpose), whose profits are not taxed under the general arrangements for the business taxation and which are not and have not opted to be treated as UCITS recognised in accordance with European

<sup>1</sup> Aruba, Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man, Montserrat, the British Virgin Islands and the former Netherlands Antilles, i.e. Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten.

Council Directive 85/611/EEC or similar collective investment funds located in a Territory). The current withholding tax rate is 35 per cent. The withholding tax system will only apply during a transitional period, the ending of which depends on the conclusion of certain agreements relating to information exchange with certain third countries.

(ii) **Resident holders of the Instruments**

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the law of 23 December 2005 as amended by the law of 17 July 2008 (the "**Law**") mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium, any additional amounts or interest made to Luxembourg resident holders of Instruments, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Instruments, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of Instruments held by Luxembourg resident holders of Instruments.

Under the Law payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a Luxembourg paying agent (defined in the same way as in the Savings Directive) to or for the benefit of an individual beneficial owner who is resident of Luxembourg or to certain residual entities that secure interest payments on behalf of such individuals (unless such entities have opted either to be treated as UCITS recognised in accordance with European Council Directive 85/611/EC or for the exchange of information regime) will be subject to a withholding tax of 10 per cent. (the "**10 per cent. Withholding Tax**").

Pursuant to the Law, Luxembourg resident individuals acting in the course of the private wealth can opt to self-declare and pay a 10 per cent. tax (the "**10 per cent. Self-Declared Tax**") on interest payments made on or after 31 December 2007 by paying agents (defined in the same way as under the Savings Directive) located in an EU Member State other than Luxembourg, a Member State of the European Economic Area other than an EU Member State or in a State or territory which has concluded an international agreement directly related to the Savings Directive.

The 10 per cent. Withholding Tax or the 10 per cent. Self-Declared 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. Payments of interest under the Instruments coming within the scope of the Law would be subject to 10 per cent. Withholding Tax, or the 10 per cent. Self-Declared Tax.

## **CURAÇAO TAXATION**

This summary solely addresses the principal Curaçao tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposal of W&C Instruments issued on or after the date of this Offering Circular. It does not purport to describe every aspect of taxation that may be relevant to a particular holder of W&C Instruments (as defined below). Any potential investor should consult his tax adviser for more information about the tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of W&C Instruments in his particular circumstances. Where in this summary English terms and expressions are used to refer to Dutch concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Dutch concepts under Curaçao tax law.

This summary is based on the tax law of Curaçao (unpublished case law not included) as it stands at the date of this Note, Warrant and Certificate Programme. The tax law upon which this summary is based, is subject to changes, perhaps with retroactive effect. Any such change may invalidate the contents of this summary, which will not be updated to reflect such change. This summary assumes that (i) each transaction with respect to W&C Instruments is at arm's length, (ii) BAC as Guarantor is neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Curaçao and neither has a permanent establishment nor a permanent representative in Curaçao, (iii) neither the General Partner nor the Limited Partner as described in this Offering Circular is resident or deemed to be resident in Curaçao nor considered as transparent for Curaçao tax purposes, (iv) no payment under W&C Instruments has been or will be secured by a mortgage on any real property, or on any rights on real property, situated within Curaçao, (v) if any payment under W&C Instruments qualifies as an interest payment made to, or secured to, or for the direct benefit of, an individual who is resident of the part of the Kingdom of The Netherlands situated in Europe or of any other State, with which the Kingdom of The Netherlands has concluded an agreement regarding automatic exchange of information with respect to income in the form of interest payments within the meaning of the National Ordinance on the Taxation of Savings Income (*Landsverordening spaarvermogensheffing*), such individual has authorised in writing the submission of information concerning such payments to the competent authorities of his State of residency in

accordance with the National Ordinance on the Taxation of Savings Income, and (vi) no W&C Instruments will be issued that are, in whole or in part, linked to shares of any one or more companies that are resident or deemed to be resident in Curaçao for Curaçao tax purposes.

Where in this Curaçao taxation paragraph reference is made to a "holder of W&C Instruments", that concept includes, without limitation:

1. an owner of one or more W&C Instruments who in addition to the title to such W&C Instruments has an economic interest in such W&C Instruments;
2. a person who or an entity that holds the entire economic interest in one or more W&C Instruments;
3. a person who or an entity that holds an interest in an entity, such as a partnership, that is transparent for Curaçao tax purposes, the assets of which comprise one or more W&C Instruments, within the meaning of 1. or 2. above.

### **Withholding Tax**

All payments under W&C Instruments may be made free of withholding or deduction of, for or on account of any taxes of whatever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by Curaçao or any political subdivision or taxing authority of, or in, Curaçao.

### **Taxes on Income and Capital Gains**

The summary set out in this section "Curacao Taxation - Taxes on Income and Capital Gains" applies only to a holder of W&C Instruments who is neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Curaçao for the purposes of Curaçao income tax or profit tax, as the case may be (a "**Non-Resident holder of W&C Instruments**").

A Non-Resident holder of W&C Instruments will not be subject to any Curaçao taxes on income or capital gains in respect of any benefits derived or deemed to be derived from W&C Instruments, including any payment under W&C Instruments and any gain realised on the disposal of W&C Instruments, provided that:

- (i) such holder does not have an enterprise or profession or an interest in an enterprise or profession that is, in whole or in part, carried on in Curaçao by or for the account of such holder, and to which enterprise or profession or part of an enterprise or profession, as the case may be, his or its W&C Instruments are attributable; and
- (ii) if such holder is an individual and if such W&C Instruments are not considered securities (*effecten*) for Curaçao purposes, no payment under the W&C Instruments is contingent on the proceeds of any Curaçao enterprise or profession, nor on the quantities or proceeds of any product mined or processed in Curaçao.

Benefits derived or deemed to be derived from certain miscellaneous activities by a child or a foster-child who is under 18 years of age are attributed to the parent who exercises, or the parents who exercise, authority over the child, irrespective of the country of residence of the child.

### **Gift and Inheritance Taxes**

If a holder of W&C Instruments disposes of W&C Instruments by way of gift, in form or in substance, or if a holder of W&C Instruments who is an individual dies, no Curaçao gift tax or Curaçao inheritance tax, as applicable, will be due, unless the donor is, or the deceased was resident or deemed to be resident in Curaçao for purposes of Curaçao gift tax or Curaçao inheritance tax, as applicable.

### **Sales Tax**

No sales tax (*omzetbelasting*), turnover tax (*belasting op bedrijfsomzetten*) or similar tax will arise in Curaçao in respect of any payment in consideration for the issue of W&C Instruments or with respect to any payment under the W&C Instruments provided that the W&C Instruments will neither be

offered or deemed to be offered nor sold or deemed to be sold directly or indirectly to, nor will W&C Instruments be acquired or deemed to be acquired or owned or deemed to be owned by:

- (i) an individual who is resident or deemed to be resident in Curaçao; or
- (ii) an entity which is resident or deemed to be resident in Curaçao if and to the extent such entity qualifies as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*); or
- (iii) an individual who or an entity which is neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Curaçao and who or which is engaged in trade or business in Curaçao through a permanent establishment or through a permanent representative;

in each case: for the purposes of the Sales Tax Ordinance (*Landverordening Omzetbelasting 1999*).

### **Other Taxes and Duties**

No Curaçao registration tax, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty will be payable in Curaçao in respect of, or in connection with, the execution, delivery and/or enforcement by legal proceedings of the documents relating to the issue of W&C Instruments or the performance by the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor of its obligations under such documents or under W&C Instruments, provided these actions take place outside Curaçao. Stamp tax amounting to not more than NAFL 20 (U.S.\$11.20) per page and registration tax of NAFL 10 (U.S.\$5.60) per document are payable in the case of registration in Curaçao of documents or if such documents are brought into the courts of Curaçao and court fees will be due in the case of litigation in the courts of Curaçao.

A holder of W&C Instruments will not incur or become liable for any Curaçao registration tax, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty by reason only of the acquisition, ownership or disposal of W&C Instruments.

### **SWITZERLAND**

The following is a summary based on legislation as of the date of this Offering Circular. It does not aim to be a comprehensive description of all the Swiss tax considerations that may be relevant for a decision to invest in Instruments. The tax treatment for each investor depends on the particular situation. All investors are advised to consult with their professional tax advisors as to the respective Swiss tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, disposition, lapse, exercise or redemption of Instruments (or options embedded therein) in light of their particular circumstances.

#### **Swiss Federal Stamp Taxes**

The issuance of Instruments to the initial holders at the original offering price (primary market) is not subject to Swiss federal issuance stamp tax or Swiss federal securities turnover tax (*Umsatzabgabe*), although the issuance of Instruments classified as fund-like instruments may be subject to Swiss federal securities turnover tax of up to 0.3 per cent. on the offering price, but only if a Swiss securities dealer (as defined in the Swiss federal stamp tax act) is a party or an intermediary to the transaction and no exemption applies.

Dealings in Instruments (secondary market) classified as pure derivative financial instruments (such as pure call and put options, including low exercise price options with maturities not exceeding twelve months, pure futures with maximum pre-financings of 25 per cent., fully-funded Instruments which statically replicate an index or a basket of at least five shares and with a fixed maturity or annual redemption right) are exempt from Swiss federal securities turnover tax. Dealings in other Instruments may be subject to Swiss federal securities turnover tax of up to 0.3 per cent. on the consideration paid if a Swiss securities dealer (as defined in the Swiss federal stamp tax act) is a party or an intermediary to the transaction and no exemption applies.

The physical delivery of an Instrument at exercise or redemption to the holder of such Instrument may be subject to Swiss federal securities turnover tax of (i) 0.3 per cent., in the event that a security issued by an issuer outside Switzerland is delivered and (ii) 0.15 per cent., in the event that a security issued by a Swiss domestic issuer is delivered, in each case, only if a Swiss domestic securities dealer (as defined in the Swiss federal stamp tax act) is a party or an intermediary to the delivery and no exemption applies.

## Swiss Withholding Tax

Payments under the Instruments are not subject to Swiss federal withholding tax provided that the relevant Issuer is at all times resident and managed outside Switzerland for Swiss tax purposes.

On 24 August 2011 the Swiss Federal Council issued draft legislation, which, if enacted, may require a paying agent in Switzerland to deduct Swiss withholding tax at a rate of 35 per cent. on any payment under an Instrument which is classified as interest to an individual resident in Switzerland (including if such payment is made to an entity treated as fiscally transparent and interest therein is held by such an individual resident in Switzerland) or to a person (not only individual) resident outside Switzerland (see below "Income Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder, paragraph (a) Structured Instruments" as concerns the interest classification of payments). If this legislation or similar legislation were enacted and a payment in respect of an Instrument were to be made or collected through Switzerland and an amount of, or in respect of, Swiss withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from that payment, neither the relevant Issuer, nor the Guarantor nor any paying agent nor any other person would, pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the Terms and Conditions of the W&C Instruments, be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Instrument as a result of the deduction or imposition of such withholding tax.

## Income Taxation

### *Non-Swiss resident Holders*

A holder of an Instrument who is not resident in Switzerland and who during the tax year has not engaged in a trade or business carried on through a permanent establishment or fixed place of business in Switzerland will not be subject to income tax in Switzerland in respect of such Instrument.

### *Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder*

#### *(a) Structured Notes*

If an Instrument is classified as a structured note, its income taxation depends on whether the bond and the derivative financial instrument(s) embedded therein are recorded separately from each other and whether the Instrument is classified as a structured note with or without a predominant one-time interest payment:

*Non-transparent derivative financial instruments:* If the embedded bond is not recorded separately from the embedded derivative financial instrument(s), the Instrument classifies as a non-transparent structured note and any return over the initial investment classifies as a taxable interest payment. Non-transparent derivative financial instruments generally include a predominant one-time interest payment and are taxed in accordance with the principles set forth below under "Transparent derivative financial instruments with a predominant one-time interest payment".

*Transparent derivative financial instruments without a predominant one-time interest payment:* If the embedded bond is recorded separately from the embedded derivative financial instrument(s) and the yield-to-maturity predominantly derives from periodic interest payments and not from a one-time-interest-payment (see below "Transparent derivative financial instruments with a predominant one-time interest payment"), then any periodic interest payment and the one-time interest payment is taxed when paid to the holder of the Instrument. A gain, including interest accrued, or a loss, as the case may be, realised on the sale of an Instrument is a tax-free private capital gain or a non-tax-deductible private capital loss, as applicable (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder"). The same applies if the Instrument is redeemed except that interest accrued is taxed when paid.

*Transparent derivative financial instruments with a predominant one-time interest payment:* If the embedded bond is recorded separately from the embedded derivative financial instrument(s) and the yield-to-maturity predominantly derives from a one-time interest payment such as an original issue discount or a repayment premium and not from periodic interest payments, then any periodic interest payments and on the sale or redemption of the Instrument, the difference between the value of the embedded bond at redemption or sale, as

applicable, and its value at issuance or secondary market purchase, as applicable, converted, in each case, into Swiss Francs at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of redemption or sale, issuance or purchase, respectively (modified differential taxation method) constitutes taxable income. A value decrease on the embedded bond respectively realised on the sale or redemption of the Instrument may be offset against any gains (including periodic interest payments) realised within the same taxation period from all instruments with a predominant one-time interest payment. Any residual return realised on the embedded derivative financial instrument(s) is a tax-free private capital gain, and any residual loss is a non-tax-deductible private capital loss, respectively (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

(b) *Bonds*

*Bonds without a predominant one-time interest payment:* If an Instrument classifies as a pure bond without a predominant one-time interest payment (the yield-to-maturity predominantly derives from periodic interest payments and not from a one-time-interest-payment), Swiss resident private investors will be taxed on the periodic and any one-time interest payments, converted into Swiss Francs at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of payment. A gain, including interest accrued, or a loss, as the case may be, realised on the sale of an Instrument is a tax-free private capital gain or a non-tax-deductible private capital loss, as applicable (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

*Bonds with a predominant one-time interest payment:* If an Instrument classifies as a pure bond with a predominant one-time interest payment (the yield-to-maturity predominantly derives from a one-time-interest-payment such as an original issue discount or a repayment premium and not from periodic interest payments), Swiss resident private investors will be taxed on any periodic interest payments and on any gains, including capital and foreign exchange gains, realised on the Instruments (differential taxation method).

(c) *Pure Derivative financial instruments*

Periodic and one-time dividend equalisation payments realised on an Instrument which classifies as a pure derivative financial instrument (such as pure call and put options, including low exercise price options with a maturity not exceeding one year, pure futures, static certificates replicating an index or a basket of at least five shares and with a fixed maturity or an annual redemption right) and which is held as part of their private assets constitute taxable investment income. Any other return will be classified as a tax-exempt capital gain or a non-tax deductible capital loss (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

(d) *Low Exercise Price Options*

According to the current practice of the Swiss Federal Tax Administration, low exercise price options are given if the underlying of an option has been pre-financed by at least 50 per cent. at the time of issuance.

For low exercise price options with a maturity exceeding one year the interest component of the low exercise price option (i.e. issue discount) constitutes taxable investment income. Any other return will be classified as a tax-exempt capital gain or a non-tax deductible capital loss (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

(e) *Fund-like instruments*

An Instrument classified as a fund-like instrument will be considered a pass-through instrument for Swiss tax purposes if dividend and interest income (less attributable costs) from, and capital gains and losses (less costs attributable) realised on, the underlying investments, are reported and distributed separately. Under such conditions, an individual holding a fund-like Instrument as part of private assets only receives taxable income (which he or she must report annually) over such portion of the distributions (if the fund is distributing the income realised on the underlying investments) or earnings credits (if the fund is

reinvesting the income realised on the underlying investment) as derive from dividends and interest (less attributable costs) on the underlying instruments. Any distributions or credits deriving from capital gains realised on the underlying investments constitute a tax-free private capital gain and any respective loss on the underlying investments is a non-tax-deductible private capital loss. Any gain realised within a taxation period on the sale of a fund-like instrument (including accrued dividends and interest) is exempt from income taxation as a private capital gain, and, conversely, any loss realised a non-tax-deductible capital loss (see below "Capital Gains Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

### ***Instruments held as Assets of a Swiss Business***

Corporate entities and individuals who hold Instruments as part of a trade or business in Switzerland, in the case of residents abroad carried on through a permanent establishment or a fixed place of business in Switzerland, are required to recognise any payments on, and any capital gains or losses realised on the sale or redemption of, such Instruments (irrespective of their classification) in their income statement for the respective taxation period and will be taxed on any net taxable earnings for such period.

The same taxation treatment also applies to Swiss-resident individuals who, for income tax purposes, are classified as "professional securities dealers" for reasons of, *inter alia*, frequent dealing and leveraged investments in securities.

### **Capital Gains Taxation**

#### ***Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder***

A gain or a loss, as the case may be, realised by an individual resident in Switzerland for tax purposes upon the sale or other disposal of an Instrument held as part of his or her private assets is a tax-free private capital gain or a non-tax deductible capital loss, as applicable, unless such individual is classified, for income tax purposes, as "professional securities dealers" for reasons of, *inter alia*, frequent dealing and leveraged investments in securities. If an individual is classified as "professional securities dealer" he or she will in accordance with the principles set forth below under "Instruments held as Assets of a Swiss Business". Concerning the bifurcation of a tax-exempt capital gains component or non-tax deductible capital loss component, as the case may be, from taxable income components of an Instrument see the bifurcation principles set forth above with regard to the different instruments under "Income Taxation - Instruments held as Private Assets by a Swiss resident Holder").

### ***Instruments held as Assets of a Swiss Business***

Capital gains realised on Instruments held as Assets of a Swiss Business are taxed in accordance with the taxation principles set forth above under "Income Taxation - Instruments held as Assets of a Swiss Business ").

### **Gift, Inheritance and Estate Taxes**

Subject to an applicable tax treaty in an international scenario, transfers of Instruments may be subject to cantonal and/or communal inheritance tax, estate tax or gift tax if the deceased person has had his or her last domicile in Switzerland, or the donor is resident in Switzerland, or, in the case of a foreign deceased or resident person, the transfer involves an unincorporated business in Switzerland and Instruments are held as part of such business. No such taxes exist at the federal level. Rates depend upon the existing relationship (i.e. the relationship between the deceased and the heirs, or between the donor and the donee) and the size of the inheritance or gift. Interspousal gifts and gifts to descendants and inheritances collected by the surviving spouse and descendants are frequently exempt or taxed at very low rates (up to 6 per cent.). Gifts and inheritances received from unrelated persons attract rates ranging from 20 per cent. to 40 per cent. The taxable base is usually the market value of the property transferred.

### **Net Worth and Capital Taxes**

A holder of Instruments who is an individual resident in Switzerland for tax purposes or is a non-Swiss resident holding Instruments as part of a Swiss business operation or a Swiss permanent establishment

is required to report Instruments as part of private wealth or as part of Swiss business assets, as the case may be, and is subject to annual cantonal and/or communal private wealth tax on any net taxable wealth (including the Instruments), in the case of non-Swiss resident individual holding Instruments as part of a Swiss business operation or a Swiss permanent establishment to the extent the aggregate taxable wealth is allocable to Switzerland. Incorporated holders of Instruments are subject to cantonal and communal capital tax on net taxable equity, in the case of non-Swiss resident person holding Instruments as part of a Swiss permanent establishment, to the extent the aggregate taxable equity is allocable to Switzerland. No net worth and capital taxes exist at the federal level.

### **EU Savings Tax**

The Agreement between the European Community and the Confederation of Switzerland dated as of 26 October 2004 provides for measures equivalent to those laid down in the EU Savings Tax Directive and requires a Swiss paying agent to deduct EU savings tax on an interest payment to an individual resident in an EU member state. The tax is withheld at a rate of 35 per cent., with the option of the individual to have the paying agent and Switzerland provide to the tax authorities of the EU member state the details of the interest payments in lieu of the withholding. The individual may be entitled to a tax credit or refund of the withholding, provided that he or she is the beneficial owner of the interest payments and certain other conditions are met.

### **Final Foreign Withholding Taxes**

The Swiss Federal Council recently signed treaties with the United Kingdom and Austria providing, inter alia, for a final withholding tax. The treaties with the United Kingdom and Austria entered into force on 1 January 2013.

According to the treaties, a Swiss paying agent may, inter alia, levy a final withholding tax on certain income items, including capital gains, interest and dividends, deriving from assets held on accounts or deposits with a Swiss paying agent, including, as the case may be, Instruments. The final withholding tax will substitute the ordinary income tax due by an individual resident of a contracting state on such gains and income items. In lieu of the final withholding, individuals may opt for a voluntary disclosure of the relevant capital gains and income items to the tax authorities of their state of residency.

## **UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION**

The following is a summary of the United Kingdom withholding tax treatment of payments under the Instruments, of certain other United Kingdom tax considerations relating to the acquiring, holding, exercising or disposing of Instruments and of certain aspects of the United Kingdom stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax treatment of the issue, transfer and exercise of Instruments. It is based on current United Kingdom tax law and HM Revenue & Customs' ("HMRC") published practice. The comments only apply to Holders that are the beneficial owners of Instruments who acquire and hold Instruments as an investment and do not apply to certain classes of person (such as unit trusts, open-ended investment companies, persons connected with the relevant Issuer and persons carrying on a trade of dealing in financial instruments) to whom special rules may apply. The comments are intended as a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution, particularly since the precise provisions of the Final Terms could alter the tax treatment of any given Instruments. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not cover any issues or taxes not expressly covered; nor should it be considered legal or tax advice to any person. The summary does not take into account the effect of any overriding anti-avoidance principles or legislation that may apply to Holders in their particular circumstances or to any wider arrangements to which they may be a party. Each potential purchaser is advised to consult its own tax adviser as to the United Kingdom tax consequences attributable to acquiring, holding, exercising and disposing of Instruments and as to other United Kingdom and non-United Kingdom applicable taxes.

The references to "interest" in this United Kingdom taxation section mean "interest" as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements do not take account of any different definitions of "interest" or "principal" which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the terms and conditions of the Instruments or any related documentation. In particular, any premium element of the redemption amount of any Instruments redeemable at a premium and any Additional Amounts payable under W&C Instruments may constitute a payment of interest.



Potential purchasers who are resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom but who are not United Kingdom-domiciled should consult their own tax advisers as to which Instruments do or do not benefit from a non-United Kingdom situs treatment for the purposes of relevant United Kingdom taxes.

### **United Kingdom Withholding Tax on Instruments**

There should be no requirement for United Kingdom tax to be withheld on payments under the Instruments which do not have a United Kingdom source.

### **Provisions of information in respect of certain payments under the Instruments**

HMRC has powers, in certain circumstances, to obtain information about: payments derived from securities (whether income or capital); certain payments of interest (including the amount payable on the redemption of a security constituting a deeply discounted security (see definition below)); and securities transactions.

The persons from whom HMRC can obtain information include: a person who receives (or is entitled to receive) a payment derived from securities; a person who makes such a payment (received from, or paid on behalf of another person); a person by or through whom interest is paid or credited; a person who effects or is a party to securities transactions (which includes an issue of securities) on behalf of others; registrars or administrators in respect of securities transactions; and each registered or inscribed holder of securities.

The information HMRC can obtain includes: details of the beneficial owner of securities; details of the person for whom the securities are held, or the person to whom the payment is to be made (and, if more than one, their respective interests); information and documents relating to securities transactions; and, in relation to interest paid or credited on money received or retained in the United Kingdom, the identity of the security under which interest is paid.

HMRC has indicated that it will not generally use its information-gathering power on interest to obtain information about amounts payable on the redemption of deeply discounted securities which are paid before 6 April 2015. This does not prevent HMRC from using its other information-gathering powers in respect of deeply discounted securities.

In certain circumstances the information which HMRC has obtained using these powers may be exchanged with tax authorities in other jurisdictions.

### **W&C Instruments**

#### ***Holders not within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax***

The following applies to Holders who are resident in the United Kingdom, other than Holders who are within the charge to corporation tax. **Each potential purchaser of W&C Instruments is advised to consult its own tax adviser as to the United Kingdom tax consequences of acquiring, holding, exercising and disposing of W&C Instruments.**

#### ***Qualifying options***

The United Kingdom tax treatment of W&C Instruments will depend upon the particular facts and circumstances of the Holder. On the assumption that he or she will hold the W&C Instruments as investment assets, the UK tax treatment will also depend upon whether or not they are "qualifying options".

A W&C Instrument is unlikely to be an "option" (and therefore is unlikely to be a "qualifying option") unless it satisfies all of the following conditions:

- (a) there are no Additional Amounts payable under the terms of the W&C Instrument;
- (b) the W&C Instruments are not designed to produce a return equivalent to money invested at interest;

- (c) there is no floor or other minimum amount payable under the terms of the W&C Instruments; and
- (d) the return on the W&C Instruments is calculated with direct reference to fluctuations in the value of an underlying Reference Item or Items.

Even if a W&C Instrument satisfies all of these conditions it may nevertheless not be an "option" for United Kingdom tax purposes, and this will depend on its precise terms. If a W&C Instrument is an option then it will not be a "qualifying option" unless either:

- (a) it is listed on a "recognised stock exchange" or a "recognised futures exchange" for the purposes of section 144(8) TCGA (as defined below); or
- (b) it is a "financial option" for the purposes of that section.

W&C Instruments which constitute "qualifying options" for the purposes of section 143 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 ("TCGA") are generally assets to the disposal and exercise of which the TCGA applies. Accordingly, a disposal or exercise of such W&C Instruments by a Holder may give rise to a chargeable gain or allowable loss for the purposes of the United Kingdom taxation of chargeable gains.

In circumstances where a "qualifying option" is exercised and settled by Physical Delivery, generally the exercise will not be treated as a disposal giving rise to chargeable gains or allowable losses. Instead, the acquisition and exercise of the option is treated as a single transaction and the cost of acquiring the option is treated as part of the cost of acquiring the underlying asset acquired on exercise.

#### *W&C Instruments which are not "qualifying options"*

Where W&C Instruments are not qualifying options then different United Kingdom tax considerations may apply. The W&C Instrument may be treated as a debt security, in which case potential purchasers should refer to the section below entitled "Notes", however further considerations may affect the analysis, depending on the terms of the W&C Instrument. The taxation of W&C Instruments is particularly complex and each potential purchaser of W&C Instruments is advised to consult its own tax adviser as to the United Kingdom tax consequences of acquiring, holding, exercising and disposing of W&C Instruments.

### **Notes**

#### ***Holders not within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax***

The following applies to Holders who are resident in the United Kingdom, other than Holders who are within the charge to corporation tax. **Each potential purchaser of Notes is advised to consult its own tax adviser as to the United Kingdom tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes.**

#### *Interest*

Any interest, discount or premium payable on the Notes will generally be subject to United Kingdom income tax by direct assessment even where paid without withholding.

#### *Accrued Income Scheme*

Holders should have regard to the provisions of the Accrued Income Scheme (the "**Scheme**") which may apply to Holders transferring Notes that bear interest or to persons to whom such Notes are transferred. The charge to tax on income that may arise under the Scheme will be in respect of an amount representing interest on the Notes which has accrued since the preceding interest payment date. This amount will be taken into account in determining any chargeable gain or loss arising on a disposal of the Notes.

However, where a Note constitutes a "variable rate security" for the purposes of the Scheme, the amount of accrued interest deemed to be received as income by a Holder upon transfer would be such amount as is just and reasonable in the circumstances, and the transferee will not be entitled to any

credit under the Scheme to set against any actual or deemed interest that is received or is deemed received by the transferee after the transfer.

#### *Taxation of discount and premium*

Generally where the amount payable on maturity, or any other occasion when the Note can be redeemed (other than those which are ignored because they satisfy the "third party option condition" or the "commercial protection condition" for the purposes of section 431 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 ("ITTOIA")), will or may exceed the issue price by more than 0.5 per cent. of the redemption amount for each year in the redemption period, up to a maximum of 30 years, those Notes will constitute deeply discounted securities, subject to certain exceptions. It is not considered that Notes would be regarded as deeply discounted securities merely by reason of the fact that they are denominated in a currency other than sterling. Where Notes constitute "deeply discounted securities", a Holder may be liable to United Kingdom income tax on any profits (generally, the amount by which any sum payable on the transfer or redemption of the Note exceeds its acquisition price) made on the sale or other disposal (including redemption) of such Notes.

Where Notes are issued at a redemption premium as opposed to being issued at a discount, then where such premium does not constitute a payment of interest such Notes may constitute "deeply discounted securities" (as mentioned above).

Notes which are "deeply discounted securities" are qualifying corporate bonds and are therefore not subject to tax on chargeable gains.

Notes which are "excluded indexed securities" will, notwithstanding that they may satisfy the above requirements, not be treated as "deeply discounted securities" and therefore any gain will generally be, subject to the Holder's personal circumstances, within the charge to United Kingdom tax on capital gains. A security will only be an "excluded indexed security" for these purposes if the amount payable on redemption is determined by applying to the amount for which the Notes were issued the percentage change (if any) over the Note's redemption period in (a) the value of chargeable assets (within the meaning of section 433 ITTOIA) of a particular description, or (b) an index of the value of such assets. The fact that a Note provides for a minimum amount payable on redemption not exceeding 10 per cent. of the issue price will not prevent it from satisfying this requirement and any interest payable on redemption is ignored in determining the amount payable on redemption for these purposes.

#### *Capital gains tax*

Where Notes (other than "deeply discounted securities") are denominated in sterling and are not capable of redemption in or by reference to any foreign currency they may be treated as qualifying corporate bonds so that no United Kingdom taxation on chargeable gains or allowable losses will arise on any sale, redemption or other disposal. This depends upon the Notes comprising "normal commercial loans" (for the purposes of section 117(1) TCGA) which may not be the case where the Notes contain a right to acquire other shares or securities, or a return which depends on the results of the Issuer's business or any part of it. A Note which carries a return expressed in sterling which is determined by reference to the value at any time of any other currency or asset will not be treated as being denominated in sterling for these purposes, and accordingly will not be a qualifying corporate bond.

Where Notes are denominated in a currency other than sterling or do not comprise normal commercial loans, then provided they are not deeply discounted securities they will generally be chargeable assets for the purposes of United Kingdom capital gains tax with the result that any gain or loss arising on a disposal may, depending on the Holder's personal circumstances, give rise to a charge to United Kingdom tax on capital gains or an allowable loss.

#### **Holders not resident in the United Kingdom**

Payments on the Instruments that have a United Kingdom source may, as such, be subject to income tax by direct assessment even when paid without withholding or deduction.

However, where such payments received without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom tax constitute interest or annual payments, such amounts will not be chargeable in the hands of a Holder (other than certain trustees) who is not resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom

unless that Holder carries on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom through a United Kingdom branch or agency or, in the case of a company, a permanent establishment in connection with which such amounts are received or to which the Instruments are attributable.

Where payments on Instruments have been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Holders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be able to recover part of the tax deducted if that is provided for in an applicable double tax treaty between the country of residence of the Holder and the United Kingdom. Holders may also be entitled to a reduction in the rate of or exemption from tax on United Kingdom source payments if provided for in an applicable double tax treaty between the country of residence of the Holder and the United Kingdom.

Holders not resident in the United Kingdom will not be within the charge to United Kingdom tax on chargeable gains in respect of any Instruments save broadly where Instruments are held in or used for the purposes of a trade carried on by the non-resident through a branch or agency or, in the case of a company, a permanent establishment, and subject also to certain rules that apply in the case of individuals that are temporary non-residents.

### **United Kingdom Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax ("SDRT")**

#### *Issue*

In relation to Instruments issued in bearer form (that is, CBF Instruments) (i) which are denominated in sterling or in respect of which there is an option for repayment in sterling or in one or more other currencies (unless that option is exercisable only by the holder), and (ii) which are not loan capital, a charge to stamp duty at 1.5 per cent. of the value of such Instruments may arise if issued in the United Kingdom. No stamp duty liability will arise on the issue of such Instruments if issued outside the United Kingdom. However, in relation to such Instruments originally issued outside the United Kingdom, on the first transfer by delivery in the United Kingdom of any such Instrument a stamp duty liability at 1.5 per cent. of the value of such Instrument may arise.

In relation to Instruments which provide for Physical Delivery and constitute unconditional agreements to transfer the Entitlement, no charge to SDRT should arise on issue provided that the Entitlement to be delivered on settlement is not or are not "chargeable securities". In general terms, Entitlements which:

- (a) are not interests in unit trust schemes;
- (b) are issued by a body corporate incorporated outside of the United Kingdom;
- (c) are not registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom; and
- (d) do not give its holder the right to subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, a security (or an interest in, or right arising out of, a security) registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom,

are not "chargeable securities".

In relation to Notes that provide for Physical Delivery and to W&C Instruments, a Global Instrument or any instrument granting a Global Instrument may be subject to United Kingdom stamp duty if it is executed in the United Kingdom or if it relates to any property situate, or to any matter or thing done or to be done, in the United Kingdom. Prospective purchasers of W&C Instruments may wish to note, however, that, in the context of retail covered warrants listed on the London Stock Exchange, HMRC has indicated that no charge to stamp duty will arise on the grant of such warrants if cash-settled. It is not clear whether or not HMRC would be prepared to take such a view in relation to W&C Instruments. Even if an instrument is subject to United Kingdom stamp duty, there may be no practical necessity to pay that stamp duty, as United Kingdom stamp duty is not an assessable tax. However, an instrument which is not duly stamped cannot be used for certain purposes in the United Kingdom; for example it will be inadmissible in evidence in civil proceedings in a United Kingdom court.

#### *Transfer*

Stamp duty is chargeable on written instruments, and so if transfers of Instruments are effected through a Clearing System otherwise than by way of written instrument then no stamp duty should arise in respect of such a transfer. If a written instrument is used in respect of a transfer by way of sale, then

any such instrument which is executed in the United Kingdom or which (if not executed in the United Kingdom) relates to any matter or thing done or to be done in the United Kingdom may be subject to stamp duty unless the Instruments constitute "exempt loan capital", that is they are exempt under section 79 of the Finance Act 1986. Stamp duty would be charged at 0.5 per cent. of the sale consideration. If the consideration paid for a transfer of such Notes is £1,000 or less and the instrument transferring the Notes includes an appropriate certificate the stamp duty payable will be reduced to nil.

The Issuers do not intend to keep or maintain any register of securities in the United Kingdom and on the basis that no such register is kept or maintained in the United Kingdom, no SDRT should generally (and subject to the following paragraph) be payable in respect of any agreement to transfer Instruments.

SDRT at 0.5 per cent. may be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer Instruments that provide for Physical Delivery either mandatorily or at the option of the Holder, or otherwise give the Holder the right to acquire stock, shares or loan capital (or interests in or rights arising out of stock, shares or loan capital) in certain bodies corporate with a United Kingdom connection unless such stock, shares or loan capital would qualify as "exempt loan capital". A body corporate will have a United Kingdom connection for these purposes if (i) a register of the relevant stock, shares or loan capital is kept in the United Kingdom by or on behalf of the body corporate; or (ii) the shares are "paired" with shares in a United Kingdom incorporated body corporate within the meaning of s 99(6B) FA 1986.

#### *Exercise and redemption*

United Kingdom stamp duty may be required to be paid in relation to the transfer of an asset (such as stock or marketable securities) following the exercise of a Physical Delivery Warrant or Physical Delivery Certificate or following redemption of a Physical Delivery Note. SDRT may be payable in respect of the agreement to transfer an asset pursuant to a Physical Delivery Warrant or Physical Delivery Certificate following the exercise of the Warrant or Certificate or pursuant to a Physical Delivery Note in connection with redemption of the Note. However, any such liability to SDRT will be cancelled (or, if already paid, will be repaid) if the instrument effecting the transfer is chargeable with stamp duty (or is otherwise required to be stamped) and has been duly stamped within six years of the agreement being made or, in the case of a conditional agreement, within six years of all conditions being satisfied.

### **THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TAX (FTT)**

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the "**Commission's Proposal**") for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the "**participating Member States**").

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the Instruments (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Instruments should, however, be exempt.

Under the Commission's Proposal, the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Instruments where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

A joint statement issued in May 2014 by ten of the eleven participating Member States indicated an intention to implement the FTT progressively, such that it would initially apply to shares and certain derivatives, with this initial implementation occurring by 1 January 2016. The FTT, as initially implemented on this basis, may not apply to dealings in the Instruments.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

Prospective holders of Instruments are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## OFFERING AND SALE

The Dealers have entered into an Amended and Restated Programme Agreement dated 12 November 2014 (as the same may be amended, supplemented and/or restated, from time to time, in accordance with the terms thereof, the "**Programme Agreement**"), with the Issuers and the Guarantor, which sets forth a basis upon which they may from time to time agree to purchase the Instruments. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuers have agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the issue of Instruments under the Programme.

No action has been or will be taken by BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG or MLICo. that would permit a public offering of any Instruments or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to any Instruments in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales, re-sales or deliveries of any Instruments, or distribution of any offering material relating to any Instruments, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligation on the Issuers and the Guarantor.

### UNITED STATES

#### *Notes issued by BAC*

Neither the Notes issued by BAC nor, in certain cases, the securities to be delivered upon settlement of such Notes have been, or will be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), or under any U.S. state securities laws.

The Notes issued by BAC may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, within the United States of America (including the U.S. states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "**United States**") or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (other than distributors) except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Neither the Notes issued by BAC nor certain Entitlements constitute, or have been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**"), and trading in the Notes issued by BAC has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA.

Each Dealer in respect of Notes issued by BAC has represented and agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of Notes issued by BAC will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered and sold any Notes of any identifiable Tranche issued by BAC, and will not offer and sell any Notes of any identifiable Tranche issued by BAC, (i) as part of their distribution at any time, or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of such Tranche as determined and certified by the Dealer (the "**Distribution Compliance Period**") within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further represented and agreed, and each further dealer or distributor will be required to further represent and agree, that it, its affiliates or any persons acting on its or their behalf have not engaged and will not engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to any Note issued by BAC, and it and they have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S. Each Dealer who has purchased Notes issued by BAC of a Tranche (or in the case of a sale of a Tranche of BAC Notes issued to or through more than one Dealer, each of such Dealers as to the BAC Notes of such Tranche purchased by or through it) shall determine and notify in writing to the Principal Paying Agent the completion of the distribution of the BAC Notes of such Tranche. On the basis of such notification or notifications, the Principal Paying Agent has agreed to notify such Dealer or Dealers in writing of the end of the Distribution Compliance Period with respect to such Tranche of BAC Notes.

In addition, until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Notes issued by BAC comprising any Tranche, any offer of sale of such Notes within the United States or by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering of such Tranche of Notes) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each Dealer has further represented and agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of Notes issued by BAC will be required to represent and agree, that at or prior to the confirmation of sale

of the Notes issued by BAC, it will have sent to each distributor, dealer, person receiving a selling concession, fee, or other remuneration, or purchaser that purchases Notes issued by BAC from it during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice substantially the following effect:

"The Notes covered hereby have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Notes may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of Notes issued by Bank of America Corporation comprising any Tranche, as determined and certified by the Dealers, except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meanings given to them by Regulation S."

Terms used in this section have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

#### ***Notes issued by MLBV and Certificates***

None of the Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series, the Non-COSI Guarantee and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of such Notes or Certificates have been, or will be, registered under the Securities Act or under any U.S. state securities laws. The Notes issued by MLBV, the Certificates of any Series, the Non-COSI Guarantee and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the Notes issued by MLBV or the Certificates has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA. No Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series, or interests therein, or Entitlements (if any) with respect thereto, may be legally or beneficially owned by any United States Person at any time nor offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors). "**United States Person**" means a person which is a "U.S. person" as defined by Regulation S under the Securities Act or a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and in U.S. Treasury regulations. Consequently, any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery of any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person will not be recognised.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates will be required to represent and agree, that it, its affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any such United States Person. Any person purchasing Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series must represent and agree, or by its purchase will be deemed to represent, acknowledge, certify and agree, with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealer or the seller of such Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates for itself and any person for whose account such Notes or Certificates are being purchased that: (i) it is not a United States Person, is not located in the United States and was not solicited to purchase the Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, while present in the United States, (ii) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S)) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors), (iii) it is not purchasing any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series for the account or benefit of any United States Person (other than distributors), and (iv) it will not make offers, sales, resales, trades, pledges, exercises, redemptions, transfers or deliveries of any Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors). Each Dealer has agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates will also be required to agree, and any person purchasing Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates of any Series must agree, to send each person who purchases any such Notes issued by

MLBV or Certificates of such Series from it at or prior to confirmation of sale of any such Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of "United States" and "United States Person" set forth herein) stating that the Notes issued by MLBV or the Certificates, as applicable, the Non-COSI Guarantee and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of such Notes or Certificates have not been registered under the Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and trading in such Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA, and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver such Notes issued by MLBV or Certificates, as applicable, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person.

Prior to the delivery of any Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Instrument the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, it is not a United States Person, the Note issued by MLBV or Certificate, as applicable, was not exercised on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with any exercise thereof. In respect of Notes issued by MLBV, see "Annex 10 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Physical Delivery Notes*" and, in respect of Certificates, see W&C Instruments Condition 31 (*Collection Notices and Settlement (Certificates)*).

### **Warrants**

None of the Warrants of any Series, the related Guarantee of BAC and, in certain cases, any securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of the Warrants have been, or will be, registered under the Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws. The Warrants, the related Guarantee and certain Entitlements do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the Warrants has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA. Unless a Series of Warrants is eligible for sale to qualified institutional buyers ("**QIBs**") as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") who are also qualified purchasers ("**QPs**") within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) and as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules thereunder, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons who satisfy such criteria, and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A, no Warrants of any Series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person. Each Dealer has agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of an issue of Warrants will be required to agree, and each holder and each legal and beneficial owner of Warrants will be deemed on purchase to agree, not to engage in hedging transactions with regard to the Warrants unless in compliance with the Securities Act.

If a Rule 144A Warrant eligible for sale in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons is concurrently eligible for sale to non-United States Persons, any person exercising such Warrants will be required to represent either that it is a QIB who is also a QP or that it is not a United States Person. See "Annex 11 – *Additional Terms and Conditions for Rule 144A Warrants*" and "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions".

Each QIB/QP, as a condition to purchasing Rule 144A Warrants in the United States, or any legal or beneficial interests therein, will be obligated to enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter executed for the benefit of the Dealer, MLICo. and the Guarantor (together with their respective affiliates and any persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Dealer, MLICo. and the Guarantor), pursuant to which it will agree, among other things, that any resales of such Rule 144A Warrants may be effected only to or through MLICo. or the Dealer to another QIB/QP, and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A.

With respect to Rule 144A Warrants offered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, each purchaser is hereby notified that the offer and sale of such Rule 144A Warrants to it is made in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A and that such Rule 144A Warrants are not transferrable except



as provided herein and under "Notice to Purchasers and Holder of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions".

Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms, Rule 144A Warrants relating to commodities and commodities futures may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, transferred, pledged, delivered or redeemed, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person, and MLICo. and the Guarantor reserve the right not to make payment or delivery in respect of such Rule 144A Warrant to a person in the United States or a United States Person if such payment or delivery would constitute a violation of U.S. law.

Prior to the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Warrant (other than a Rule 144A Warrant) the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, it is not a United States Person, the Warrant was not exercised on behalf of a United States Person and no cash, securities or other property has been or will be delivered within the United States or its possessions or to, or for the account or benefit of, a United States Person in connection with any exercise thereof. See "Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Instruments and Transfer Restrictions".

In connection with each issue of Warrants (other than Rule 144A Warrants), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of an issue of Warrants will be required to agree, that without the prior written agreement of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor, it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, Warrants of such Series in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors (as defined in Regulation S)) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any such United States Person (other than distributors). Each Dealer has agreed, and each further dealer or distributor in respect of an issue of Rule 144A Warrants will also be required to agree, and any person purchasing such Rule 144A Warrants must agree, to send each person who purchases any such Rule 144A Warrants from it at or prior to the confirmation of sale, a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of "United States" and "United States Person" set forth herein) stating that the Warrants, the Non-COSI Guarantee and certain of the securities to be delivered upon exercise or settlement of the Warrants have not been registered under the Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and any trading in the Warrants has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA, and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or deliver Warrants, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors) unless effected to or through MLICo. or the Dealer to another QIB/QP, and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A. Each of MLICo. and the Guarantor has agreed to sales by MLI to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or one of its affiliates for re-sale (a) to persons in the United States and (b) to, or for the account or benefit of, United States Persons, in either case, who are QIBs and also QPs and who enter into and remain in compliance with an Investor Representation Letter, and otherwise in compliance with Rule 144A and the restrictions set forth herein.

Any person purchasing Warrants of any Series (other than a Series of Rule 144A Warrants) must agree or will be deemed on purchase to represent, acknowledge, certify and agree with the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealer or the seller of such Warrants for itself and any person for whose account such Warrants are being purchased that, (i) it is not a United States Person, is not located in the United States and was not solicited to purchase such Warrants while present in the United States, (ii) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Warrants of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors) or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors), (iii) it is not purchasing any Warrants of such Series for the account or benefit of any United States Person (other than distributors) and (iv) it will not make offers, sales, re-sales, trades, pledges, exercises, transfers or deliveries of any Warrants of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any United States Person (other than distributors).

## PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

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 the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "**Relevant Implementation Date**") it has not made and will not make an offer of Instruments which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto 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 such Instruments to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the relevant Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Instruments referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the relevant Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer of Instruments to the public**" in relation to any Instruments 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 Instruments to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Instruments, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "**2010 PD Amending Directive**" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

## UNITED KINGDOM

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any Instruments which have a maturity of less than one year (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Instruments other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Instruments would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "**FSMA**") by the relevant Issuer;
- (b) 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 FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Instruments in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the relevant Issuer or (if applicable) the Guarantor; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Instruments in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## THE NETHERLANDS

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that the Instruments (including rights representing an interest in the Instruments in global form) which are the subject of this Offering Circular, shall not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered to the public in The Netherlands unless in reliance on Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive and provided:

- (i) such offer is made exclusively to legal entities which are qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) in The Netherlands; or
- (ii) standard logo and exemption wording are incorporated in the applicable Final Terms, advertisements and documents in which the offer is announced, as required by article 5:20(5) of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*, the "FSA"); or
- (iii) such offer is otherwise made in circumstances in which article 5:20(5) of the FSA is not applicable.

For the purposes of the above, the expressions (i) "an offer of Instruments to the public" in relation to any Instruments in The Netherlands; and (ii) "Prospectus Directive", have the meaning given to them in the paragraph headed "Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive".

Instruments that qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake Spaarbewijzen*) in definitive form may only be transferred and accepted through the mediation of the relevant Issuer or a member of Euronext Amsterdam NV in accordance with the Savings Certificates Act. Such restrictions do not apply (a) to a transfer and acceptance of Instruments in definitive form between individuals not acting in the conduct of a business or profession, (b) to the transfer and acceptance of Instruments in definitive form within The Netherlands if all Instruments (either in definitive form or as rights representing an interest in the Instruments in global form) are issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed within The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter or (c) to the initial issue of such Instruments to the first holders thereof. If the Savings Certificates Act is applicable, certain identification requirements in relation to the issue, transfer of or payment on the Instruments will have to be complied with. For the purposes of this paragraph, Instruments that qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake Spaarbewijzen*) are Instruments that are in bearer form and that constitute a claim for a fixed sum against the relevant Issuer and on which interest does not become due prior to maturity or on which no interest is due whatsoever.

BAC does not have an authorisation from the Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.*) pursuant to the FSA for the pursuit of the business of a credit institution in The Netherlands and therefore does not have a licence pursuant to section 2:11(1), 2:12(1), 2:13(1) or 2:20(1) of the FSA.

## SWITZERLAND

**The Instruments do not constitute participations in a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes of 23 June 2006 (the "CISA"). Therefore, the Instruments are not subject to the approval of, or supervision by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA ("FINMA"), and investors in the Instruments will not benefit from protection under the CISA or supervision by FINMA.**

Neither this Offering Circular nor any offering or marketing material relating to the Instruments constitute a prospectus within the meaning of (i) Articles 652a or Article 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations or (ii) Article 5 CISA and its implementing regulations.

The relevant Issuer reserves the right to set forth all information which may be required to be disclosed in a simplified prospectus pursuant to Article 5 CISA in a separate document referred to as "Final Terms" and/or "Simplified Prospectus" (the "**Simplified Prospectus**") for Instruments distributed (such term including any offering and advertising) to qualified investors according to Article 10 Paras. 3 to 4 CISA ("**Qualified Investors**") or non-qualified investors within the meaning of the CISA ("**Non-Qualified Investors**").

Except as described in this section, Instruments constituting structured products within the meaning of Article 5 CISA ("**Structured Products**") may not be distributed to Non-Qualified Investors in or from Switzerland.

Any Instruments constituting Structured Products which are intended to be distributed to Non-Qualified Investors in or from Switzerland may only be offered or advertised in accordance with the provisions of the CISA and its implementing regulations. In particular, the CISA requires that a Simplified Prospectus complying with Article 5 CISA, its implementing regulations and the *Swiss Banking Guidelines on Informing Investors about Structured Products* (as amended from time to time) or, in some cases, an equivalent document must be published. A provisional version of such Simplified Prospectus including indicative information must be made available free of charge to any interested person prior to subscribing the Instruments or prior to concluding an agreement to subscribe the Instruments. The definitive version must be made available free of charge to any interested person on issue or on concluding an agreement to subscribe the Instruments.

Instruments constituting Structured Products which are not intended to be distributed to Non-Qualified Investors in or from Switzerland may only be offered or advertised, and this Offering Circular, any Final Terms, fact sheets or any other marketing material relating to such Instruments may only be distributed, offered or made available to Qualified Investors in or from Switzerland by way of private placement which is exclusively addressed to and available for such Qualified Investors. This Offering Circular, the respective Final Terms, fact sheets or any other marketing material may not be distributed, copied, published or otherwise made public or available for Non-Qualified Investors. Additional selling restrictions may be included in the Final Terms.

## CURAÇAO

The sale of Instruments to an Unauthorised Curaçao Person is prohibited under Curaçao law. An "**Unauthorised Curaçao Person**" for the purposes of this Offering Circular means any citizen or inhabitant of Curaçao (including personal holding companies, corporations, partnerships or other legal entities created or organised under the laws of Curaçao), who is treated as a "resident" as defined in Article 1 of the Foreign Exchange Act of Curaçao and who has not obtained a licence and exemption from the Central Bank of Curaçao and Sint Maarten to participate in the relevant issue of the Instruments as described in this Offering Circular.

## ARGENTINA

The Issuers have not made, and will not make, any application to obtain an authorisation from the Comisión Nacional de Valores (the "**CNV**") for the public offering of the Instruments in Argentina. The CNV has not approved the Instruments, the offering, nor any document relating to the offering or issuance of the Instruments. Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of such Instruments in Argentina, except in transactions that will not constitute a public offering of Instruments within the meaning of Sections 2 and 83 of the Argentine Capital Markets Law No 26,831. Argentine insurance companies may not purchase the Instruments.

## AUSTRALIA

Each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that it:

- (a) must not make any offer or invitation in Australia or which is received in Australia in relation to the issue, sale or purchase of any Instruments unless the offeree or invitee is required to pay at least A\$500,000 for the Instruments or its foreign currency equivalent (in either case disregarding amounts, if any, lent by the relevant Issuer or other person offering the Instruments or its associates (within the meaning of those expressions in Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia (the "**Australian Corporations Act**"))), or it is otherwise an offer or invitation in respect of which, by virtue of section 708 of the Australian Corporations Act, no disclosure is required to be made under Part 6D.2 of the Australian Corporations Act and provided that in any case the offeree or invitee is not a retail client (within the meaning of section 761G or section 761GA of the Australian Corporations Act); and

- (b) has not circulated or issued and must not circulate or issue a disclosure document relating to the Instruments in Australia or which is received in Australia which requires lodging under Division 5 of Part 6D.2 or under Part 7 of the Australian Corporations Act.

None of the Issuers and the Guarantor is authorised under the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia (the "**Australian Banking Act**") to carry on banking business and is not subject to prudential supervision by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. The Instruments are not Deposit Liabilities under the Australian Banking Act.

## **BAHRAIN**

Any offer of Instruments under this Offering Circular does not constitute an offer of securities in the Kingdom of Bahrain in terms of Article (81) of the Central Bank and Financial Institutions Law 2006 (decree Law No. 64 of 2006). This Offering Circular has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus with the Central Bank of Bahrain (the "**CBB**"). Accordingly, no Instruments may be offered, sold or made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor will this Offering Circular or any related document or material be used in connection with any offer, sale or invitation to subscribe or purchase Instruments, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The CBB has not reviewed or approved this Offering Circular and it has not in any way considered the merits of the Instruments to be offered for investment, whether in or outside the Kingdom of Bahrain. Therefore, the CBB assumes no responsibility for accuracy and completeness of the statements and information contained in this Offering Circular and expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from reliance upon the whole or any part of the content of this Offering Circular. The Instruments are only available for subscription to existing accredited investors. This Offering Circular is intended to be read only by the person to whom it is addressed and it may not be shown to, passed to, or otherwise made available to any other person in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

No offering document has been filed with or approved by the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") (for such purposes, not including Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions or Taiwan) authorities, and is not an offer of Instruments (whether public offering or private placement) within the meaning of the Securities Law or other pertinent laws and regulations of the PRC. No offering document shall be delivered to any party who is not an intended recipient or offered to the general public if used within the PRC, and the Instruments so offered cannot be sold to anyone that is not a qualified purchaser of the PRC. Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that the Instruments are not being offered or sold and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the PRC, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Structured products shall not be offered and resold to the general public of the PRC, directly or indirectly.

## **FRANCE**

This Offering Circular has not been approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* ("**AMF**").

Each of the Dealers, each Issuer and the Guarantor has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has only made and will only make an offer of Instruments to the public (*offre au public*) in France or an admission of Instruments to trading on a regulated market in France in the period beginning (i) when a prospectus in relation to those Instruments has been approved by the AMF, on the date of such publication or, (ii) when a prospectus in relation to those Instruments has been approved by the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, on the date of notification of such approval to the AMF and, in either case, when the formalities required by French laws and regulations have been carried out, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of the approval of the prospectus, all in accordance with articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 to L.621-8-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF; or

- (b) it has only made and will only make an offer of Instruments to the public in France or an admission of Instruments to trading on a regulated market in France in circumstances which do not require the publication by the offeror of a prospectus pursuant to the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF; and
- (c) otherwise, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Instruments to the public in France, and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed this Offering Circular, the applicable Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Instruments to the public in France, and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (i) providers of the investment service of portfolio management for the account of third parties and/or (ii) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) other than individuals, acting for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-2, D.411-1 to D.411-3, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. The direct or indirect resale of Instruments to the public in France may be made only as provided by, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 and L.621-8 to L.621-8-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

In addition, each of the Dealers, each Issuer and the Guarantor has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed in France, this Offering Circular, the applicable Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Instruments other than to investors to whom offers and sales of Instruments in France may be made as described above.

## HONG KONG

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("**Hong Kong**"), by means of any document, any Instruments (except for Instruments which are a "structured product" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the "**SFO**")) other than (i) to "professional investors" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO, or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the "**CO**") or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the CO; and
- (b) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation, or document relating to the Instruments, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the Instruments that are or are intended to be disposed of (i) only to persons outside Hong Kong or (ii) only to "professional investors" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

## INDONESIA

The Instruments offered have not been and will not be registered under the Indonesian Capital Market Law (Law No. 8/1995) and therefore are not authorised by the Financial Services Authority (OJK) in Indonesia as a public offering of securities. Likewise, none of the Instruments, this Offering Circular, the Final Terms and any marketing materials is authorised by the Central Bank (Bank Indonesia) for their distribution through banking institutions in Indonesia.

Due to the complexity of the Instruments offered, the Instruments may not be suitable for certain investors. Investors who intend to buy the Instruments should consult with their financial advisors, brokers or other financial experts before making any decision to buy the Instruments.

## ISRAEL

An offer of Instruments is intended solely for investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended. A prospectus has not been prepared or filed, and will not be prepared or filed, in Israel relating to the Instruments. The Instruments cannot be resold in Israel other than to investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended.

Subject to any applicable law, the Instruments offered hereunder may not be offered or sold to more than 35 offerees, in the aggregate, who are resident in the State of Israel, and are not listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968. No action will be taken in Israel that would permit an offering of the Instruments or the distribution of any offering document or any other material to the public in Israel. In particular, no offering document or other material has been reviewed or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. Any material provided to an offeree in Israel may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, nor be furnished to any other person other than those to whom copies have been provided directly by the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (if applicable) or the Dealers.

## REPUBLIC OF ITALY

The offering of the Instruments has not been registered with *CONSOB - Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (the Italian Companies and Exchange Commission) pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Instruments may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this Offering Circular or of any other document relating to the Instruments be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*) as defined in Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("**CONSOB Regulation No. 11971**"), pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "**Italian Financial Services Act**"); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on offerings of securities to the public pursuant to Article 100 of the Italian Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Instruments or distribution of copies of the Offering Circular or any other document relating to the Instruments in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Italian Financial Services Act, Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the "**Consolidated Banking Act**"), and Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time); and
- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Consolidated 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
- (iii) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or other Italian authority.

*Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Italian Financial Services Act, concerning the circulation of financial products, where no exemption from the rules on offerings of securities to the public applies under (a) and (b) above, the subsequent distribution of the Instruments on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Italian Financial Services Act and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971. Furthermore, Article 100-bis of the Italian Financial Services Act affects the transferability of the Instruments in the Republic of Italy to the extent that any placing of the Instruments is made solely with qualified investors and the Instruments are then systematically resold to non-qualified investors on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing. Where this occurs, if a prospectus has not been published, purchasers of the Instruments who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may be entitled to declare such purchase null and void and to claim damages from any authorised intermediary at whose premises the Instruments were purchased, unless an exemption provided for by the Italian Financial Services Act applies.*

## JAPAN

The Instruments have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "**FIEL**"). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer or distributor appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Instruments, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of 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, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

If the offer is made by way of Qualified Institutional Investors Private Placement as set out in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(i) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(i) of the FIEL (the "**QII Private Placement**"), the Instruments are being offered to qualified institutional investors (the "**QIIs**") as defined in Article 10 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance Concerning the Definition of Terms provided in Article 2 of the FIEL and the investor of any Instruments is prohibited from transferring such Instruments in Japan to any person in any way other than to QIIs. As the offering of the Instruments satisfies the requirements provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(i) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(i) of the FIEL, no securities registration statement has been or will be filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEL.

Except in the case the offering is made by way of QII Private Placement, the Instruments are being offered only to a small number of potential investors (i.e., less than 50 offerees, except QIIs who are offered the Instruments pursuant to the QII Private Placement), and the investor of any Instruments (other than the above-mentioned QII investors) is prohibited from transferring such Instruments in Japan to another person in any way other than as a whole to one transferee. As the offering of the Instruments satisfies the requirements provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(ha) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(ha) of the FIEL, no securities registration statement has been or will be filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEL.

## THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that the Instruments which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the Final Terms will not be offered or sold to the public in The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg except that the Instruments may be offered to the public in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at any time:

- (a) to any person or legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Law (as defined below); or
- (b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Law); or
- (c) in any other circumstances which do not required the publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 5 of the Prospectus Law.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "offer of Instruments to the public" in relation to any Instruments in The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg means the communication to persons in any form and by any means presenting sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Instruments to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Instruments and the expression "**Prospectus Law**" means the law of 10 July 2005 *relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières*, as amended.

## MALAYSIA

No approval from the Securities Commission of Malaysia is or will be obtained, nor will any prospectus be filed or registered with the Securities Commission of Malaysia, for the offering of the Instruments in Malaysia. This Offering Circular does not constitute and is not intended to constitute an invitation or offer for subscription or purchase of the Instruments, nor may this Offering Circular or any other offering material or document relating to the Instruments be published or distributed, directly



or indirectly, to any person in Malaysia unless such invitation or offer falls within (a) Schedule 5 to the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 ("**CMSA**"), (b) Schedules 6 or 7 to the CMSA as an "excluded offer or excluded invitation" or "excluded issue" within the meaning of sections 229 and 230 of the CMSA, and (c) Schedule 8 so the trust deed requirements in the CMSA are not applicable. No offer or invitation in respect of the Instruments may be made in Malaysia except as an offer or invitation falling under Schedules 5 and 6 or 7 and 8 to the CMSA.

## **PANAMA**

The Instruments have not been and will not be registered with the National Securities Commission of the Republic of Panama under Decree Law No. 1 of 8 July 1999 (the "**Panamanian Securities Act**") and may not be publicly offered or sold within Panama, except in certain limited transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Panamanian Securities Act. The Instruments do not benefit from the tax incentives provided by the Panamanian Securities Act and are not subject to regulation or supervision by the National Securities Commission of the Republic of Panama.

## **PHILIPPINES**

THE INSTRUMENTS BEING OFFERED OR SOLD HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE. ANY FUTURE OFFER OR SALE THEREOF IS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE UNLESS SUCH OFFER OR SALE QUALIFIES AS AN EXEMPT TRANSACTION.

## **RUSSIA**

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that it has not offered or sold or transferred or otherwise disposed of, and will not offer or sell or transfer or otherwise dispose of, the Instruments (as part of their initial distribution or at any time thereafter) to, or for the benefit of, any persons (including legal entities) resident, incorporated, established or having their usual residence in the Russian Federation, or to any person located within the territory of the Russian Federation, unless and to the extent otherwise permitted under Russian law.

Under Russian law, the Instruments are securities of a foreign issuer, therefore, Russian securities laws permit the placement, public offering, circulation or advertisement of the Instruments in Russia only upon fulfilment of certain admittance procedures (which may include, among other things, registration of the securities prospectus with the Russian securities market regulator) provided for under Russian law. Securities of a foreign issuer which have not been admitted to placement or circulation in Russia may not be offered in the Russian Federation in any way other than to Russian "qualified investors" (as defined under Russian Law). Neither the issue of the Instruments nor a securities prospectus in respect of the Instruments has been, or is intended to be, registered with the Central Bank of Russia or any other state bodies that may from time to time be responsible for such registration. The information provided in this Offering Circular is not an offer, advertisement, or invitation to make offers, sell, purchase, exchange or otherwise transfer the Instruments in the Russian Federation or to or for the benefit of any Russian person or entity.

## **SINGAPORE**

This Offering Circular has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "**MAS**") under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "**SFA**").

Where the Instruments are cash settled or where there is physical delivery of Reference Item Linked Instruments which are shares or units of shares (other than shares or other units of a fund or a collective investment scheme) of a corporation (whether incorporated in Singapore or elsewhere) or debentures or units of debentures of an entity, interests in a limited partnership or limited liability partnership formed in Singapore or elsewhere, or such other product or class of products prescribed by the MAS, each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Instruments or Reference Items or caused the Instruments or Reference Items to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor will it offer or sell the Instruments or cause the Instruments to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor has it circulated or distributed nor will it

circulate or distribute this Offering Circular and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Instruments or Reference Items, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where Instruments or Reference Items are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Instruments or Reference Items pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Where the Fund Linked Instruments do not provide for any right or interest (including an option) in respect of units in an underlying fund (which is a "collective investment scheme" (as defined in the SFA)), each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Fund Linked Instruments or caused the Fund Linked Instruments to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor will it offer or sell the Fund Linked Instruments or cause the Fund Linked Instruments to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor has it circulated or distributed nor will it circulate or distribute this Offering Circular and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of Fund Linked Instruments whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where Fund Linked Instruments are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that

corporation or that trust has acquired the Fund Linked Instruments pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

The offer or invitation of the Reference Items which constitute units in an underlying fund (the "**Fund**") (which is a "collective investment scheme" (as defined in the SFA) (the "**CIS Reference Items**")) do not relate to a collective investment scheme which is authorised under Section 286 of the SFA or recognised under Section 287 of the SFA. The Fund is not authorised or recognised by the MAS and the CIS Reference Items are not allowed to be offered to the retail public. This Offering Circular and any other document or material issued in connection with the offer or sale is not a prospectus as defined in the SFA, and, accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses does not apply. Any investor should consider carefully whether the investment is suitable for it.

This Offering Circular and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the CIS Reference Items may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the CIS Reference Items be offered or sold or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 304 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 305(2), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 305 of the SFA or (iii) pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where CIS Reference Items are subscribed or purchased under Section 305 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the CIS Reference Items pursuant to an offer made under Section 305 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 305(5) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 305A(3)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 305A(5) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 36 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Where the Fund Linked Instruments do provide for a right or interest (including an option) in respect of units in a Fund which is a CIS Reference Item, the offer or invitation of the Fund Linked Instruments and CIS Reference Items, which is the subject of this Offering Circular, does not relate to a collective investment scheme which is authorised under Section 286 of the SFA or recognised under Section 287 of the SFA. Neither the Programme nor any Issuer is authorised or recognised by the MAS and the Fund Linked Instruments and the CIS Reference Items are not allowed to be offered to the retail public. This Offering Circular and any other document or material issued in connection with the offer or sale is not a prospectus as defined in the SFA, and, accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses does not apply. Any investor should consider carefully whether the investment is suitable for it.

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items or caused the Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor will it offer or sell the Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items or cause the Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor has it circulated or distributed nor will it circulate or distribute this Offering Circular and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of Fund Linked Instruments or Reference Items whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 304 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 305(2), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 305 of the SFA or (iii) pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items are subscribed or purchased under Section 305 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Fund Linked Instruments or CIS Reference Items pursuant to an offer made under Section 305 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 305(5) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 305A(3)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 305A(5) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 36 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

## **SOUTH KOREA**

The Instruments have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Investments Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea and the decrees and regulations thereunder (the "FSCMA") and the Instruments have been and will be offered in Korea as a private placement under the FSCMA. None of the Instruments may be offered, sold and delivered, directly or indirectly, or offered or sold to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea except pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of Korea, including the FSCMA and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law of Korea and the decrees and regulations thereunder (the "FETL"). For a

period of one year from the issue date of the Instruments, any acquirer of the Instruments who was solicited to buy the Instruments in Korea is prohibited from transferring any of the Instruments to another person in any way other than as a whole to one transferee. Furthermore, the purchaser of the Instruments shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements (including, but not limited to, requirements under the FETL) in connection with the purchase of the Instruments.

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant, and agree, that it has not offered, sold or delivered the Instruments, directly or indirectly, or offered or sold the Instruments to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea and will not offer, sell or deliver the Instruments, directly or indirectly, or offer or sell the Instruments to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FSCMA, the FETL and other relevant laws and regulations of Korea

#### **TAIWAN**

The Instruments may not be issued, sold, or offered in Taiwan. No subscription or other offer to purchase the Instruments shall be binding on the relevant Issuer or (if applicable) the Guarantor until received and accepted by the relevant Issuer or any Dealer outside of Taiwan (the "**Place of Acceptance**"), and the purchase/sale contract arising therefrom shall be deemed a contract entered into in the Place of Acceptance.

#### **THAILAND**

The Instruments have not been and will not be registered with, or approved by, the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand and, accordingly, the Instruments cannot be directly or indirectly, offered or sold to any person within Thailand. Neither this Offering Circular nor any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription for or purchase, of the Instruments may be circulated or distributed or caused to be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any persons in Thailand.

#### **URUGUAY**

The Instruments have not been registered under Law No. 18,627 of 2 December 2009 with the Central Bank of Uruguay. The Instruments are not available publicly in Uruguay and are offered only on a private basis. No action may be taken in Uruguay that would render any offering of the Instruments a public offering in Uruguay. No Uruguayan regulatory authority has approved the Instruments or passed on the solvency of any of the Issuers or the Guarantor. In addition, any resale of the Instruments must be made in a manner that will not constitute a public offering in Uruguay.

#### **GENERAL**

Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force known by it, or which reasonably should have been known by it, in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Instruments or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular or any other offering material and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Instruments 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 delivery and none of the Issuers and the Guarantor shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Dealers represents that Instruments 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 such sale.

With regard to each Series, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the relevant Issuer, (if applicable) the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

Neither this Offering Circular nor any Final Terms constitute, nor may be used for or in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not

authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sale of the Instruments may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular comes are required by the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### (1) **Authorisation**

The update of the Programme was duly authorised by (a) the Board of Directors of BAC on 24 October 2013; (b) the Board of Directors of MLBV on 31 October 2014; and (c) the Partners of MLICo. on 17 October 2014. The update of the Programme and issuance of W&C Instruments under the Programme was authorised by the management of MLCMAG on 21 October 2014. Each of the Guarantees will be issued pursuant to authority granted by the Board of Directors of the Guarantor on 9 December 2008 and by a written consent of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 4 November 2014.

### (2) **Approval, Listing and Admission to Trading**

Application has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Instruments issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF is not a regulated market for the purposes of MiFID.

### (3) **Documents Available**

So long as any Instrument is outstanding, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available from the specified office of each of the Agents and the Instrument Agents:

- (i) the constitutional documents of each of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo.;
- (ii) the BAC 2013 Annual Report;
- (iii) the BAC 31 March 2014 Quarterly Report;
- (iv) the BAC 30 June 2014 Quarterly Report;
- (v) the BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report;
- (vi) the BAC Forms 8-K;
- (vii) the MLSA 2012 Accounts;
- (viii) the MLBV 2012 Accounts and the MLBV 2013 Accounts;
- (ix) the MLBV Interim Financial Statements;
- (x) the MLCMAG 2012 Accounts and the MLCMAG 2013 Accounts;
- (xi) the MLCMAG Interim Financial Statements;
- (xii) the MLICo. 2012 Accounts and the MLICo. 2013 Accounts;
- (xiii) the MLICo. Interim Financial Statements;
- (xiv) the Non-COSI Guarantee and, once executed and delivered by BAC, the Swiss COSI Guarantee;
- (xv) the New York Law Agency Agreement, the English Law Agency Agreement, the MLBV Notes Deed of Covenant and the W&C Instruments Deed of Covenant;
- (xiv) the Programme Agreement;
- (xvii) this Offering Circular;
- (xviii) the Framework Agreement;

- (xix) any future prospectuses, offering circulars, information memoranda and supplements to this Offering Circular and Final Terms (save that any Final Terms relating to an Instrument which is not listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange, market or other relevant authority will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Instrument and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the relevant Issuer and the relevant Agent as to its holding of Instruments and identity) and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference.

In addition, a copy of this Offering Circular, each Final Terms relating to the Instruments which are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Euro MTF and the documents incorporated by reference herein will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

BAC's filings with the SEC are available through (1) the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, and (2) BAC's website at [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com).

MLBV's filings of its annual accounts, interim financial statements and other regulated information with the Dutch authority for the financial markets (*autoriteit financiële markten* (the "AFM")) are available (i) through the website of the AFM at [www.afm.nl](http://www.afm.nl), (ii) by calling +31 20-5925-606 or upon written request to MLBV at Amstelplein 1, Rembrandt Tower 11th Floor 1096 HA Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and (iii) regarding the annual accounts and interim financial statements, at BAC's website at [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com).

In order to preserve the exemptions for permitted re-sales and transfers pursuant to Rule 144A, MLICo. and BAC have agreed to furnish, upon the request of any holder of a Rule 144A Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Warrant or of a beneficial interest therein, such information as is specified in Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act to such holder or beneficial owner or to a prospective purchaser of such Rule 144A Warrant or a Regulation S/Rule 144A Warrant or interest therein in order to permit such holder or beneficial owner to comply with the requirements of Rule 144A in connection with the re-sale, unless, at the time of such request, MLICo. is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, or is included in the list of foreign private issuers that claim exemption from the registration requirements of Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act (and therefore is required to furnish the SEC with certain information pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act). This information may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday at the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent in London or the U.S. Warrant Agent, as applicable.

MLICo. shall, upon request, provide the Framework Agreement to investors free of charge in the original German version or in an English translation. The Framework Agreement may be obtained from MLCMAG, Stockerhof, Stockerstrasse 23, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland via telephone +41 44 297 75 93, fax +41 44 291 33 41 or via e-mail: [dg.ogc\\_zurich@baml.com](mailto:dg.ogc_zurich@baml.com). The core elements of collateralisation of the Swiss COSIs are summarised in a SIX Swiss Exchange information sheet, which is available at «[www.six-swiss-exchange.com](http://www.six-swiss-exchange.com)».

#### (4) **Clearing Systems**

Information relating to the form of the Instruments and the relevant Clearing Systems is set out under "Form of the Instruments" above.

The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II B-1210 Brussels, Belgium.

The address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

The address of Clearstream, Frankfurt is Mergenthalerallee 61, 65760, Eschborn, Germany.

The address of Euroclear Sweden is Klarabergsviadukten 63, Box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden.

The address of Euroclear Finland is P.O. Box 1110, 00 101 Helsinki, Finland.



The address of DTC is 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041, United States.

The address of SIS is Baslerstrasse 100, CH-6400 Olten, Switzerland.

(5) **Auditors and Financial Statements**

*BAC*

The financial statements of BAC as of 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012 and for each of the three years in the period ended 31 December 2013, which are incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("**PwC**"), an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to BAC within the meaning of the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), as stated in their report incorporated herein. PwC is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The address of PwC in the United States is 214 North Tryon Street, Suite 4200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, United States.

*MLBV*

On 26 April 2013, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of BAC approved the engagement of PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. ("**PwC N.V.**") as independent accountant of MLBV.

The financial statements of MLBV in respect of the period from 12 November 2012 (the date of its incorporation) to 31 December 2012 and in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2013 have been audited by PwC N.V. According to the public register kept by the AFM, PwC N.V. has obtained a licence from the AFM on the basis of the Dutch act on the supervision of audit firms (*Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties*) to perform statutory audits (*wettelijke controle*) and statutory audits (*wettelijke controle*) in respect of organisations of public interest (*organisaties van openbaar belang*), and is registered in the public register kept by the Dutch professional organisation of accountants (*Nederlandse beroepsorganisatie van accountants*). The address of PwC N.V. in Amsterdam is Thomas R. Malthusstraat 5, 1066 JR Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

*MLCMAG*

The financial statements of MLCMAG as of 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, which are incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich ("**PwC Zurich**"). The address of PwC Zurich is Birchstrasse 160, CH-8050 Zurich, Switzerland.

*MLICo.*

On 27 April 2009, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of BAC approved the engagement of PwC as auditor for MLICo.

The financial statements of MLICo. as of 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012, which are incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular, have been audited by PwC. PwC is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales. The address of PwC in London is 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH.

(6) **Significant or Material Change**

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of BAC and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis since 30 September 2014. There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of MLBV, MLCMAG or MLICo. since 30 June 2014.

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. or BAC and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis since 31 December 2013.

In relation to any Instruments listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, there has been no material adverse change, nor any event involving a prospective material adverse change, in the assets and liabilities, financial position or profit and losses of BAC, MLBV, MLCMAG or MLICo. since (i) in the case of BAC, 30 September 2014 and (ii) in the case of MLBV, MLCMAG and MLICo., 30 June 2014, other than as disclosed herein or in the documents incorporated by reference.

**(7) Litigation**

Save as disclosed in (i) the section entitled "Recent Events" on page 25 and the section entitled "Litigation and Regulatory Matters" on pages 225 to 233, being the Litigation and Regulatory Matters section in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, of the BAC 2013 Annual Report, (ii) the section entitled "Recent Events" on pages 5 to 6 and the section entitled "Litigation and Regulatory Matters" on pages 201 to 203, being the Litigation and Regulatory Matters section in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, of the BAC 31 March 2014 Quarterly Report, (iii) the section entitled "Recent Events" on page 5 and the section entitled "Litigation and Regulatory Matters" on pages 211 to 213, being the Litigation and Regulatory Matters section in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, of the BAC 30 June 2014 Quarterly Report and (iv) the section entitled "Recent Events" on pages 5 to 6 and the section entitled "Litigation and Regulatory Matters" on pages 213 to 215, being the Litigation and Regulatory Matters section in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, of the BAC 30 September 2014 Quarterly Report, none of MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. and BAC and any subsidiary of BAC is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. or BAC are aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this Offering Circular which may have or have in such period had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of MLBV, MLCMAG, MLICo. or BAC and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

**(8) Conditions for determining price**

The price and amount of Instruments to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the relevant Issuer and any Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

**(9) Post-issuance Information**

None of the Issuers and the Guarantor will provide any post-issuance information, unless required by any applicable laws and regulations.

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